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On the Cover: Cell walls constitute complex composites of macromolecules that are of profound importance to the life of plant cells. Synthesized and secreted by highly dynamic biosynthetic machinery, the polymeric constituents must be accurately deposited into the microarchitecture of the wall in order for it to function competently. Presently, these structural and developmental properties, especially as they contribute to interactive polymeric networks in the wall, are poorly resolved. In this issue, Domozych et al. (pp. 105–118) employ the unicellular charophyte green alga, *Penium margaritaceum*, to investigate pectin architecture and dynamics in the cell wall. The outer layer of the wall is comprised of homogalacturonan fibrils that form dense aggregates that organize into a distinct outer lattice. Changes to lattice architecture may be directly monitored in live cells grown under different experimental conditions. This includes variations in levels of cations (e.g. calcium), exogenous pectin, pectin methylesterase, and pectate lyase. Pectin deposition is focused at a thin band at the cell isthmus and is part of a wall expansion mechanism that occurs in a distinct bidirectional fashion. These results highlight the efficiency of *P. margaritaceum* as a unicellular model organism for cell wall studies and provide new insight into pectin-based functions, including adhesion and cell shape maintenance. The cover shows the outer pectin lattice of the cell wall labeled with the anti-homogalacturonan monoclonal antibody, LM18. Cover image credits: David Domozych.

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The Arabidopsis LYSIN MOTIF-CONTAINING RECEPTOR-LIKE KINASE3 Regulates the Cross Talk between Immunity and Abscisic Acid Responses. Chiara Paparella, Daniel Valentín Savatín, Lucia Martí, Giulia De Lorenzo, and Simone Ferrari

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Two Rice Authentic Histidine Phosphotransfer Proteins, OsAHP1 and OsAHP2, Mediate Cytokinin Signaling and Stress Responses in Rice. Lijing Sun, Qian Zhang, Jinxia Wu, Liqiong Zhang, Xuewen Jiao, Shengwei Zhang, Zhiguo Zhang, Daye Sun, Tiegang Lu, and Ying Sun

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