



Dear Colleagues and Friends



We are very excited to announce that the registration and abstract submission links are now open for the **27th Western Photosynthesis Conference (WPC2018)**, to be held at Biosphere 2 outside of Oracle, Arizona from January 4th to 7th, 2018. The conference site is an ~45 minute drive from Tucson or an ~2 hour drive from Phoenix. To register for what should be a terrific conference please go to either <http://www.westphotosynthesis.org/> or <https://ww2.eventrebels.com/er/EventHomePage/CustomPage.jsp?ActivityID=23531&ItemID=82705>. If you encounter any issues during the registration process, please email your questions to meetings@aspb.org.



The Western Photosynthesis Conference (WPC) is an important and engaging meeting that covers the most exciting research advances from laboratories located primarily in the Western United States, with some additional attendees coming from outside of this region. Importantly, the WPC is a mixture of young scientists and more established principal investigators, but focuses on allowing early-career scientists to present their latest research findings to the photosynthesis community. Starting in 2016, the WPC began to alternate venues between the West Coast and interior regions. This year's conference will be at the Biosphere 2 in Arizona.



To highlight and encourage research presentations from young investigators, several of this year's speakers will be selected from submitted abstracts.



We are excited about the new venue at Biosphere 2, which will provide a relaxing and interactive atmosphere for high level scientific discussions. During our free time, many recreational opportunities exist in area including a new zipline facility, cave exploration, hiking, a Biosphere 2 tour and golfing among several other opportunities. Of course, we will continue our long-standing tradition of the evening social mixer to foster new acquaintances and to allow catching up with old friends.



To help make **WPC2018** successful and rewarding for all, we kindly ask that you spread this information to interested colleagues. Early-Bird registration enables a savings from listed registration fees and will be active until October, 30th, 2017. Travel awards for graduate students and postdoctoral scientists are anticipated.



We hope to see you at WPC2018!

Kind regards from the organizing committee,

Matthew Posewitz, Chair
Barry Bruce, Co-Chair
Asaph Cousins, Co-Chair
Hans-Henning Kunz, Co-Chair

