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Information letter 1

Dear colleagues!

We are pleased to invite you, on behalf of the Vavilov Society of Geneticists and Breeders of Ukraine (VSGBU), to the **XXI International Scientific Conference "Factors in Experimental Evolution of Organisms"**, dedicated to the 160th anniversary of the birth of Nobel laureate Thomas Hunt Morgan, the 125th anniversary of the birth of Mykola Hryshko, an Academician of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and the 120th anniversary of the birth of Professor Petro Shkvarnikov. The conference will take place from **22 to 25 September 2026** at the Kamianets-Podilskyi Ivan Ohienko National University in Kamianets-Podilskyi. Further details can be found in Information Letter No. 2. This event is co-organised by VSGBU and Kamianets-Podilskyi Ivan Ohienko National University.

The work of the Conference will cover the ***following areas***:

- 1. Genome Evolution in Nature and in Experiment**
- 2. General and Population Genetics**
- 3. Molecular Genetics and Genomics**
- 4. Applied Genetics and Breeding**
- 5. Human Genetics and Medical Genetics**
- 6. Analysis and Evaluation of Genetic Resources**
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- 10. History of Biology, Issues of Teaching Genetics, Selection and Evolutionary Theory**

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Languages of the conference: Ukrainian, English.

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The publication fee is equivalent:

- for members of VSGBU from Ukraine – **700 UAH**,
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- for participants, who are not members of VSGBU from Ukraine – **1000 UAH**,
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The second Information letter will be sent in **June 2026**.

PLEASE NOTE that the second Information letter will only be sent to the **e-mail addresses specified by the authors** in the submitted manuscripts and their messages to the organizing committee.

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Collection of academic papers “**Factors in Experimental Evolution of Organisms**” is included in the list of scientific professional publications of Ukraine, where the results of dissertations for obtaining PhD or DSc degrees in biological sciences can be published (biological specialties – 091, **Category "B"**, Order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine № 409 from 17.03.2020).

Included in the list of the international scientific base **Index Copernicus (IC=72.64 (2024))**.

The language in which articles are published: Ukrainian, English.

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Note. M – molecular mass marker.

Notes: * callus-derived regenerants (primer A11), M – molecular mass marker.

The number of tables and figures together should not exceed 4-6!

13. **Information about financial support for the research and acknowledgements** should be included after the conclusions, in Times New Roman 10 pt. *italic* font.

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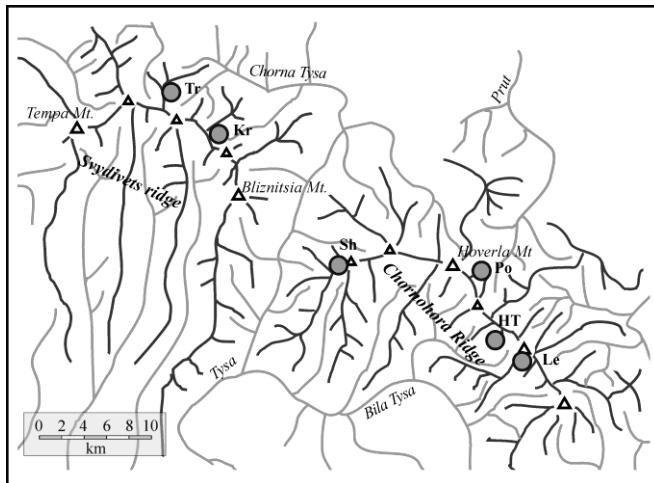


Fig. 1. Map of sampled populations of *G. lutea* in the Ukrainian Carpathians (represented by grayed circles). Kr – polonya (mountain grassland) Krachuneska; Tr – the ridge slope between Troyaska and Tataruka Mountains; Sh – Sheshul and Pavlyk Mts.; Po – Pozhizhevska Mt.; HT – Hutyn Tomnatek Mt.; Le – polonya Lemska.

Example of table

Table 1. Primers with the highest values of discriminating power (D_L) selected for the use in population genetic studies of *G. lutea*

	Primer	Rp*	D_L *	ND_{30}	Nt**	ND_{86} estimated	ND_{86} experimental
1	UBC#807	11.9	0.967	0	32	0	4
2	UBC#811	12.3	0.964	1	38	8.4	3
3	A18	7.7	0.956	5	21	42.0	52
4	UBC#840	7.2	0.953	5	23	50.4	21
5	A07	5.4	0.953	6	26	50.4	24
6	UBC#889	8.7	0.953	7	26	50.4	20
7	UBC#835	4.7	0.951	7	25	58.8	16
8	ERF-F	9.1	0.949	8	23	67.2	56
9	MYB	7.7	0.949	8	22	67.2	106
10	1962	6.1	0.949	8	17	67.2	58
11	B01	5.5	0.944	10	20	84.0	34
12	A19	7.3	0.942	11	18	70.2	28

Notes: * – value calculated for the sample of plants of two populations ($n = 30$); ** – value calculated for the sample of plants of six populations ($n = 86$).

Examples of references

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COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION OF *IRIS PUMILA* L. POPULATIONS STATUS IN UKRAINE

Aim. *Iris pumila* L. (Iridaceae), typical steppe xerophyte, which is protected in several regions of Ukraine. Area of the species range has suffered a significant decline and fragmentation over the recent centuries. The comprehensive population studies were conducted to elucidate the effects of these processes and determine the indices that can be used as well-timed signals of species extinction risk.

Methods. Ecological and population studies were combined with ISSR-analysis of genetic diversity to characterize the populations of *I. pumila*. **Results.** A number of population and ecological indicators suggests that *I. pumila* in Ukraine may be referred to regressive species threatened by genetic erosion. Moreover, the results of ISSR-analysis of plants from four populations in Mykolayiv and Poltava regions showed relatively high levels of the species genetic diversity and weak divergence of isolated populations. **Conclusions.** The reduction and fragmentation of *I. pumila* habitat first of all is accompanied by decline in ecological and population indicators, but depletion of the populations' gene pool occurs much slower. To adequately determine the risk of genetic erosion in particular species, apart from assessment of population and ecological indicators, evaluation of species genetic resources using molecular markers is needed.

Keywords: genetic resources, *Iris pumila* L., population studies, PCR markers, threatened species.

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