



## **23rd North American Barley Researchers Workshop (NABRW) and 43rd Barley Improvement Conference**

It is with much regret that we announce the 23rd North American Barley Researchers Workshop (NABRW) and 43rd Barley Improvement Conference will be cancelled again in 2021 due to concerns around COVID-19.

While this was a very difficult decision to make, we are absolutely certain that this is the choice that had to be made. Our planning committee has been monitoring the situation closely, but currently, there is no guarantee that we can provide both a safe and a beneficial conference for all. Although agency guidance has varied, there is a consensus among us all that the best and most important way to lessen the overall impact of this virus is to keep ourselves distanced and masked. However, since this is not conducive to a conference of this nature, the only conclusion was for us to cancel this event this year.

Although we did consider a virtual or hybrid option for this conference, again, we decided that it was not in the best interests of our participants and speakers to do so. We do realize that there are other conferences planned for Autumn 2021, but our foremost concern is for the safety of all of our members and given the current travel and health restrictions (as we expect many international visitors for this conference), we do not think this would be a reasonable request at this time.

We are grateful to our community for your understanding and patience. Our greatest wish is that you stay healthy and engaged, so that we can return in 2022 for a fantastic conference in Fort Collins, Colorado!

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