2022 Annual Business Meeting

Virtual Zoom meeting Wednesday June 22, 2022, 5 to 7 pm EST Minutes

Quorum

Quorum was reached at 3:02 pm, 25 in attendance.

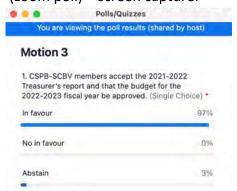
Accept agenda (Motion 1)

Cameron/Soolanayakanahally. Carried.

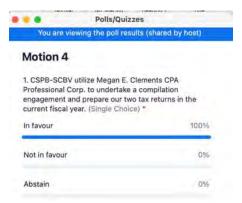
Receive minutes of the 2021 Virtual Annual Business Meeting (Motion 2)

Cameron/Weger. Carried.

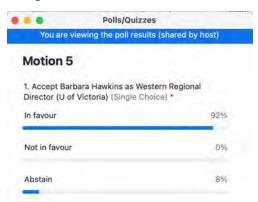
- Reports of the Officers (includes Treasurer's motions) (Motions 3, 4)
 - President's Report (power point slides attached)
 - Vice-President's Report (power point slides attached)
 - Treasurer's Report (power point slides attached)
 - Question (Weger): The Ann Oak's scholarship provides \$21k, but if the NSERC CGS award is raised to \$25k, could we afford to match it to 25k?
 - It would not be currently self-sustaining at this rate. \$23.5k is currently the maximum amount we could provide sustainably.
 - Motion 3: Be it resolved that the CSPB-SCBV members accept the 2021-2022 Treasurer's report and that the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year be approved. MacFie/Samuel. (zoom poll) – screen capture.



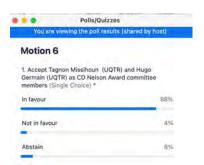
 Motion 4: Be it resolved that the CSPB-SCBV utilize Megan E. Clements CPA Professional Corp. to undertake a compilation engagement and prepare our two tax returns in the current fiscal year.
 Macfie/ Soolanayakanahally. Carried.



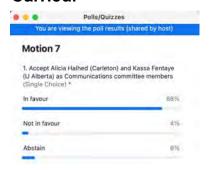
- Secretary's Report (power point slides attached)
- Communication Director's Report (power point slides attached)
- Eastern Regional Director's Report (power point slides attached)
- Western Regional Director's Report (power point slides attached)
- Business arising
 - 2022 Award Announcements (power point slides attached)
 - Future CSPB-SCBV Meetings
 - 2023 Laval, Quebec City
 - 2024 Plant Canada Winnipeg (CPPS)
 - 2025?
 - 2026 Joint ASPB/CSPB Dalhousie
 - WRM 2023 (?)
 - ERM 2022 (Scarborough)
 - ERM 2023 (Concordia)
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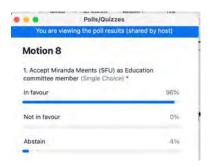
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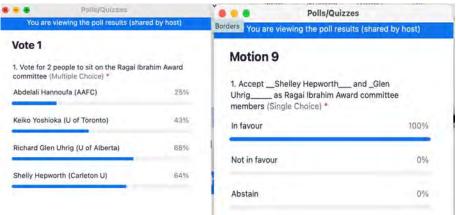


 Motion 8: Be it resolved that Miranda Meents be accepted as a member of the Education committee. Dastmalchi/Weger. Carried.

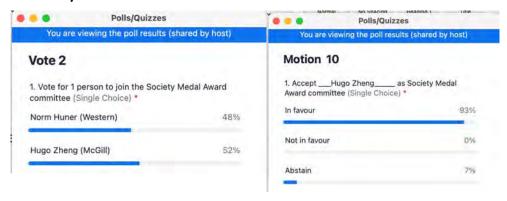


• 6 Nominees for the Ragai Ibrahim Award Committee. 6 nominees, 2 positions available. Voting proceeding online.

Motion 9: Be it resolved that Glen Uhrig and Shelly Hepworth be accepted to the Ragai Ibrahim Award Committee. Cameron/MacFie. Carried.



