



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



2021 Annual Business Meeting

Virtual Zoom meeting
Tuesday June 8, 2021 2:15 pm - 4:15 pm CDT

Links in the Chat box:

Please sign in via Microsoft Forms: <https://forms.office.com/r/j3sJQ3JXsc>

Minutes from last year's ABM: <http://www.cspb-scbv.ca/documents/ABMminutes2020.pdf>

Spring CSPB-SCBV Bulletin: http://www.cspb-scbv.ca/bulletin/NewsBulletin_Issue30_06_2021.pdf

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President's Report Daphne Goring, University of Toronto

CSBP-SCBV 2020 Virtual Scientific Meeting (November 7, 2020)

- Plenary session with invited speakers, including two CSPB award winners
 - 2019 C.D. Nelson Award: Dr. Danielle Way
 - 2020 Carl Douglas Prize: Dr. Philip Carella
- Concurrent sessions with 64 oral presentations (from submitted abstracts)
- Student oral presentation competition: organized by Robin Cameron (CSPB VP) and Robert Mullen (CSPB ERD)
- Organizing Committee: Daphne Goring (Chair), David Bird, Philip Carella, Qing-Lai Dang, Jinsuk Lee, Ian Major, Jaideep Mathur, Adam Mott, Brendan O'Leary, Teagen Quilichini, Vera Velasco.
- Zoom hosts: Ian Major, Vera Velasco, Adam Mott, Heather McFarlane, Daphne Goring
- Concurrent Session Chairs: Teagen Quilichini, Yang Qu, Philip Carella, David Chiasson, Christian Danve Castroverde, Jin Suk Lee, Thomas Graham and Marina Cvetkovska.

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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).

Society Awards

- Winners for 2021 (under *Business arising*)

Promoting Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in CSPB-SCBV

- Report from Vice-President Robin Cameron

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Vice President's Report Robin Cameron, McMaster University

CSPB-SCBV 2021 Survey Results

Available in latest Bulletin & on new CSPB-SCBV website

189 responses (268 members, 137 full members)

