
Western Committee on Plant Diseases – 49th Annual Meeting

November 5-6, 2024

Atlas Hotel, Regina, Saskatchewan

November 5- Afternoon Session (1:00 - 5:00 pm)

Alireza Akhavan, Chairperson

Robyne Davidson, Secretary/Treasurer

1. Welcome & Introductions (1:00 pm)

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. [Minutes of the 48th Annual Meeting - 2023, Kelowna, BC](#)

4. Business Arising from the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

5. Appointments

- Nominations Committee
- Resolutions Committee

6. Special Presentation (1:30 – 2:00 am):

A Decade of Fusarium Head Blight Research in Thirty Minutes- Dr. Randy Kutcher (University of Saskatchewan)

7. Disease Situation Reports (2:00 – 3:15 pm) – Presented by Crop Commodity *Chair / Alternate*

- Cereals - *McCallum / Akhavan*
- Oilseeds - *Akhavan / Cornelsen*
- Special Field Crops - *Kaminski / Chatterton*
- Pulses - *Brown / Schmidt*
- Ornamentals - *Joshi / Elmhirst*

..... **Refreshment Break (3:15 pm - 3:30 pm)**

8. Disease Situation Reports (3:30 am – 4:45 am) – Presented by Crop Commodity *Chair / Alternate*

- Shade and Shelterbelt Trees - *Howard / Pradhan*
- Tree Fruit - *Ni / Joshi / Sabaratnam*
- Field Vegetables - *Sabaratnam / Bisht*
- Greenhouse Crops - *Bisht / Harding*
- Potatoes – *Bisht / Flad*

9. Updates from Government Agencies (4:45 am – 5:15 pm) – 10 min for each agency

- The Pesticide Compliance Program -TBD
- Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)- Sravan Jami
- Pest Management Centre (PMC) – AAFC- Caitlin Watt

..... **Supper (6:30)**

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November 6- Morning Session (8:00 am - 12:00 pm)

10. Updates from Agri-Business (8:00 am – 9:00 am) max 10 min for each agency

- UPL Canada- *Meagen Reed* • 20/20 Seeds (TBD)
- Syngenta- Carolyn Wilson • DSL (TBD) • Others (TBD)

11. Special Presentations (9:00 am – 10:00 am)

- *Can RNA technologies be exploited for agricultural benefit?* – Dr. Steve Robinson (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada- Saskatoon)
- *Research Insights on Blackleg: Advancing Disease Management in Canada* – Dr. Gary Peng (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada- Saskatoon)

..... Refreshment Break (10:00 am – 10:15 am)

12. Special Topics – (10:15 am – 10:45 am)

- *Inoculum release and infectivity of foliar pathogens of Vicia faba L. in Saskatchewan* – Ethan Stratford (University of Saskatchewan)
- *Prairie Crop Disease Monitoring Network*- Dr. Brent McCallum (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada- Morden)

13. Other Updates (10:45 am – 11:15 am)

- Canadian Plant Disease Survey - *Janice Elmhirst*
- Diseases of Field Crops in Canada - *Michael Harding*
- Others (TBD)

14. Business Meeting (11:15 am – 12:00 pm)

a. Reports

- Treasurer's Report
- Website Editor's Report

b. Committee Reports

- Nominations Committee (TBD)
- Resolutions Committee (TBD)

c. Other Business

- Location for 2024 WFPM meeting (Manitoba - location?)

d. Adjourn