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**Subject:** Re: Invitation to Speak at CROPS 2015 - Reply by 11/25/14  
**Date:** Saturday, November 22, 2014 9:22:35 PM

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Hi Jonathan, Sorry for the generic verbiage in the invite:) Of course you were invited for the trait work. I hope that you are able to attend.

scott

On Nov 22, 2014, at 5:05 PM, Jonathan Lynch <[jpl4@psu.edu](mailto:jpl4@psu.edu)> wrote:

Dear Dr. Powell,

thank you very much for this kind invitation which I am honored to accept.

Your letter suggests that I am a leader in emerging genomic technologies. As several members of your organizing committee are aware, that is not actually true. My work focuses on understanding the phenome. I presume a contribution focusing on trait definition, trait discovery, trait validation, and phenotyping, in the context of genetic analysis and crop breeding, would be relevant. If that is not true please let me know.

many thanks

kind regards

Jonathan

On Nov 18, 2014, at 4:06 PM, Deborah Powell  
<[dpowell@hudsonalpha.org](mailto:dpowell@hudsonalpha.org)> wrote:

Dear Dr. Lynch,

On behalf of the scientific organizing committee for The University of Georgia/HudsonAlpha 2015 CROPS Genomics Enabled Crop Breeding & Improvement conference, we would like to invite you to be a speaker at the 2015 CROPS event.

This international conference is planned for Monday, May 18- 21, 2015 and will be held on the HudsonAlpha biotechnology campus in Huntsville, Alabama. We expect an estimated 300 attendees at the event.

The committee believes strongly that you are one of the leading researchers in emerging genomic technologies and their application to crop improvement and that your talk will be a compelling example of applying new genomic technology to crop improvement.

The CROPS program will feature presentations on topics including: Integrated breeding platforms, large scale GWAS, applications, genomic selection strategies, systems biology approaches, identifying markers for breeding, functional validation of targets, applications to developing world germplasm, high throughput phenotyping, and targeted genome modification.

While we know there are many competing demands on your time, we hope you will seriously consider making room for this important event in your busy schedule this spring. A copy of the tentative conference agenda is attached along with some information about HudsonAlpha and the city of Huntsville, Alabama.

HudsonAlpha will cover your round-trip airfare, and travel expenses for this event. We would be most grateful if you could reply with your acceptance by Tuesday, November 25, 2014.

Sincerely,

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