Motion 10: Be it resolved that Hugo Zheng be accepted as a member of the Society Medal Award committee. **Cameron/Samuel. Carried.**



- **Motion 11:** Be it resolved that Motion 9 be repealed and that Kieko Yoshioka and Shelly Hepworth be accepted to the Ragai Ibrahim Award Committee. **Cameron/Nunn. Carried.**
- •Motion 12: Be it resolved that Glen Uhrig be accepted to the Carl Douglas Prize committee. Cameron/Samuel. Carried.
- Acknowledgements: Outgoing Executive & Committee members, Meeting Organizers, Judges
- Other Business

A point of order was raised that motion 6 would result in all members of the CD Nelson Award to be from the same region and institution, in contravention of the by-laws. This motion was repealed and the selection of the members for this committee was deferred to a later special general meeting to be announced.

- Announcement of Incoming Executive meeting
- · Adjournment Cameron/Bird. Carried.



The Canadian Society of Plant Biologists La Société Canadienne de Biologie Végétale

2022 Annual Business Meeting

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Links in the Chat box:

Please sign in via Microsoft Forms: https://forms.office.com/r/hM889V5pKA

Minutes from last year's ABM: https://cspb-scbv.ca/Archives

CSPB-SCBV acknowledges the Indigenous peoples of Canada who lived here before us, live here now, and on whose traditional and ancestral lands we continue to live.



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President's Report Robin Cameron, McMaster University

Society News

- Lauren Erland takes over as Web Master from Michael Stasiak
- New Membership Officer is Yang Qu (U. of New Brunswick)

Society Awards

Winners for 2022 (under Business arising)



President's Report Robin Cameron, McMaster University

Waiting to here from Canada Revenue Agency about By-Law Changes voted on at special virtual meeting in early February (See Spring Bulletin for more details)

By-law 8 – CSPB Vice President chairs new EDI committee

By-law 10 – add another member to Executive - student and post-doctoral representative to enhance early career member participation on Executive.

By-laws 20, 21 – change wording for Presidents', Directors' and Waygood Awards from best to top presentations so each award committee can decide on number of awards.

By-law 24 – allow students to self-nominate to increase number of nominations and enhance inclusiveness of Ragai Ibrahim Award.



President's Report Robin Cameron, McMaster University

Plant Biology 2022, July 8 to 13th, Portland Oregon

CSPB-SCBV Content - Award Talks

- o Dr. Vincenzo DeLuca, Brock University, **2021 Society Medal Award**, in recognition of outstanding career research and leadership contributions, primarily in Canada.
- Dr. Isabel Desgagné-Penix, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, 2021 C.D. Nelson
 Award, in recognition of outstanding research contributions to plant biology in Canada by an early-career researcher in an independent, full-time research position
- o **2022 Carl Douglas Award**, in recognition of outstanding contributions to plant biology by a postdoctoral fellow, based on initiative and originality of research, productivity and leadership



President's Report

Plant Biology 2022, July 8 to 13^{th,} Portland Oregon

CSPB-SCBV Content

- CSPB President's Plenary: Mott, Yoshioka,
 Li, Cameron
- EDI Plenary: MacDonald, Perez-Lopez
- Community Concurrents: Marcus Samuel,
 Glen Uhrig, Thuy Dang
- Concurrents from Abstracts: many Canadians
- Workshop by Devang Mehta
- CSPB-SCBV Get-together





Vice President's Report Marcus Samuel, University of Calgary

CSPB/SCBV Diversity

CSPB/SCBV	Women			Persons with Disabilities			Indigenous peoples			Member of Visible Minorities		
	2021	2022	Target 2030	2021	2022	Target 2030	2021	2022	Target 2030	2021	2022	Target 2030
Society Membership (2021 survey)	39%	39%	50%	9%	9%	9%	1%	1%	1%	22%	22%	22%
Committee Members	44%	48%	50%	0%	0%	9%	0%	0%	1%	17%	28%	22%
Executive Committee	42%	50%	50%	0%	0%	9%	0%	0%	1%	0%	33%	22%



Vice President's Report Marcus Samuel, University of Calgary

EDI Committee Accomplishments

- Executive approved CSPB-SCBV land acknowledgment & orange CSPB webpage during week around National Truth and Reconciliation Day
- CSPB-SCBV's Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity mandate featured on new EDI web page.
- Official CSPB-SCBV content in French: Bulletin, Emails/conference communications, Increased French in Conference booklets, oral & poster presentation options in French
- <u>Dedicated Graduate student/PDF section in bulletin:</u> A special column, called <u>Budding</u>
 <u>Ideas</u>, in both official languages dedicated to student & PDF voices



