**Proposal for an International Society for Plant Molecular Farming**

**Expression of Interest**

1. The proposed name is “The International Society for Plant Molecular Farming”

2. The main objective of the Society is to promote and support excellence in research, scholarship and practice in Plant Molecular Farming. Plant Molecular Farming is defined as the production of valuable proteins and other compounds through the use of plant biotechnology.

The Society represents the views of its members. As a learned scientific society, it is an evidence-based organization.

To meet its objective, the SMF undertakes the following:

* Running innovative events in research, public engagement and education
* Promoting and disseminating research and good practice in Plant Molecular Farming
* Enabling contacts for product development
* Working with its members to develop the benefits of membership and the relevance of the Society
* Promoting opportunities and benefits of Plant Molecular Farming
* Working with other societies

3. Membership eligibility: Membership is open to anybody. Proposed annual membership fee is £60 (~70 Euros) for individuals. 2 tiers of membership for institutions / companies, Gold - £850 (~970 Euros) benefits for up to 10 members, Silver - £400 (~230 Euros) benefits for up to 4 members. 50% reduction for members from a Developing Country.

4. An interim Steering Committee has been assembled comprising:

President: Julian Ma

Secretary: Joachim Schiemann

Treasurer: Penelope Sparrow

Once the Society has been established, membership of the Steering Committee will be determined through a ballot.

5. Benefits of membership:

* + The Society will organise an annual scientific meeting. Members will receive a discount on Registration fee.
  + The Society will host a website that provides up-to-date information on international Plant Molecular Farming activities and highlights key publications. It will also act as a noticeboard for the Society and the plant biotechnology community as a whole - with society news, announcements of jobs, studentships, courses and forthcoming meetings. It will host a discussion forum and provides contact details for members.
  + The Society will distribute an electronic newsletter at intervals to be determined. This will carry reports from scientific meetings and congresses, features about topics of interest in Molecular Farming, meetings announcements and job adverts.

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**Please register my interest in membership to The International Society for Plant Molecular Farming.**

*Please return this slip to Julian Ma or provide details in an e-mail to jma@sgul.ac.uk*

DEADLINE: 31ST JULY 2013

Name: email: Tel:

Individual membership (£60) … Corporate membership (Gold £850 ... Silver £400 ... ) (Please tick one)

Please add any remarks you would like to be considered in the formation of this new Society: