# Preface

We compiled this volume based on presentations at the 7th International Plant Cold Hardiness Seminar (7th IPCHS) held at the Conference Hall of Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan, from 10 to 15 July 2004. The overall goal of this seminar was to present the latest research findings on plant freezing and chilling stress from laboratories all around the world, and to provide a forum for exchange of ideas among fellow researchers. The majority of presentations at the 7th IPCHS centred on various aspects of molecular genetics and, in many cases, the utilization of transgenic plants to further our understanding of plant cold hardiness at the molecular level. It is hoped that this volume will provide a glimpse of current advances in plant cold hardiness research.

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