

Australian Seed Bank Partnership National Seed Science Forum

Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan, NSW
14–16 March 2016



The National Seed Science Forum will be a rare opportunity to bring together leading botanical and agricultural institutions, seed scientists, and conservation and restoration experts to share ideas that showcase the importance of seed science to the future of plant conservation and food security in Australia.

WHERE: Hosted by the Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan, the Forum will be held at the Australian PlantBank, in collaboration with the Australian Network for Plant Conservation and the Australian Grains Genebank.

WHEN: The Forum will commence with an evening event on Monday 14 March, with the main science programme being presented on 15–16 March 2016.

WHO: An exciting programme of local and international experts is planned, speaking on seed conservation, storage, preservation and germination. Keynote speakers for the Forum are:

- **Dr Christina Walters:** Research Leader in Plant Germplasm Preservation Research at the National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation in the United States
- **Professor Kingsley Dixon:** Curtin Professor at Kings Park and Botanic Garden in Perth
- **Professor Angela Moles:** Professor at the School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences at UNSW



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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Forum organisers are now calling for proposals for the Forum programme under the four key themes:

- Theme A: Dormancy and germination
- Theme B: Seed storage, conservation and utilisation
- Theme C: Establishment and management
- Theme D: Seed ecology

Submissions should cover descriptive or mechanistic seed science, theoretical seed research, and/or their application for effective seed use are encouraged from conservation, restoration and agricultural perspectives. Visit <http://seedpartnership.org.au/seedsienceforum> for more details.

Proposal submissions for the Forum close on 4 October 2015

KEY DATES

Abstract submissions close	4 October 2015
Announcement of programme details	16–20 November 2015
Early-bird registration closes	11 December 2015
Forum registration closes	29 February 2016
Forum	14–16 March 2016

Registration opening date will be advised shortly. In the interim, please email: info@seedpartnership.org.au to register for Forum announcements.

