



## Report on the 2017 Annual Meeting of Southwestern Ontario Regional Association of the CPS

The Southwestern Ontario Regional Association of the CPS (SORA-CPS) held its annual meeting from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm on November 3, 2017. The meeting was held at Rittenhouse Hall, Vineland Station, in the Niagara region of Ontario. The meeting was attended by over 43 attendees including students, researchers, technicians, extension specialists and industry representatives. The program for the meeting included five invited talks and 15 poster presentations on a wide range of phytopathological topics.

Registration with coffee and cookies started at 9:30 am. Dr. Ken Conn, Regional Representative of SORA-CPS and CPS Treasurer (2012- ) presented opening remarks, welcomed the participants to SORA-CPS annual meeting and acknowledged the generous sponsors of this meeting. Dr. Denis Gaudet (CPS President) could not attend the meeting but sent in greetings from the CPS Board of Directors and CPS membership to CPS-SORA. The letter provided an update on national topics. Student members were encouraged to join CPS and some of the benefits include a free membership in 2018, the student travel awards and video competition, etc.

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**"Vegetable plant pathology and more - research results from the Holland Marsh."** Guest Speaker: Mary Ruth McDonald, University Of Guelph, Guelph, ON

**"A to Z; a comprehensive protocol for Grape Red Blotch virus and Grapevine leafroll associated virus (GLRaV-3) detection."** Guest speaker: Won-Sik Kim, Norgen Biotek, Thorold, ON

**"Challenging Diseases in Field Crops during the 2017 Season."** Guest Speaker: Albert Tenuta, OMAFRA, Ridgeway, ON

**"Global Plant Council Initiatives."** Guest Speaker: Deena Errampalli, AAFC, Vineland, ON

This year there were six student poster presentations:

**Fungicide resistance in the turfgrass pathogen *Microdochium nivale*.** R. GOURLIE AND T. HSIANG. *School of Environmental Sciences, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON N1G 2W1, Canada*

**In search of chemicals for the control of stem and bulb nematode (*Ditylenchus dipsaci*) in the Canadian garlic (*Allium sativum*) industry.** L. IVES, M. CELETTI, K. JORDAN AND M. R. MCDONALD. *Department of Plant Agriculture, University of Guelph, 50 Stone Road East, Guelph, ON N1G 2W1, Canada; and (M.C.) Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Ministry of Rural Affairs, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON N1G 2W1, Canada*

**Effect of Ginsenosides on the growth of *Clonostachys rosea* and *Fusarium oxysporum*.** J. L. MARTIN, G. E. M. TANABE, K. I. SCHNEIDER AND D. ERRAMPALLI. *Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, 4902 Victoria Ave. N., Vineland Station, ON L0R 2E0, Canada*

**Host specificity and survival of *Colletotrichum* species on celery and common weeds.** S. REYNOLDS, M. J. CELETTI, K. S. JORDAN AND M. R. MCDONALD. *Department of Plant Agriculture, University of*

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**Effects of solarization, anaerobic soil disinfestation and mustard biofumigation on ginseng replant disease.** A. F. SHI AND S. WESTERVELD. *School of Environmental Sciences, University of Guelph and Ontario Ginseng Growers Association, 1283 Blueline Road, Simcoe, ON N3Y 4N5, Canada; and Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, 1283 Blueline Road, Simcoe ON N3Y 4N5, Canada*

**Efficacy testing of low risk products against turfgrass diseases in Ontario.** K. STONE AND T. HSIANG. *Environmental Sciences, University of Guelph, 50 Stone Road East, Guelph, ON N1G 2W1, Canada*

### **Student Awards Presentation**

Genevieve Marchand and Owen Wally participated as judges for the student poster presentation competition. Dr. Ken Conn announced the four cash prizes to Student poster competition winners. The first prize (\$100) for the best student poster presentation was awarded to Stephen Reynolds (supervisor: M.R. McDonald), second prize (\$75) went to Amy Fang Shi (supervisor: S. Westerveld), third prize (\$50) went to Lilieth Ives (supervisor: M.R. McDonald), and fourth prize (\$25) went to Katherine Stone (supervisor: T. Hsiang).



Drs. Deena Errampalli (left) and Ken Conn (right) with 2017 SORA CPS student poster presentation award winners; from left: Lilieth Ives, Stephen Reynolds, Amy Fang Shi, Katharine Stone.

### **Business meeting**

Dr. Ken Conn conducted the business meeting following the formal talks and poster presentations. Regional funds are in good shape.

Ken and Deena led the discussion on a proposal for a joint Ontario plant protection societies (Pathology, Entomology and weeds) + Ontario Pest Management Conference (OPMC) meeting that was proposed to be held in the fall of 2019. Just to give some background, during the 2016 annual meeting of the SORA-CPS, the group had agreed in principle to meet jointly in 2018. However, earlier in 2017, the organizing committee

of the joint Ontario pest management conference announced that the joint meeting was to be held in 2019 instead of 2018. Changing of the year from 2018 to 2019 presents a conflict for SORA-CPS. The Canadian Pathological Society (CPS), the national society of SORA-CPS, will be meeting with Plant Canada from July 7-11, 2019 in Guelph and it is a tradition for the regional societies, in this case the SORA-CPS, to host the national meeting in their region. As a result SORA-CPS will not be able to participate at the joint OPMC, ESC and OWC 2019 meeting. However, SORA-CPS believes in the joint meeting of the Ontario groups and we will be happy to meet jointly with the Ontario groups in 2020. Deena and Ken took this information to the OPMC organizing committee later in November 2017. We are happy to report that the joint meeting of the pest management groups will be held in 2020.



Group photo of the attendees at SORA CPS 2017 annual meeting in Vineland, ON.

Thanks to the 2017 judges of the student poster competition, and to the local arrangements committee, Deena Errampalli, Karin Schneider, Jody Rae and Jenna Martin, putting together a one day program and the Italian themed menu with meat and vegetarian lasagna, salads, dessert squares, fruit was delicious and memorable. The SORA-CPS regional meeting for 2018 is planned to be held in November 2018 in Simcoe, ON.

Respectfully submitted by:

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