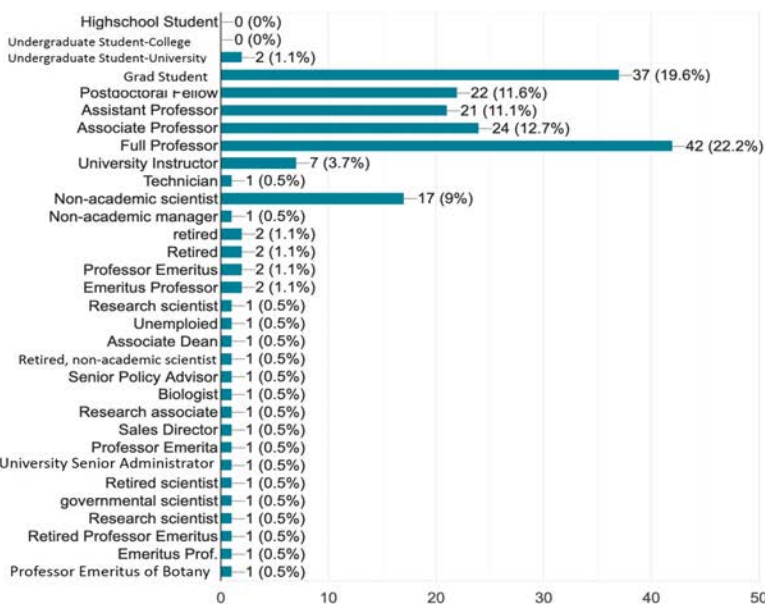
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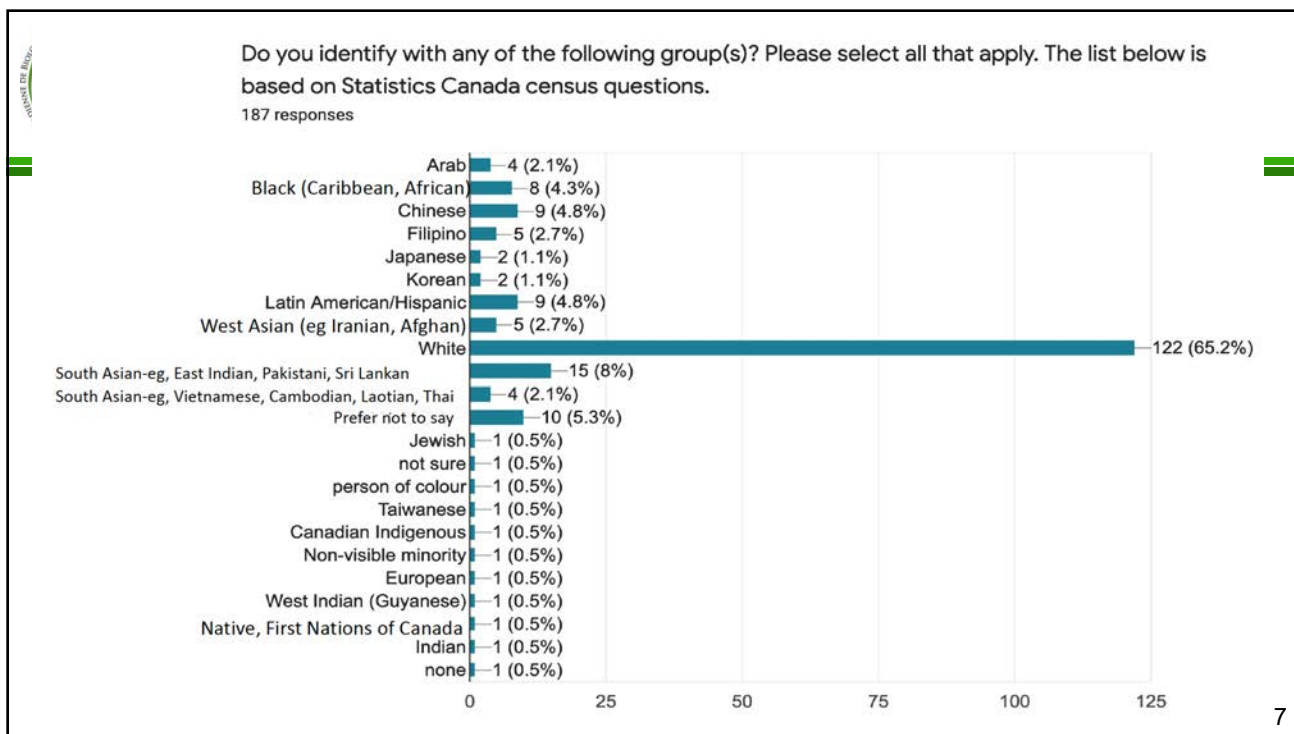
1. We identified who we are.
2. We identified barriers to full participation in CSPB/SCBV.
3. We obtained ideas to further enhance EDI and reduce barriers.
4. We identified volunteers for the new CSPB/SCBV EDI committee.



