

INTERPROVINCIAL MEETING

November 25-26, 2024 • Sheraton Suites Calgary Eau Claire

Monday, November 25, 2024

Participants: CSGA & Branch members and staff, and registered attendees welcomed!

5:30 p.m. Reception
Wildrose Ballroom Foyer

6:30 p.m. Western-themed Dinner Theatre
Wildrose Ballroom

Show off your best Western duds & check-out CSGA's photo booth to capture the moment!

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Participants: CSGA & Branch members and staff, and registered attendees welcomed!

Location: Sheraton Suites Calgary Eau Claire, Wildrose Ballroom

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet

8:30 a.m. Welcome & Opening Remarks
Brian Ellis, President, ABCSCG

8:40 a.m. The Future of Plant Breeding in Canada
This session is to inspire the next steps for Canada's plant breeding future. The same conversation has been reoccurring for the last 10+ years, with limited tangible results. What must happen to create some momentum? Who must be in the room? What expertise should we draw on?

- 1. Facilitator: Marc Zienkiewicz,** *Alberta Seed Guide Editor & Seed World Group Senior Editor*
- 2. François Eudes, RDT Director –** *Alberta, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Science and Technology Branch.*
- 3. Holly Mayer, Director –** *Science Partnerships Division, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Science and Technology Branch*
- 4. Rickey Yada, Dean of Agriculture,** *Life, and Environmental Sciences, University of Alberta*
- 5. Curtis Pozniak, Ph.D., Professor** *and Director, Crop Development Centre, University of Saskatchewan*
- 6. Jodi Souter, Ph.D., J4 Agri-** *Science Limited, Plant Breeder*
- 7. Robert Graf, Ph.D., ABCSCG Board** *Advisor, Science Advisor SeedNet, Retired Research Scientist (Winter wheat breeder), AAFC.*



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Tuesday, November 26, 2024 (cont.)

10:10 a.m. Refreshments (Foyer)

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10:40 a.m. CSGA — Special General Meeting

The CSGA Board of Directors invites members to attend a Special General Meeting to vote on proposed By-law changes that would enable the reintroduction of Associate and Affiliate membership classes at CSGA and ensure CSGA By-laws adhere to best governance practices.

11:45 a.m. 120th Year of CSGA Celebration Lunch



1:30 p.m. Getting Real About Seed Regulatory Modernization

*Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) — **Wendy Jahn**, Seed Section, Plant Production Division, and **Marie Shank**, Policy and Program Specialist, Seed Section*

2:15 p.m. Seedtrakr

*Connecting Industry Stakeholders — **Kara Thompson***

2:30 p.m. Refreshments (Foyer)

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2:45 p.m. Breeding Success: Mapping out the Future

Join Alberta Seed Guide editor Marc Zienkiewicz for an interactive workshop designed to shape the future of plant breeding in Canada. Building on insights from the day's panel discussion, this session invites attendees to share their key takeaways and perspectives. Together, we'll explore the challenges, opportunities, and priorities for plant breeding in Canada, with the goal of creating a collective vision for progress. This is your chance to help chart a sustainable and resilient path for Canada's plant breeding sector

3:45 p.m. Closing Remarks

***Brian Ellis**, President ABCSCG*

