

V. FIRST MAIZE MEETING

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
URBANA, ILLINOIS

November 26, 1958

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Dear Colleague:

I believe it is the general consensus that, for various reasons, the annual meetings of the Genetics Society of America do not afford adequate opportunity for maize geneticists, and particularly for graduate students, to talk with colleagues about maize genetics.

An informal discussion of this problem at the Montreal meeting of the Genetical Congress led to the suggestion that we consider an annual, informal get-together of maize geneticists on a regional basis. It was also suggested that we rotate the sponsoring institution from year to year.

The purpose of this letter is to indicate that we would be happy to sponsor such a meeting at Illinois and would suggest that January 8 and 9, 1959, might be satisfactory dates.

We think there should be maximum opportunity for participation by graduate students and, in view of the number of people who might attend such a meeting, have restricted invitations to maize geneticists at Indiana, Iowa State, Minnesota, Missouri, Purdue and Wisconsin.

We would appreciate having your comments, and those of your colleagues in maize genetics, on the following:

- a. Would such meetings, if properly organized and conducted, serve a useful purpose?
- b. How many people at your institution would attend such a gathering on the proposed dates, January 8 and 9, 1959?
- c. Would you and/or others at your institution be willing to give an informal account of maize genetics research work now in progress? We invite some indication of speakers and their general topics at this time.
- d. If you give an affirmative answer to part "a" above, we should like to have your suggestions about organization of program, alternative dates for scheduling, and participating institutions; in short, we should like any comments which would aid in making such meetings a success.

May we have your comments at your earliest opportunity?

Very sincerely yours,

John R. Laughman
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December 12, 1958

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John Laughman, Earl Patterson and I examined the letters in response to John's letter of November 26 inquiring about interest in conducting a meeting of Maize Geneticists here at Illinois in January, 1959. The consensus of opinion was that such a meeting should be productive, although some preferred a time other than January 8-9.

Accordingly, we decided that the most appropriate time for holding this meeting would be the originally suggested date, namely, January 8 and 9, 1959. We have reserved the Allerton House at Monticello, Illinois for this period. We believe that the environment provided by these facilities should enhance this meeting considerably. The Allerton House is a country villa given to the University by a wealthy Chicago manufacturer. The facilities are such that both sleeping and dining facilities are in connection with a number of comfortably appointed meeting rooms.

It is necessary, however, that we make reservations for you at the Allerton House no later than Monday, January 5. By that date we must provide them with a list of those who intend to remain at Allerton House for either or both nights as well as a list of individuals desiring meals there. Individuals arriving on Wednesday evening, January 7, will be housed and fed if they wish to be.

The cost for both room and board at Allerton House amounts to \$9.00 a day.

A number indicated that they would be interested in discussing certain phases of their research at this meeting. However, it would be useful to this committee if you would indicate the individuals and their general topics so that we can arrange some kind of an informal program or agenda. Accordingly, will you please inform us soon about this?

It appears that a Thursday morning meeting (January 8) is desirable. Therefore, it would be desirable that all participants be at Allerton House by 9:30 a.m. Thursday, January 8. Individuals arriving from some distance might find it desirable to arrive Wednesday evening. We have included a map which will enable you to drive to Allerton House. If you plan to fly in or arrive by train, we shall be glad to pick you up on arrival.

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Also attached, you will find a form which can help us materially in planning for a successful meeting. Therefore, will you please fill this in and return it at your earliest convenience. Note, however, that we must have your reservation by Monday, January 6.

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Plant Genetics

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM

**Maize Genetics Conference
Allerton Park
January 8-9, 1959**

Thursday, A.M., January 8 (Conversion and Paramutation)

9:30 - 10:00	Coe
10:00 - 10:45	Brink
10:45 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 11:45	Blackman and Ashman

Thursday, P.M., January 8 (Mutation)

1:30 - 3:00	Kramer, Hsu
3:00 - 2:30	Break
3:30 - 5:00	Muffler, Nelson

Thursday Evening, January 8

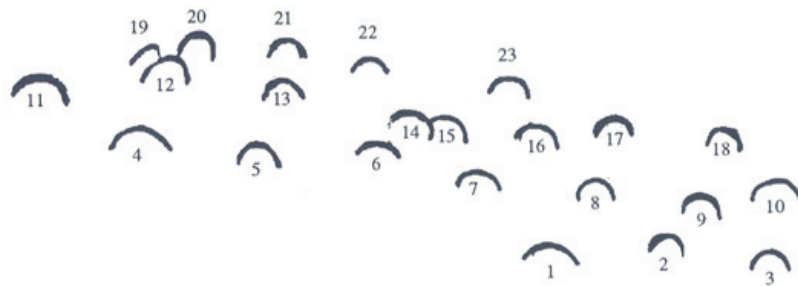
1. Organizational meeting
2. Maize Genetics Coop. Business

Friday, A.M., January 9 (Complex Loci)

9:00 - 10:15	Laughnan, Peterson, Sarma
10:15 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 11:00	Richardson
11:00 - 11:30	Emmerling

Friday, P.M., January 9 (Cytogenetics)

1:15 - 2:00	Burnham
2:00 - 3:00	Rhoades, Dempsey
3:00 - 3:15	Break
3:15 - 3:45	Alexander
3:45 - 4:15	Doyle



1. S.K. Sinha; 2. Ed Coe; 3. Ikuko Misukami; 4. H.H. Kramer; 5. Maggie Emerling; 6. Marcus Rhoades; 7. Jack Beckett; 8. Ralph Singleton;
 9. Margaret Blackwood; 10. Dwayne Richardson; 11. Shu; 12. George Hanson; 13. D.E. Alexander; 14. Charles Burnham; 15. Helen Peterson;
 16. Don Robertson; 17. Alexander Brink; 18. ??????????????????; 19. Ellen Dempsey ?; 20. John Laughnan; 21. Robert Jugenheimer;
 22. Gerry Neuffer; 23. ????????

Jack Artell

Oscar Miller