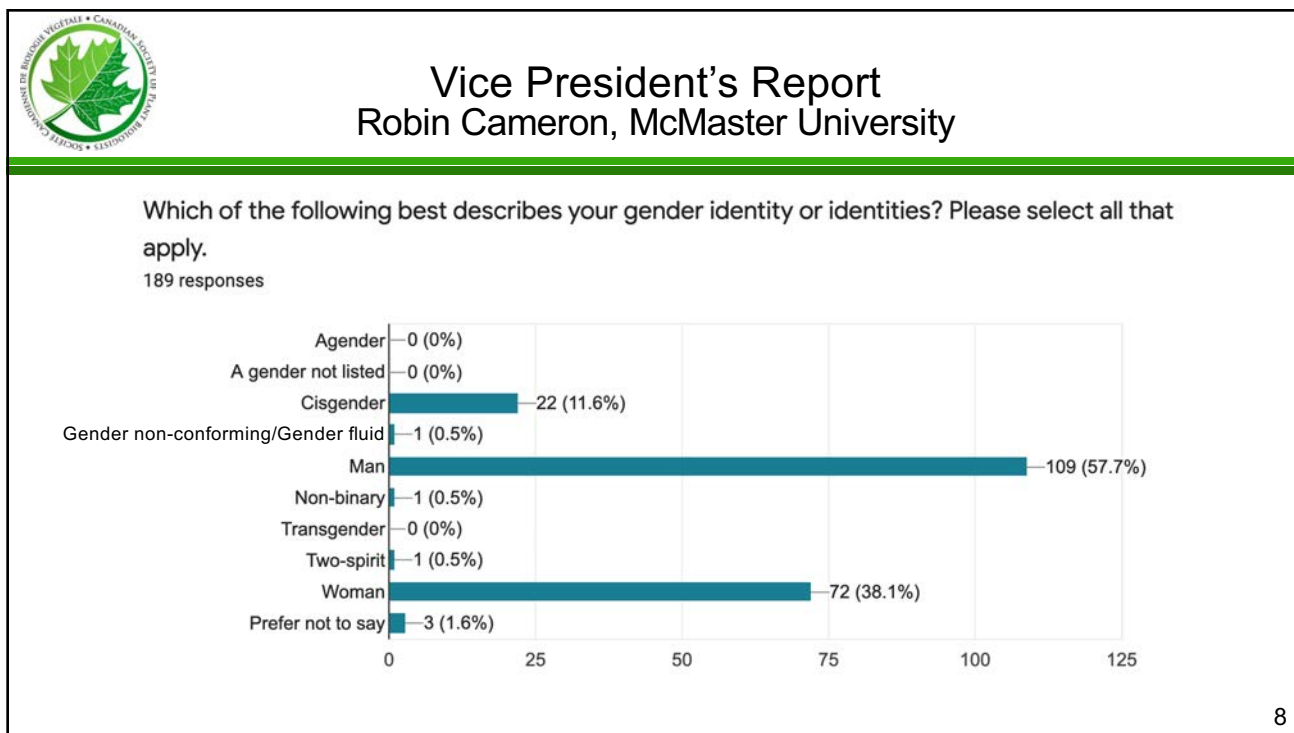
What is your job title?

189 responses





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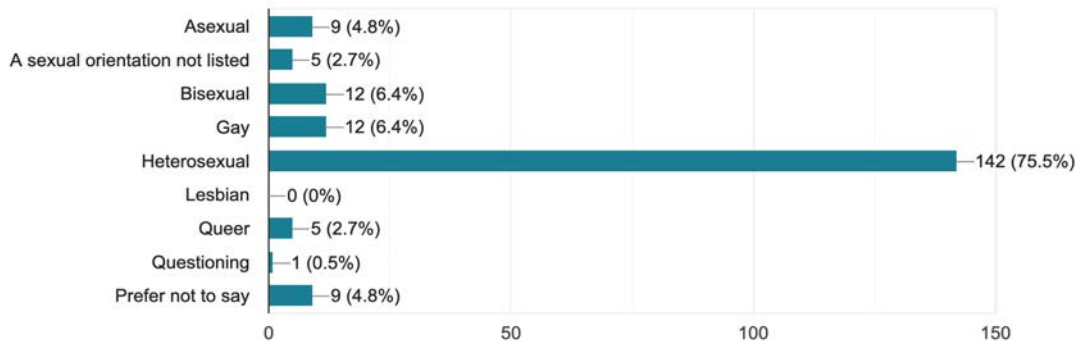
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Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation or identity? Please select all that apply.

188 responses



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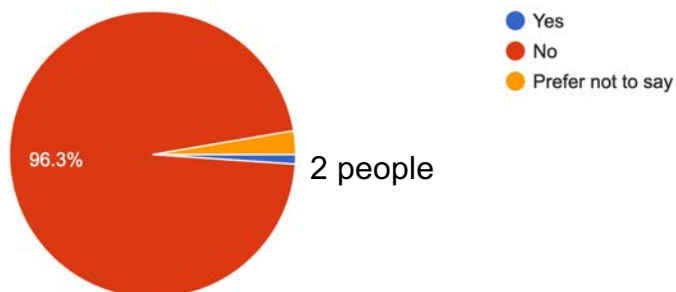
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Do you identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit)?

