

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CPS

Saskatchewan 2025

The 2025 Canadian Phytopathological Society (CPS) – Saskatchewan Regional Group Annual Meeting was successfully held on November 14, 2025, at the University of Saskatchewan. The meeting received strong support from the Crop Development Centre (CDC) of University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Curtis Pozniak, Professor and Director of the CDC, delivered the welcome and opening remarks.



With more than 80 attendees and 23 oral and poster presentations, this year's meeting was a tremendous success and provided an excellent platform for scientific exchange and collaboration in plant pathology and crop protection. Participants included representatives from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Regina, industry partners, and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture. The scientific program featured invited presentations from four AAFC scientists and two University of Saskatchewan professors, covering a broad range of emerging topics in plant pathology, crop protection, and agricultural research.

The meeting also highlighted student excellence through 7 graduate and 4 undergraduate student presentations. Supporting and showcasing emerging scientists remains a core mission of CPS-SK, and we are proud to help foster the next generation of leaders in plant pathology and crop protection. We are delighted to congratulate the winners of this year's student presentation competition. Each award recipient received a copy of the *4th Edition of Diseases of Field Crops in Canada* and a cash prize (\$300 CAD for the undergraduate and first-place graduate awards; \$150 CAD for the second-place graduate award).

- Undergraduate Presentation Award: Kalyn Barnhart, AAFC Swift Current & University of Saskatchewan
- Graduate Presentation Award 1st Place: Zheng Wang, AAFC Saskatoon & University of Saskatchewan



- Graduate Presentation Award 2nd Place: Sheila M. P. Andrade, University of Saskatchewan

At the conclusion of the meeting, Dr. Randy Kutcher, Professor at the University of Saskatchewan, presented the awards to the winners and delivered the closing remarks.



Meeting Organizing Committee: Dr. Lipu Wang (CPS-SK Representative), M. Alejandra Oviedo-Ludena (Co-Chair of CPS-SK meeting Organizing Committee), Coreen Franke (Treasurer of CPS-SK), Dr. Michelle Hubbard (CPS National Treasurer), Rebbecca Tweidt and Kun Lou (SPDC Committee), Karina Chimbo Huatatoca, Kara Glor, Valentina Anastasini, Sheila Andrade, Brian Luo. The organizing committee sincerely thanks all volunteers, speakers, sponsors, judges, and attendees whose contributions and support made the meeting a great success.

Respectfully submitted by Lipu Wang, CPS Regional Representative for Saskatchewan

