



2nd Seed Longevity Workshop
July 30-August 1, 2018
Fort Collins, Colorado USA



International Society for Seed Science (ISSS)
USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS)
Colorado State University (CSU)

The program for the 2018 workshop is under development with themes that will contribute to better understanding of both long and short term survival of seeds in natural as well as highly controlled environments. Topics will include the role of seeds in conservation of genetic resources as well as issues related to *ex situ* storage such as problems of maintaining seed quality and improving methods of *ex situ* seed banking.

The venue for this meeting is Fort Collins, CO, USA – home to **USDA’s National Laboratory for Genetic Resources Preservation** (formerly the National Seed Storage Laboratory) on the campus of Colorado State University. Fort Collins is a ~1 hour drive north of Denver International Airport, a major international hub, and is easily accessed by public transportation. Oral and poster sessions will occur in the newly-renovated, high-tech ballrooms of Colorado State University’s student union.

The organizing committee is eager to welcome you to Fort Collins!
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Stuart Hardegree Fiona Hay Olivier Leprince Hugh Pritchard

The website and contact information for this meeting is expected to be online 1 February, 2018 at which time registration and abstract submission will be open. <https://conferencereg.colostate.edu/SeedLongevity2018>

REGISTRATION:

Costs to include lunches, refreshments during sessions and a group dinner on one evening:

\$280 US for regular attendees	Early registration before 15 May, 2018
\$220 US students and post-docs	Early registration before 15 May, 1018

Other costs not included in registration:

TRAVEL:

Travel to Denver	varies
Shuttles to Fort Collins (one way)	\$38 US (1 st passenger) \$20 additional passengers

HOUSING:

A block of nicely-appointed dormitories (en-suite) near the student union has been reserved and can accommodate single or double occupancy. There are also a number of comfortable hotels in the area (more information to follow).

CSU dorm room w/ breakfast	\$260 US (single occupancy, 4 nights)
Nearby hotels	\$400-\$600 US (single occupancy, 4 nights)

MEALS:

Breakfast (if not in dorm)	varies (full breakfast at CSU Dining Hall is \$12)
Dinner	\$50-\$90 (will vary with selection: 3 evenings)

Questions arising prior to the 1 February, 2018 website launch may be addressed to : Christina.Walters@ARS.USDA.GOV