

Atlantic CPS Meeting - 2023

The 2023 edition of the meeting of the Atlantic chapter of the Canadian Phytopathological Society, took place on November 23 at the Fredericton Research and Development Centre in Fredericton, NB. The meeting was hybrid in format, with both in-person and virtual presenters. The local host was Dahu Chen and he did an outstanding job arranging the meeting! There were 7 oral presentations on various topics in phytopathology presented in the afternoon, with a nutrition break to stimulate active discussion among participants. Those present in-person went to dinner after the meeting at Isaac's Way Restaurant in downtown Fredericton.

There were two co-winners of the Best Student Paper Award. Segun Babarinde won the award for his presentation entitled: "Population structure of the late blight pathogen *Phytophthora infestans* on potato and tomato in Canada". Leah Gauthier also won the award for her presentation entitled: "Battling *Fusarium* spp. with iChip: A novel approach to biopesticide discovery". Each student received a cheque for \$100 as a reward for their excellent presentations.

Many thanks to all who attended the meeting. After several years of absence due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we trust we will be able to get together on a regular basis in future, and on that note, plans are in place for Shawkat Ali to host the 2024 meetings in Kentville, NS on November 21, 2024. See you there!

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