

**Short bio/CV**

Dr. Nils Rostoks is associate professor in plant genetics and biotechnology at the Faculty of Biology, University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia. Dr. Rostoks has over 20 years of experience in plant genetics, genomics, genetic engineering and biotechnology. He has authored over 160 publications in Web of Science, his h-index is 18. He has also 8 years of experience in the European Food Safety Authority GMO Panel that authorizes GMOs for food and feed uses, and cultivation in the EU. Dr. Rostoks has led >10 research projects at national and international level, and has supervised 3 PhD theses and numerous master and bachelor level student projects.