

JOINT CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT and PRE-CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

“Adapting Crops to Change”

with a special joint symposium: “Technology Transfer in the 21st Century”

University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

July 16–19, 2012

Canadian Society of Agronomy
Canadian Society for Horticultural Science
North American Fruit Explorers
Certified Crop Advisors – Prairie Board
Agricultural Institute of Canada

We are pleased to announce the 2012 conference of 5 societies under the theme: “*Adapting Crops To Change*” with a special joint symposium: “*Technology Transfer in the 21st Century*” held on the beautiful campus of the University of Saskatchewan (U of S), Saskatoon, from July 16 - 19, 2012. This is the first time that the following groups are jointly meeting: Canadian Society of Agronomy (CSA), the Canadian Society for Horticultural Science (CSHS), the Certified Crop Advisors (CCA), and the North American Fruit Explorers (NAFEX). The Agricultural Institute of Canada (AIC) will also be here for part of the meetings.

“Adapting Crops to Change” signifies the importance of addressing crop improvement and adaptation not only to environmental change but to shifting world markets and consumer preferences. The special joint symposium: “Technology Transfer in the 21st Century” addresses the key issue of fast and efficient transfer of scientific knowledge to crop advisors, farmers and end users. The 2012 joint meetings features invited plenary and symposium speakers, contributed papers (oral presentations and posters), competitive presentations for graduate students, society annual meetings, and offsite tours. The magnificent campus of the University of Saskatchewan is located along the banks of the South Saskatchewan river and is composed of 12 Colleges, a vibrant student community of 20,000+ and world class facilities.

The official call for abstracts and papers will be announced soon. Members will be encouraged to submit titles and abstracts of papers and posters to be presented at sessions sponsored by their society. Each society is also hosting a Graduate Student Presentation Competition. All abstracts will be published in the colloquium proceedings and on the joint meeting website.

Canadian Journal of Plant Science Special Issue. The topics covered in “Adapting Crops to Change” meeting that contain new information of national or international significance within the scope of the journal are eligible for publication. The participants, who are presenting scientific papers, including posters, are invited to submit reviews and papers for publication. The MS should describe the original work of the authors that have not been published in a peer-reviewed journal and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. Submission of papers for publication in the Canadian Journal of Plant Science is optional.

Instructions for authors are posted at <http://www.aic.ca/journals/instructions.cfm>; and the details for full manuscript submission via <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/cjps-aic> will be announced shortly.

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TENTATIVE CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

TIME	MON 16 JULY TOURS	TUE JULY 17	WED JULY 18 SOCIETY SESSIONS				THURS JULY 19 SOCIETY SESSIONS/TOURS		
AM	Tour: potash mine	CONFERENCE PLENARY SESSION ADAPTING CROPS TO CHANGE 8.40-9:00 am opening (2 x 10 min) 3 plenary talks 9.00-9:45 am (45 mins) 9.45-10.30 am (45 mins)	CSA 8:00-10:00 am	CSHS	CCA	AIC Closed/ Business/policy	CSA	CSHS/ NAFEX	CCA Diagnostic Tours.school --all day
BREAK		10.30-10.50 am	10:00-10.30 am						
		10.50-11.35 am (45 mins) Panel and open questions for 25 mins	10.30-12:00 noon			AIC Closed/ Business/policy			
LUNCH			Society Business Meetings and Awards Lunch (1.5 hrs)				END		
PM	Campus: Horticulture field plots Kernen Farm AAFC field PBI/NRC labs	SYMPOSIUM: TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER for the 21 st CENTURY 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm Two plenary speakers (45 min each)	1:30 – 3:00 pm			AIC Closed/ Business/policy		CSHS/ NAFEX	
BREAK		Canadian Light Source (U of S)	2:45 – 3:00 pm	2:45 – 3:00 pm	2:45 – 3:00 pm	3:00 – 3:15 pm	3:00 – 3:15 pm	3:00 – 3:15 pm	
			Tech Transfer and Adapting Wheat 3:00 – 3:30 pm 3:30 – 4:00 pm 4:00 – 4:30 pm	Tech Transfer and Adapting Oilseeds	Tech Transfer and Adapting Potatoes	3:15 – 5:00 pm		AIC Closed/ Business/policy	CSHS/ NAFEX
4:30-6.00 pm		Poster Session Wine and Cheese	Posters						
	RECEPTION (Geology Building)	Supper on Your Own	BANQUET (Marquis Hall)						