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**SALLY ASSMANN APPOINTED NEXT EDITOR OF *THE PLANT CELL***

Rockville, Maryland, March 12, 2019 – The American Society of Plant Biologists (ASPB) is very pleased to announce the appointment of Sarah M. (Sally) Assmann to be Editor-in-Chief of *The Plant Cell* beginning January 1, 2020. *The Plant Cell* publishes novel research of particular significance in plant biology, especially in the areas of cellular biology, molecular biology, genetics, development, and evolution. *The Plant Cell*, one of the top primary research journals in plant biology, was established in 1989. This year marks the journal's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



*Penn State University plant scientist Sally Assmann. Image credit: PSU*

Assmann is the Waller Professor of Biology at Penn State University. Her research interests focus on how plants sense and respond to stresses associated with climate change, particularly drought and high temperature. She is the recipient of numerous awards and is an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and ASPB. Her service to ASPB includes terms on the Publications Committee, Education Foundation Board of Directors, Public Affairs Committee, Board of Trustees, and Meetings and Events Advisory Board. Assmann is also a Founding Member of the ASPB Legacy Society. She was a co-editor of *The Plant Cell* from 1998 to 2014 and a monitoring editor of *Plant Physiology* from 1994 to 1997. Most notably, she served as President of ASPB from 2009 to 2010.

“Prof. Assmann has a distinguished history of service to ASPB and the plant science community,” said ASPB President Robert L. Last. “We are delighted that she has agreed to take the helm of *The Plant Cell*. As the scientific publishing landscape changes, we are confident that her visionary leadership and tireless dedication to the highest standards of scholarship will take the journal to new heights of excellence.”

Assmann said, “My vision for *The Plant Cell* is a journal that publishes the very best research in all fields of plant biology, and provides vital information in its front section and other resources to foster the success of plant biologists worldwide, in any field of employment and at all career stages.”

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**About the American Society of Plant Biologists**

ASPB is a professional scientific society, headquartered in Rockville, Maryland, devoted to the advancement of the plant sciences worldwide. With a membership of approximately 3,000 plant scientists from throughout the United States and more than 50 other nations, the Society publishes two of the most widely cited plant science journals, *The Plant Cell* and *Plant Physiology*, and co-publishes an Open Access sound science journal, *Plant Direct*, with the Society for Experimental Biology. For more information about ASPB, please visit <http://www.aspb.org/>. Also follow ASPB on Facebook at [facebook.com/myASPB](https://www.facebook.com/myASPB) and on Twitter @ASPB.