



2017 Manitoba CPS regional Meeting

Dec. 6th, Dept. Plant Science, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB
Minutes

The 2017 Manitoba Regional Meeting of the Canadian Phytopathological Society was held on December 6th at the University of Manitoba (Department of Plant Science, Faculty of Agricultural & Food Sciences). This year's meeting was attended by 23 people.

Registration with coffee and donuts started at 8:30am.

The meeting started with a welcome from Dr. Fouad Daayf, the Manitoba regional chair for CPS. Then, like every year, disease updates followed: Holly Derksen (cereal FHB and leaf diseases, as well as corn, canola, pulses and soybean diseases), Jim Menzies (cereal smuts and rusts), Khalid Rashid (flax and sunflower diseases: verticillium, rusts, sclerotinia rots, downy mildews). Most of the information presented will be published in the Canadian Plant Disease Survey.

This year, there were five presentations:

- **Expression assessment of genes potentially involved in *V. dahliae*'s interaction with potato**; by X. ZHU, A. ARFAOUI, L.R. ADAM, F. DAAFY
- **Canola-wheat-canola a 2-year crop rotation increased the durability of *R* genes to *L. maculans*, a causal agent of blackleg disease in Brassica species**; by M.H. RASHID, P. PARKS, M.H. BORHAN, W.G.D. FERNANDO
- **Investigating possible sources of *Fusarium* root rot infections on soybean in Manitoba**; by Y. GHARBI, M. HAFEZ, LR ADAM, F. DAAFY
- **Effect of different rotation regimes on soybean diseases in three locations in Manitoba**; by A. ABDELMAGID, Y. LAWLEY, F. DAAFY
- **Resistance to powdery mildew in flax**; by K.Y. RASHID

After lunch and a short coffee break, awards were presented to two students. The best student oral presentation went, *ex aequo*, to both Xiaohan Zhu (supervisor: Dr. F. Daayf) and M. Harunur Rashid (supervisor: Dr. D. Fernando).



Presentation of students' awards

Left to right:

Dr. Denis Gaudet, CPS President
Mrs. Xiaohan Zhu, Ph.D. student
Mr. Md. Harunur Rashid, Ph.D. student
Dr. Fouad Daayf, MB regional CPS chair

The business meeting followed shortly after.

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After welcoming the members, Dr. Daayf thanked all those in the audience for attending and called for the adoption of the minutes from last year's meeting. The minutes were accepted (Rashid/Derksen). We were honored by the presence of the current CPS President, Dr. Denis Gaudet, who congratulated the participants and conveyed information from the CPS board regarding next meetings, CPS publications, and other matters. Then Dr. Menzies gave a short report on the last Annual Meeting organized jointly with the Canadian Society of Agronomy, and thanked those who contributed to the meeting as members of the Local Arrangements Committee. Dr. Daayf presented a financial update of the Manitoba regional section of the CPS. To close, Dr. Daayf thanked Mrs. Bev Godard and Mr. Lorne Adam for their help with this year's local arrangements of the CPS-Manitoba section meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Fouad Daayf
CPS-MB Regional Representative