NAASC Community Survey – input to ICAR 2020

- 693 full or partial responses
- Data Subset: 430 respondents that have attended 1+ ICARs:
  - North America: N = 195 (45%)
    - (87% of this group are from USA)
  - Europe: N = 178 (41%)
  - Asia: N = 57 (13%)
- Majority respondents were Male:
  - North America: Male 55% (n=107) to Female 45% (n=88)
  - Europe: Male 68% (n=121) to Female 32% (n=57)
  - Asia: Male 74% (n= 42) to Female 26% (n= 15)
# Priorities for Plant Biology Conferences

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Top Survey Choices for ICAR 2020

- Seattle, Washington
- University setting (vs. hotel or convention center)
- Size: 500-1000 (vs less than 500 or 1000+)
- More speakers selected from the community via abstracts, or some community process (vs primarily speakers selected by organizers)
- Dates preferred: June 16-30
New Structure- ICAR 2020 based on EAB and community input

• About 1/2 of the platform sessions will be proposed by Conference Organizers

• About 1/2 of the platform sessions will be contributed by community members

Organizing Committee (with External Advisory Board input)

Community Proposals (Topics, Roundtable Discussions)

Arabidopsis informing other organisms

Inter-disciplinary Sessions

• Spanning organisms or approaches
• Addressing bigger mechanistic questions
• Cross-kingdom rules of life

• Fundamental discoveries
• Tools and Resources
Community-Proposed Mini-Symposia with Travel Funds

- **Community Submission Deadline:** June 2019
- **Selection Process:** October '19
- **Budget Offered to Organizers:** November '19
- **Sessions Finalized:** January 2020

Innovative mini-symposia themes and speakers solicited from the community

Organizing Committee, EAB input, Early Career Subcommittee, etc.

Travel funds allocated by the organizing committee to symposia leaders

Community session speakers confirmed, travel budget committed