

Introduction to accompany the special issue on light-harvesting

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This special issue of *Photosynthesis Research* on light-harvesting systems was inspired by work presented at a Satellite Workshop on Light-Harvesting Systems held at Washington University, St. Louis, MO from August 8–11, 2013, in conjunction with the 16th International Congress on Photosynthesis. The workshop offered sessions on optical coherence effects in photosynthesis, non-photochemical quenching and acclimation to light environments, evolution, adaptation and biodiversity of light-harvesting pigment-protein complexes, structure and organization of antenna complexes, spectroscopy and dynamics, and artificial antenna systems. The meeting attracted over 150 scientists from around the world including prominent biochemists, biophysicists, plant physiologists, chemical physicists and theoretical and computational physical chemists who came either to present their research findings or to hear the latest advances on the light-harvesting aspects of photosynthesis. A significant amount of time was set aside for discussion and poster sessions, as well as oral presentations by students and postdoctoral fellows

judged to have the best posters. Also, an interesting and productive joint session was held with the Workshop on Cyanobacterial Systems that was taking place concurrently at Washington University.

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