187 responses



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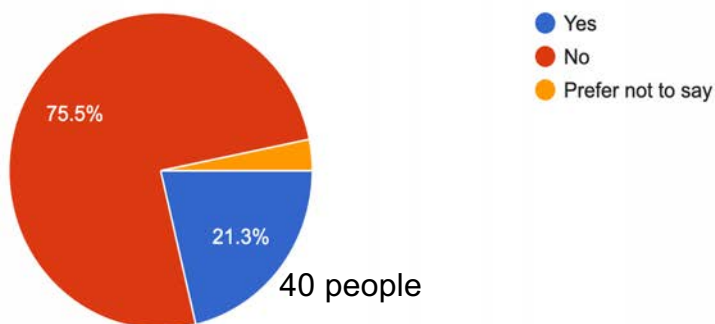
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Do you identify as a racialized person (or person of colour)?

188 responses



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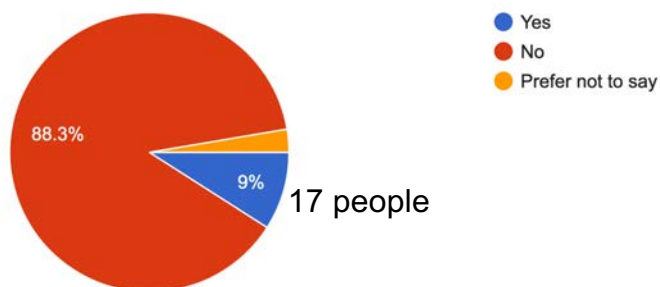
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Do you identify as a person with a disability? For the purposes of this survey, disability includes persons who have a long-term or recurring physical, ...hiatric, or learning impairment or chronic illness.

188 responses



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Barriers to participation mentioned more than once in survey:

1. No ability to present in French even though CSPB-SCBV is a bilingual society.
2. Executive positions given out informally among executive.
3. Must be nominated for Executive.
4. Need to enhance diversity of the Executive
 - Currently, the executive is white (5 women, 7 men).
 - Success for 2021-2022: new Executive nominees are diverse
 - Diversity on CSPB-SCBV committees: 44% women and 17% visible minorities.
5. Feeling unwelcome or not included at meetings.
6. Childcare needed at AGM.
7. More diversity in conference keynote, plenary speakers, topics & Award winners.

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EDI Committee working on ideas/solutions in response to 2021 EDI Survey

Committee Members for 2021-2022

Mehran Dastmalchi (McGill), Tagnon Missihoun (UQTR), Jaqueline Monaghan (Queens), Susan Murch (UBC), Devang Mehta (U Alberta, Pdf),
Adrian Monthony (Guelph, grad), VP (Robin Cameron)

If you have ideas, please email me (rcamero@mcmaster.ca)

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Treasurer's report 2020-2021 highlights

Sheila Macfie, Western University

Meetings with financial transactions this fiscal year:

- Plant Canada 2019 = \$48,806 profit to CSPB-SCBV
- ERM 2019 (Brock University) = \$5,272 profit
- Nov 2020 (virtual meeting) = \$2,184 net profit

Total conference revenue = \$56,262

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Treasurer's report 2020-2021 highlights

Sheila Macfie, Western University

Accounts:

- CIBC accounts = \$29,447
- IPC – CSPB-SCBV = \$195,356 incl. Duff, Douglas, Ibrahim & Spencer Funds ↑ 8.60%
- IPC – Ann Oaks Scholarship Fund = \$624,294 ↑ 10.93%
- PayPal accounts = \$28,104 incl. membership fees and donations

Total assets = \$877,202

Un-restricted funds = \$240,731

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Treasurer's report 2020-2021 highlights

Sheila Macfie, Western University

	Donations	Payments
CD Nelson Award		\$1,000
Mary E. Spencer Award	\$100	\$250
Carl Douglas Prize	\$1,480	\$500
Ragai Ibrahim Award		\$350
Ann Oaks Scholarship	\$410	\$21,000
Presidents' Awards		2 x \$500
Director's/Waygood Awards		2 x \$250
George Duff Travel Bursary	\$160	

Tax receipts issued for donations > \$10

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Sheila Macfie, Western University

Global Plant Council

- Fees \$1,000 USD per year = \$1,335 CAN

We withdrew independent membership in the GPC this year

Partnership Group for Science & Engineering

- Fees \$520.45 per year (annual increase of 1.04% suspended this year)

Website

- Fees \$2,157 (domain, platform & management)

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Treasurer's report 2020-2021 highlights

