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Gregor Mendel Society of Vienna



# Art and Science

## International Mendel Day 2020

March 6, 2020, from 14<sup>00</sup> - 17<sup>00</sup>, Vienna / Austria

**Venue:**

University of Natural Resources and  
Life Sciences Vienna (BOKU)

Gregor Mendel Street 33, 1180 Vienna

Ceremony Hall (Festsaal) – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

**Organizers**

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## International Mendel Day 2020

# Program

From 13.00: Informal gathering and coffee at Cafe Mendel (ground floor)

14.00-17.00

**Hermann Buerstmayr** (President, Gregor Mendel Society of Vienna):

Welcome and Opening

**Eva Matalova** (Mendelianum, Brno, Czech Republic):

Welcome from Brno

Music by **Donna Fairbanks**, Violin

Etudes, Op. 37      Jakob Dont (1815–1888)

**Daniel Fairbanks**: Unveiling and Presentation of Gregor Mendel Portrait Bust in Bronze

Music by **Donna Fairbanks**, Violin

Recitativo and Scherzo, Op. 6      Fritz Kreisler (1875–1962)

**Daniel Fairbanks** (Utah Valley University, Orem, UT, USA):

Mendel and Darwin: Untangling a Persistent Enigma

**Peter van Dijk** (Keygene, Wageningen, The Netherlands):

Gregor Mendel: How Plant Breeding Led to the Understanding of Inheritance

**Toshiyuki Nagata** (Japan Mendel Society, University of Tokyo and Hosei University, Japan)

Mendel's Grapevine in Tokyo

**Jiří Sekerák** (Mendelianum, Brno, Czech Republic):

Mendel in Brno

**Jiří Mitáček** (Director General, Moravian Museum, Brno, Czech Republic):

Presentation of the Gregor Mendel Memorial Medal 2020 to Professor Johann Sölkner

**Franziska Loeschenberger** (Wheat Breeder and Member of Board, Gregor Mendel Society of Vienna):

Summary and Farewell

## The International Mendel Day

On February 8 and March 8, 1865, Gregor Mendel delivered two lectures at the Natural Science Society meetings in Brno outlining the results of his “Experiments in Plant Hybrids”. In order to commemorate that landmark event in the history of genetics, the Czech Mendel museum Mendelianum (Moravian Museum, Brno) has initiated an International Mendel Day to be celebrated on March 8 each year. The calendar location of Mendel Day in March is right in between Darwin Day (February) and DNA Day (April) which further emphasizes Gregor Mendel as the symbolic link between traditional and modern science. Thus, International Mendel Day has developed into an occasion not only to bring Gregor Mendel and history of science back on stage, but to focus on the importance of modern genetic research to medicine, biology and agricultural sciences as well.

Since 2015, International Mendel Day events including lectures, symposia and other public activities have been organized in Brno / Czech Republic, Tucson, AZ/USA, Orem, UT/USA, Tokyo / Japan, Sidney / Australia, London / UK and Vienna / Austria. In 2017, the International Mendel day was held at Brno, and a walk on Mendel’s path was undertaken in Vienna. In 2018, the major event took place in Brno, whereas in 2019 the International Mendel Day was organized in collaboration with the Society of Genetics at the Royal Institution, London.

### Gregor Mendel Gesellschaft Wien

**gmgw** (Gregor Mendel Gesellschaft Wien) is an Austrian scientific society founded in 1972. GMGW aims at promoting the science of genetics and applied genetic research findings in human genetics as well as in animal and plant breeding. GMGW is holding annual scientific meetings and organizes symposia and local excursions.

**gmgw** is open for collaboration and personal membership. Please, contact us in case that you want to join GMGW as a member, or if you want to sponsor a GMGW event in the future.

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