Vice President's Report Marcus Samuel, University of Calgary

EDI Committee Accomplishments, continued

- <u>Established new guidelines for judging posters and oral presentations</u> at all CSPB-SCBV conferences to better reflect our commitment to equity and inclusivity and to reduce potential for bias when judging.
- <u>Instituted pre-conference meeting:</u> for poster and oral presentation judges to get familiar with judging rubric & raise awareness of how to avoid unconscious bias
- <u>Drafted a conference handbook:</u> Collection of guidelines, resources to promote more inclusive conference planning
- Voted to modify By-laws, waiting for CRA approval (10: add additional early career member to Executive, 24: Self-nomination by students for Ragai Ibrahim Award)



Treasurer's report 2021-2022 highlights Sheila Macfie, Western University

Meetings with financial transactions this fiscal year:

- WRM Feb 2020 (Canmore AB)) = \$2,725 profit
- AGM June 2021 (U Sask, on-line) = \$12,277 profit
- ERM Nov 2021 (Carleton, on-line) = \$3,939 profit WRM Dec 2021 (U Alberta, on-line)



Assets & Investments 2021-2022

Accounts

- CIBC chequing account = \$32,527
- Investment Planning Council (IPC) Accounts
 - CSPB-SCBV = \$216,621 (incl. Bursary and Award Funds)



-\$8,635 (-4.03%)

- Ann Oaks Scholarship Fund =\$603,616



\$322 (0.053%

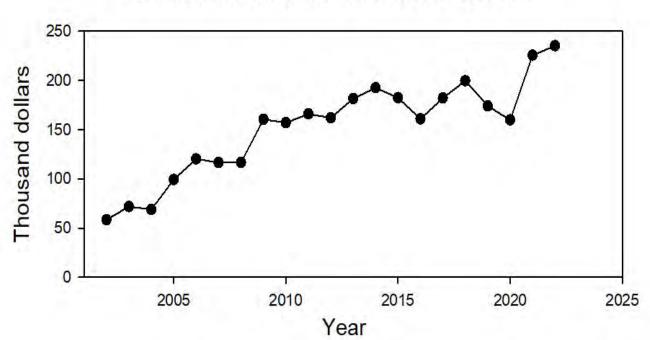
Total assets = \$852,765

Non-restricted funds = \$236,828



Treasurer's report assets & investments

Unrestricted Funds as at June 2, 2022





scholarship, travel bursaries & awards

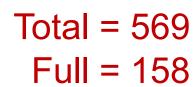
	Donations	Payments
Ann Oaks Scholarship	\$600	\$21,000
George Duff Travel Bursary	\$400	
Presidents' Awards		2 x \$500
Director's/Waygood Awards		2 x \$250
Ragai Ibrahim Award		\$350
Carl Douglas Prize	\$455	
Mary E. Spencer Award	\$500	
CD Nelson Award		\$1,000
Gifford Award		
CSPB-SCBV Gold Medal		

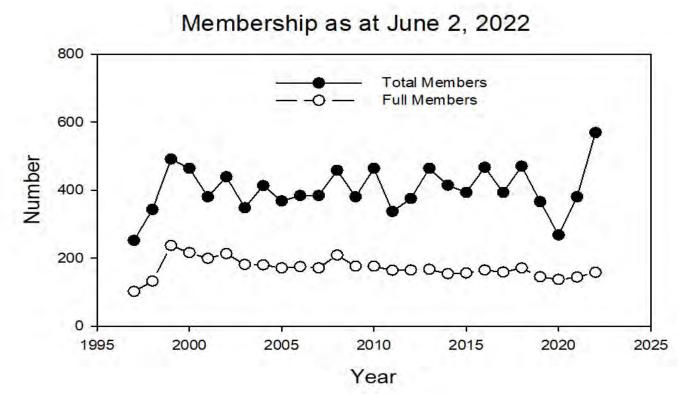


Tax receipts issued for donations > \$10



Treasurer's report memberships







Treasurer's report Major annual expenses

Scholarship and awards

Total \$23,850

Partnership Group for Science & Engineering

• Fees \$520 per year (annual increase of 1.04%)

