

## Opportunities for exhibitors during the

## FAO/IAEA International Symposium on Plant Mutation Breeding and Biotechnology

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) are organizing an **FAO/IAEA International Symposium on Plant Mutation Breeding and Biotechnology** at its Headquarters in Vienna, Austria, from **27-31 August 2018**.

Approximately 500 participants from IAEA and FAO Member States and organizations are expected to attend the symposium.

The symposium is convened to familiarize participants with new developments in the field related to induced mutation, genetics/genomics, molecular biology, plant breeding, plant protection, plant biotechnology and seed production. The symposium will highlight specific challenges faced by Member States, such as emerging transboundary threats to crop production, climate change and will also assess the overall importance of mutation breeding to food security.

The IAEA is planning to hold an exhibition in conjunction with the symposium. A limited amount of space will be available for commercial vendors' displays/exhibits. Interested parties should contact the Scientific Secretariat by email (<u>ismbb2018@iaea.org</u>) by **31 January 2018**. In view of space limitations, the selection of exhibitors will be based on a 'first come first served' basis.

Each exhibitor will have, free of charge, an exhibition space of 6m<sup>2</sup> (3x2m) including one table (80x160cm) and 2 chairs. Alternatively, professional booths with walls can be rented from an outside company.

Exhibitors wishing to take advantage of this opportunity to exhibit are encouraged to make a voluntary contribution to the IAEA in support of the symposium. The contribution will be used for the costs directly related to the organization of the symposium <u>or</u> the contribution would be utilized to financially support scientists from developing countries. An acknowledgement of the voluntary contribution would be made in the distributed symposium programme booklet given to participants upon registration.

Further details on logistical arrangements for the exhibition will be sent to the exhibitors after their pledges have been received.