Sheila Macfie, Western University

Accounting

- Not-for-profit corporations (<\$1 million/yr) must undergo an annual review engagement (> \$5,000) or a compilation engagement (< \$2,000)
- Engagement = financial statements generated by an accountant
- We are following a 5-yr cycle (revue, comp, **comp**, comp, comp)
- We also pay accountants to submit two tax returns (charity and corporation; included in prices above)

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2021-2022 Proposed Budget - revenues

- Membership dues, donations ~ \$17,500
- Conference profits ~ \$9,000
- ICP (CSPB-SCBV + Oaks) ~ \$12,300 **if only a 1.5% gain**

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2021-2022 Proposed Budget - expenses

- Bank, credit card, PayPal, website fees (~ \$2,000)
- Dues, insurance, accounting (~ \$2,800)
- Conference seed money (~ \$9,000)
- Bursaries, Awards + Scholarship (~ \$34,075)
- Executive expenses (~ \$4,000)

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Activity	Actual 2020-2021	Estimated 2021-2022
Revenue	\$193,592.14	~ \$36,800
Expenses	(\$64,895.98)	~(\$53,966)
Net gain/loss	\$128,696.16	~(\$13,635)

Last year was unusual:
 Very high profit from Plant Canada 2019
 No Duff Travel Bursaries

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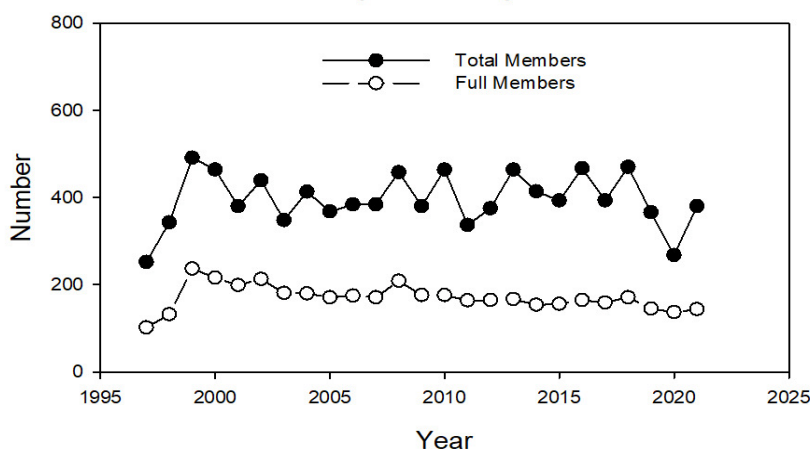
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Treasurer's report 2020-2021 highlights

Sheila Macfie, Western University

Membership as at May 15, 2021



380 Total members

144 Full members

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Treasurer's report, Motions

Sheila Macfie, Western University

Treasurer Motions:

Motion 3. That the CSPB-SCBV members accept the 2020-2021 Treasurer's report and that the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year be approved.

Motion 4. 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.

Motion 5. That the CSPB-SCBV members approve granting Robin Cameron, as incoming President, signing authority on our CIBC accounts.

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Communications Director's Report

Susanne Kohalmi, Western University (Presented by Daphne Goring)

- Spring CSPB-SCBV Bulletin - sent out on Monday.
 - http://www.cspb-scbv.ca/bulletin/NewsBulletin_Issue30_06_2021.pdf
- Launch of the New CSPB-SCBV Website/Membership management system - next week!
 - Susanne Kohalmi (WU), Lauren Erland (UBC), Michael Stasiak (U Guelph).
 - Bilingual version updates will follow in the next few weeks.
 - Integrates membership registrations within the website.
 - Will be used to post issues of the CSPB-SCBV Bulletin.
 - Plans to be develop more links to educational tools and information.
 - Can integrate conference registrations within this system.
 - Post advertisements for positions.
 - Always looking for your feedback and suggestions for further uses.