Website

Fees ~ \$3,000 (Wild Apricot "professional")

Bank and credit card

Fees ~ \$816 (combination of old and new platforms)



Treasurer's report yearly expenses cont'd

Accounting

- Not-for-profit corporations (<\$1 million/yr) must undergo an annual review engagement (~\$6,000) or a compilation engagement (~\$1,400)
- engagement = financial statements generated by an accountant
- We have been following a 5-yr cycle (C:C:C:C:R)
- We also pay accountants to submit two tax returns (charity and corporation; included in prices above)



2022-2023 Proposed Budget - revenues

- Membership dues ~ \$17,500
- Donations ~ \$1,000
- HST rebate ~\$1,000
- June 2021 on-line profit ~\$12,277
- ICP (CSPB-SCBV + Oaks) ~ \$12,250 if 1.5% gain



2022-2023 Proposed Budget - expenses

- Bank, credit card, PayPal, website fees (~ \$4,500)
- Dues, insurance, accounting (~ \$2,850)
- Conference seed money (~ \$7,000)
- Travel bursaries, Awards + Scholarship (~ \$24,500)
- Executive expenses (~ \$3,000)





Activity	Actual 2021-2022	Estimated 2022-2023
Revenue	\$45,141.87	~ \$33,800
Expenses	(\$35.347.71)	~(\$61,950)
Net gain/loss	\$9,794.16	~(\$28,150)



Treasurer's report Motions

Treasurer Motions:

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Secretary's Report David Bird, Mount Royal University

Ad hoc Membership Drive and Fund Raising committee

- Membership in CSPB-SCBV tends to increase at major meetings (annual, joint), and decline in subsequent years,
- Only one of the four major awards (Ann Oaks Scholarship) is endowed
- Open call for members to join this committee to develop and act on a plan to enhance memberships and fund-raising
- Overall Goal: stabilize & enhance funding for Awards & Student Travel
 Bursaries



Communications Director's Report Susanne Kohalmi, Western University

Website up and running

- Many thanks to Lauren Erland
- Continuing to update web site
- Application and nomination forms added
- Memberships transferred and automated
- We welcome new suggestions
- Working on French version
- Working towards EDI, Science Policy webpages

Spring Bulletin (almost ready)

- French version soon after English version
- New features added
- We welcome new ideas photographs & cool stories from your lab





Eastern Regional Director's Report Sophia Stone, Dalhousie University

CSBP/SCBV 2021 Eastern Regional Meeting (ERM) - virtual

Organizers: Shelley Hepworth, Owen Rowland, Tim Xing, and Catherine Cullingham from Carleton University with colleagues Rajagopal Subramaniam, Bahram Samanfar, and Jean-Sébastien Parent from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

Student Presentation Awards:

Poster presentations - Eduardo Ramirez Rodriguez (University of Toronto) and Nathan Doner (University of Guelph)

Oral presentations - **Natalie Hoffmann** (University of Toronto) and **Carly Charron** (Western University and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)



Eastern Regional Director's Report Sophia Stone, Dalhousie University

CSBP/SCBV 2021 Eastern Regional Meeting (ERM) - virtual

Thank you to our judges for their participation

Daphne Goring; Robin Cameron; Christian Danve M. Castroverde; Sonhita Chakraborty; Eliana Gonzales-Vigil; Siwar Haidar; Susanne Kohalmi; Sara Martin; Jacqueline Monaghan; Adam Mott; Eiji Nambara; Bahram Samanfar; Elizabeth Weretilnyk; Tim Xing; Keiko Yoshioka; Rongmin Zhao

Upcoming ERMs

- Saturday December 3rd, 2022, at University of Toronto Scarborough
 - · Organizers: Sonia Gazzarrini (Chair), Eliana Gonzales-Vigil, Adam Mott
- November 2023 Concordia University
 - Organizers: Jin Suk Lee (Chair), Patrick Gulick, Selvadurai Dayanandan, William Zerges



Western Regional Director's Report Douglas Muench, U. of Calgary

CSBP/SCBV 2021 Western Regional Meeting (WRM) - virtual

Organizers: Guanqun (Gavin) Chen, Richard Glen Uhrig (Co-Chairs, UAlberta), Thu-Thuy Dang (UBCO), Brendan O'Leary (AAFC, Saskatoon), John Laurie (AAFC, Lethbridge), Stacy Singer (AAFC, Lethbridge) and Teagen Quilichini (NRC)

