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It is our pleasure to invite you to the 24th International Plant Resistance to Insects Symposium (IPRI2020) **Watery saliva secreted by the grain aphid *Sitobion avenae***

The IPRI2020 will take place on March 2-4, 2020 in Texcoco, Mexico, Mexico at the headquarters of the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT). The topics that will be covered during the event are 1) Breeding for resistance, 2) Phenotyping methodologies, 3) Mechanisms of resistance & 4) Plant-Arthropod interactions. In addition, and as part of an extended optional program of IPRI2020 you will participate in a field visit March 5-7th, 2020, where we will present the broad range of research activities conducted at CIMMYT.

Given the nature of the event, your experience and current work that is ongoing at CIMMYT to breed for insect resistance in wheat and maize, this event is an excellent opportunity also to discuss topics of collaboration in which we can complement our areas of expertise.

CIMMYT is a non-for-profit organization member of the CGIAR (Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research) that works throughout the developing world to improve livelihoods by promoting sustainable maize and wheat farming systems.

Please note, this letter does not offer to assume other costs associated with your attendance such as airfare and hotel accommodation.

We look forward to seeing you in March 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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