

**On the Cover:** The formation of nanoridges on the surface of epidermal cells of petals requires the cuticular polyester cutin and its main component 10,16-dihydroxy C16:0 in *Arabidopsis thaliana*. Research gave new insights into the relationships between composition and spectroscopic features of cutin and the ultrastructure and surface structure of the cuticle. The studies furthermore suggested that nanoridges that are present on floral organs of many species might have important functions in floral development by diminishing adhesion forces between different organs and thus facilitating the gliding of petals during their fast outgrowth of the floral bud. The image shows the nanoridge-covered petal epidermal surface of *Arabidopsis* wild type. Cryoscanning electron micrograph taken by Antonio Mucciolo.

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