Student Presentation Awards

Oral Presentation Winners

Kallum McDonald (UAlberta), Gamalat Allam (Western)

Poster Presentation Winners

Bailan Lu (UBC), Gregory Robinson (Ulethbridge)

Honorable Mentions

Isabelle Massaro (Cal State, San Marcos), Solihu (Kayode) Sakariyahu (UManitoba),

Linh Nguyen (UAlberta)

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Western Regional Director's Report Douglas Muench, U. of Calgary

CSBP/SCBV 2021 Western Regional Meeting (WRM) - virtual

121 attendees including 3 undergraduates and 79 graduate students

Western Canada – 91 attendees

Eastern Canada – 19 attendees

11 attendees from Bangladesh, Benin, Germany, India, Italy, Tunisia, UK, & USA

18 oral presentations in 4 concurrent sessions and 26 poster presentations.

We wish to thank our Poster & Presentations Judges: Greg Moorhead, John Laurie, Olivia Wilkins, Stacy Singer, Barbara Hawkins, Teagen Quilichini, Glen Uhrig, Jocelyn Ozga, Harold Weger, Marcus Samuel, Gavin Chen, Brendan O'Leary, Wendy Lyzenga, Devang Mehta, Amr Kataya, Kifah Gharzeddin

Next Western Regional Meeting: See you in 2023/2024 – location TBD!



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5a. 2022 Award Announcements 2022 David J. Gifford Award in Tree Biology

In recognition of outstanding research contributions in tree biology, primarily in Canada. Special consideration for originality and independence of thought.

Dr. Annie DesRochers, Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue

- NSERC Industrial Research Chair in Silviculture and Wood Production
- recognized for her outstanding and highly original research contributions in tree biology
- redistribution of resources among root-connected trees enhances growth & delays tree mortality.
- inspiring research leader in tree biology with exceptional originality & independence of thought



5a. 2022 Award Announcements2022 Carl Douglas Award

In recognition of outstanding contributions to plant biology by a postdoctoral fellow, based on initiative and originality of research, productivity and leadership

Dr. Lauren Erland, UBC, University of the Fraser Valley, Director of Berry Research

- Novel use of metabolomics and imaging to understand how plants sense and respond to their environment including under stress
- Impressive publication record (20)
- Contributor to CSPB since 2014 and served as acting Communications
 Director in 2021, as well as becoming our Web Master
- mentor to students and involved in science outreach



5a. 2022 Award Announcements 2022 Ragai Ibrahim Award for Best Student Paper

Excellence in publication by graduate students

Winner: Purva Karia, Yoshioka Lab, U of Toronto, "Multiple phosphorylation events of the mitochondrial membrane protein TTM1 regulate cell death during senescence" published in the *Plant journal*.

Honorable mention: Samuel Livingston, Samuels Lab, UBC, "Cannabis Glandular Trichome Cell Walls Undergo Remodeling to Store Specialized Metabolites" published in *Plant & Cell Physiology*



5a. 2022 Award Announcements Awards with no nominations in 2022

Mary Spencer Award

C.D.Nelson Award

Gleb Krotkov Award

Society Medal – given in 2021, next award in 2024

David J. Gifford Tree Biology – given this year, next award in 2025

Please start thinking about who to nominate in 2023!!!



5d. Future CSPB-SCBV Meetings

Vice President: Marcus Samuel

2022 Joint CSPB/ASPB in Portland

2023 Laval, Quebec City: Edel Perez-Lopez,

Dominique Michaud

2025 ?

2024 Plant Canada, Winnipeg, organized by

Canadian Phytopathology Society

2026 ASPB/CSPB, Dalhousie, Sophia Stone

Western Regional Meetings

Western Regional Director: tbd

2023 ?

Eastern Regional Meetings

- already covered by Eastern Regional Director Sophia Stone

Dec 3rd 2022 UT Scarborough

Nov 2023 Concordia



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- Reached out to Chairs of committees apprising them of their current membership & vacancies
- Sent out an email to society for nominations to various committees & executive positions*

# of vacancies	Position
1	Student/Postdoctoral Representative *
2	CD Nelson Award
2	Communications
1	David J. Gifford Award in Tree Biology
1	Education
2	Ragai Ibrahim Award
1	Society Gold Medal Award
1	Carl Douglas Prize
1	Western Regional Director *



Western Regional Director, 1 position available

- Barbara Hawkins U. Victoria
- Any nominations from the floor?

