

LUMINARIES

Thank you for your interest in contributing to the *ASPB News* “Luminaries” column. We invite students and postdocs to let us know of a senior scientist they’d like to interview. Just check in with Membership Committee chair David Horvath at David.Horvath@ARS.USDA.GOV, and then you’re on your way! If we publish your interview, you will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card.

The questions below are intended as a guideline for your interview, but they are just suggestions. You can pick and choose a few to focus on if you wish. Your interview should be about 500–750 words long, with photos of you and your subject.

1. What got you interested in plant biology, and what influences directed you to your specific area of research? Who influenced your scientific thinking early in your career, and how? Do you have any hobbies or activities that have influenced your science or your career?
2. What scientific discoveries over the past couple of years have influenced your research directions and why/how? What journals do you regularly follow, and why?
3. What do you think is the next big thing in plant biology, and why? What do you think will be the next big thing in your specific area of study?
4. What recent developments in basic plant science are influencing policy making bodies today?
5. What keeps you inspired (or what inspires you to continue in science)?
6. If you had six months off, what would you do with your time?
7. If you were able to repeat your years as a graduate student or postgraduate student, would you do anything differently? Why?
8. What advice would you give to a student interested in plant biology today?
9. What do you think are good career moves for young scientists, and why? What experience or training do you think it is most important to have?
10. What in your opinion is the single most important factor for a successful career in plant biology?
11. As an employer, what are the five key qualities you look for in a potential team member?
12. What advice would you give to educators to encourage young people to explore science and plant biology?

Thank you!