Report on the 2022 CPS Saskatchewan Regional Meeting

An in-person CPS SK regional meeting took place for the first time since 2019. The event was held at Boffins Event Centre, Main Floor, The Atrium in Innovation Place at 106-111 Research Drive, Saskatoon on Tuesday November 29th. Five undergraduate and graduate students gave oral presentations as part of the student competition. Teagan Parkin, an undergraduate co-op student, supervised by Dr. Michelle Hubbard, was awarded first place for a talk entitled "Assessing the capacity of various strains of *Fusarium avenaceum* to cause root rot in lentils". Edgar Mangwende and Kun Lou, MSc candidates supervised by Dr. Yangdou Wei and Dr. Randy Kutcher, respectively, tied for second place. Their presentations were titled "Glycosylphosphatidylinositol (GPI) modification contributes to plant resistance against fungal pathogens" and "Race characterization of *Puccinia striiformis* f. sp. *tritici* population in western Canada from 2017 to 2022", respectively. Eight additional scientific presentations, on topics including ascochyta blight of chickpea, Fusarium head blight, diseases of quinoa, as a well as clubroot and blackleg of canola, were delivered and sparked constructive discussion. Dr. Sheau-Fang Hwang delivered a presidential address remotely. Meagan Reed, agronomy manager with the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers, outlined the activities of the Root Rot Task Force. The Saskatchewan Plant Disease Committee (SPDC) meeting was held in the afternoon in the same venue. The meeting was organized by Michelle Hubbard (lead), Linda McGregor (venue and food), Merek Wigness (food and venue), Coreen Franke (financial), and Jonathon Durkin (scientific program), as well as Maria Constanza Fleitas and Rebecca Tweidt, the organizers of the SPDC. Nicolas Larkan, Hao Hu and Karim Masud judged the student presentations. Sponsorship for the meeting was generously provided by Insight Plant Health, BASF, Bayer and SaskCanola.

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