Motion 5: to accept Barbara Hawkins as Western Regional Director



2 nominees for CD Nelson Award committee, 2 positions available

- Tagnon Missihoun UQTR
- Hugo Germain UQTR
- Any nominations from the floor?

Motion 6: to accept Tagnon Missihoun and Hugo Germain as members of the CD Nelson Award committee – tabled as we can't have 2 people from the same institute



2 nominees for Communications committee, 2 positions available

- Alicia Halhed Carleton
- Kassa Fentaye UAlberta
- Any nominations from the floor?

Motion 7: to accept Alicia Halhed and Kassa Fentaye as new members of the Communications committee



1 nominee for the Education committee, 1 position available

- Miranda Meents SFU
- Any nominations from the floor?

Motion 8: to accept Miranda Meents as a member of the Education committee



6 nominees for the Ragai Ibrahim Award committee, 2 positions available

- •Abdelali Hannoufa AAFC
- Keiko Yoshioka UofToronto
- •Richard Glen Uhrig UofAlberta
- •Shelly Hepworth CarletonU

Vote 1: vote for 2 people

Motion 9: to accept	Shelley Hepworth	& _	Keiko
Yoshioka	as members of the Rag	ai Ibrahim	Award committe



Society Medal Award committee, 1 position available

- Norm Huner Western
- Hugo Zheng McGill

Vote 2: vote for 1 person

Motion 10: to accept _____ as a member of the Society Medal

Award committee



Carl Douglas Prize committee, 1 position available

- Hugo Zheng McGill
- Richard Glen Uhrig UofAlberta

Vote 3: vote for 1 person

Motion 11: Accept _____ as a member of the

Carl Douglas Prize committee



David J. Gifford Award in Tree Biology committee, 1 position available

- No current nominations
- Any nominees from the floor?

Motion 12: to accept as a member of the David J. Gifford

Award in Tree Biology committee – tabled to a future special meeting





Election for Student-Postdoctoral Rep will be held online and student/postdoc members will be invited to vote virtually.



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Many thanks to the outgoing CSPB-SCBV Executive members

Douglas Muench, Western Regional Director

Jennifer Hoogenboom, Student Representative

Lauren Erland, Acting Communications Director (2021)



Acknowledgements

Many thanks to the outgoing CSPB-SCBV committee members

C.D. Nelson Award Committee: Sylvie Renault (U.Manitoba)

Communications Committee: Jaqueline Monaghan (Queens U), Elizabeth Brauer (AAFC), David Bird (Mount royal U)

David J. Gifford Tree Biology Award Committee: Barbara Hawkins (U.Victoria)

Education Committee: Adel Rosado (UBC)

Ragai Ibrahim Award Committee: Pascale Beauregard (Sherbrooke), Jennifer Hoogenboom

Carl Douglas Prize committee: Chris Ambrose (U.Sask)

Society Medal committee: Sophia Stone (Dalhousie)

EDI Committee: Jacqueline Monaghan (Queen's), Devan Mehta (U.Alberta), Adrian Monthony (Guelph)



Acknowledgements

CSPB-SCBV 2021 Annual General Meeting

- Co-Chairs: Raju Soolanayakanahally (AAFC) and Ken Wilson (U Saskatchewan)
- Organizing Committee: Hong Wang, Karen Tanino, Sateesh Kagale, Chithra Karunakaran, Yangdou Wei, Christopher Todd, Chris Ambrose, Teagen Quilichini, Byung-Kook Ham, Edel Pérez Lopez, Jennifer Hoogenboom, Peta Bonham-Smith.
- Ragai Ibrahim Symposium: Organized by Vincenzo De Luca
- CSPB/SCBV Award Winner Speakers: Anja Geitmann (2020 Mary E. Spencer Award), Mark Belmonte (2020 C.D. Nelson Award), Yang Xu (2021 Carl Douglas Prize).

ERM and WRM 2021 Organizers – Thanks! (ER and WR Director Reports)



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