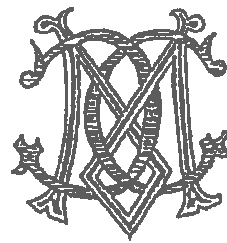


# GREGOR MENDEL GESELLSCHAFT WIEN

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**GMI**  
GREGOR MENDEL INSTITUTE  
OF MOLECULAR PLANT BIOLOGY



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## Aims of the society

- Research on Gregor Mendel and his theory, his personality and his work;
- Research concerning basic and applied genetics with regard to plants, animals and man;
- Dissemination of genetic knowledge to a wide public.

## Foundation of the society

Founded in 1972 as a scientific association by DI Dr. Alfred Buchinger, professor of plant breeding at the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna (Universität für Bodenkultur in Wien), former assistant of Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. mult. Erich von Tschermak-Seysenegg, and retired founding director of the Federal Institute of Alpine Agriculture Gumpenstein.



## Management of the society

Each three years the General Assembly elects a committee of nine persons. For the current triennial period the functions are assigned as follows:

Univ. Doz. DI Dr. Reiner Hron (president)  
Univ. Prof. DI Dr. Peter Ruckebauer (vice president)  
DI Helmut Fraass (secretary)  
Univ. Prof. DI Dr. Johann Vollmann (vice secretary)  
Brigitta Mendel (archivist)  
DI Josef Schmidt (vice archivist)  
Univ. Prof. Dr. Josef Glöböl  
Univ. Prof. DI Dr. Karl Pieber  
Univ. Prof. Dr. Marianne Popp



The committee appoints a scientific board for its advice, consisting of 14 persons at present. The society comprises around 100 members.

## Activities of the society

The Gregor Mendel Society organizes scientific symposia on special issues like „Applied Genetics in the Agricultural Sciences“ (1997), excursions to thematically related scientific institutions (universities in Vienna, Graz, Salzburg, Brno, Munich, Gödöllő, Warszawa), museums, botanical and zoological gardens, institutions for the conservation of genetic diversity, facilities for agronomic studies and cultivar testing, as well as companies and institutions for plant and animal breeding in Austria and abroad.

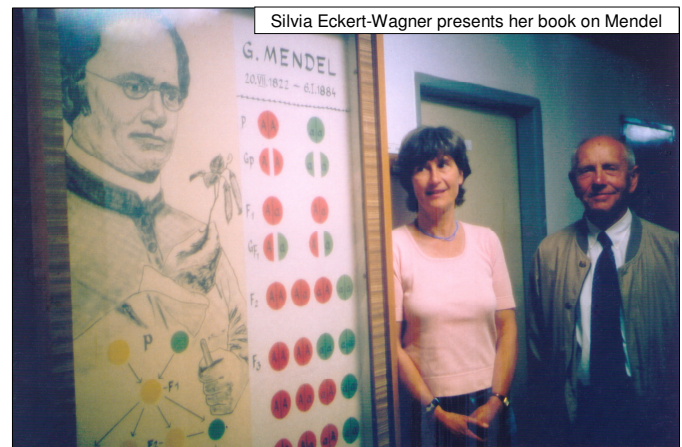


Visit to cultivar trial

In the frame of the general assembly of the society and on special occasions a scientific presentation with public discussion is offered.

## Seat of the society

Institute of Agronomy and Plant Breeding IPP  
University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna  
A-1180 Vienna, Gregor Mendel-Strasse 33



Silvia Eckert-Wagner presents her book on Mendel

## Future challenges

- Promotion of a public discussion on genetic research and sustainable development concerning e.g. medicine and agriculture;
- Future role and public acceptance of biotechnology and genetic engineering, also in view of the current debate on conventional and organic agriculture;
- Ethics of technical, biological and genetic development and conclusions for the extent, management and use of scientific research.

## Upcoming event

### Von Gregor Mendel zur Gentechnik - die Kirche und die Pflanzenzüchtung



Prof. Dr. Ingo Potrykus  
Mitglied der Päpstlichen Akademie der Wissenschaften  
spricht **am 24. November um 16 Uhr, im GMI, Dr. Bohr-Gasse 3**  
auf Einladung des Austrian Institute of Technology – AIT  
im Rahmen der Generalversammlung unserer Gesellschaft

„über ein Statement der Päpstlichen Akademie der Wissenschaften zu GMO-Pflanzen“

Presentation in German / Discussion in English and German

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## Archive

The society operates a scientific archive, which contains a.o. the so far most complete family tree of Gregor Mendel presented at the founding assembly of the society in 1972 and at the Mendel Centenary Congress, Brno, March 2000.

## Young scientist publication award planned

For the upcoming management period the committee intends to offer a prize for student members of the society honoring the best publication oriented to the wider public on „new scientific findings in genetics including their sociological aspects and economic potential“.