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Eastern Regional Director's Report

Robert Mullen, University of Guelph

CSPB-SCBV 2020 Virtual Scientific Meeting (November 7, 2020)

- Student Presentation Awards:
 - Presidents' Award: Harley Gordon, U. Victoria. *CRISPR/Cas9 Knockout of salicinoid biosynthetic gene UGT71L1 in Poplar reveals dramatic effects on metabolism and growth.*
 - Eastern Regional Director's Award: Monika Jesionowska, U. Guelph. *Exploring protein-protein interactions within the ICE-CBF-COR pathway of Vitis riparia.*
 - Agrisera Award: Hui Tung Janis Cheng, Queens U. *Arabidopsis preferentially responds to the flg22 epitopes of g- and b-proteobacteria.*
 - Honorable Mentions:
 - J. Duncan Giebelhaus, U. Alberta. *Gibberellin Regulation of Protein Accumulation in Developing Pea Seeds.*
 - Jan Xue, U. British Columbia. *Identification and Functional Characterization of a Cellulose Synthase (CESA) from the Red Alga Calliarthron tuberculosum.*
 - Nour Nissan, AAFC-Ottawa. *Soybean Cyst Nematode (SCN): Overcoming the Tiny Beast Below the Surface.*

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Eastern Regional Director's Report Robert Mullen, University of Guelph

CSBP/SCBV 2020 Virtual Scientific Meeting (November 7, 2020)

- We wish to thank our judges for their participation:
 - Catherine Cullingham, Mehran Dastmalchi, George DiCenzo, Susanne Kohalmi, Tagnon Missihoun, Greg Moorhead, Annette Nassuth, Francois Ouellet, Lacey Samuels, Elizabeth Weretilnyk, Olivia Wilkins, Glen Uhrig
 - Robert Mullen, Eastern Regional Director & Robin Cameron, Vice-President
Student Presentation Competition Organizers

Upcoming Eastern Regional Meetings

- Nov 2021 Carleton U (Virtual): Shelley Hepworth, Owen Rowland
- Nov 2022 UT Scarborough: Sonia Gazzarrini (Chair), Eliana Gonzales-Vigil, Adam Mott
- Nov 2023 Concordia U: Jin Suk Lee (Chair), Patrick Gulick, Selvadurai Dayanandan, William Zerges

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Science Policy Director's Report Owen Rowland, Carleton University

- Long-term strategic planning for NSERC (NSERC 2030)
 - Second phase of consultations
- PAGSE: The Partnership Group for Science and Engineering
 - <https://pagse.org/>

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5a. 2021 Award Announcements (Presented by Daphne Goring) 2021 Society Gold Medal

In recognition of outstanding career research and leadership contributions, primarily in Canada.

Dr. Vincenzo De Luca, Brock University

- Canada Research Chair (Tier I) in Plant Biochemistry and Biotechnology
- Outstanding career research contributions to the field of plant biochemistry, notably towards understanding the metabolic pathways involved in the biosynthesis of the anticancer drug vinblastine in the medicinal plant *Catharanthus roseus*
- Impressive career contributions to the plant biology community (including CSPB executive, organization of society meetings, grant selection panels)
 - 2013-15 President, Canadian Society of Plant Biologists
 - 2011-13 Vice President, Canadian Society of Plant Biologists



Thank you to the Society Gold Medal award committee for adjudicating this award

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5a. 2021 Award Announcements (Presented by Daphne Goring) 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.

Dr. Isabel Desgagné-Penix, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières

- Canada Research Chair (Tier II) in Plant Specialized Metabolism.
- Partnership Research Chair in Microalgae Metabolic Engineering.
- Outstanding research contributions elucidating biosynthetic pathways for plant secondary metabolites with valued bioactive properties and metabolic engineering of microalgae to synthesize these secondary metabolites.
- Impressive innovative research accomplishments, leadership and mentoring roles in the science community.



Thank you to the C.D. Nelson award committee for adjudicating this award

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5a. 2021 Award Announcements (Presented by Daphne Goring) 2021 Carl Douglas Prize

Outstanding contributions to plant biology by a postdoctoral fellow, based on initiative and originality of the research, productivity of the individual, and leadership during their postdoctoral fellowship

Dr. Yang Xu, Michigan State University

- Outstanding research contributions to plant and algal lipid biochemistry and biotechnology.
- 29 peer-reviewed papers (14 first/co-first-author papers)
- Impressive leadership contributions
- International collaborations, participation in grant writing, mentoring graduate students



Thank you to the Carl Douglas Prize committee for adjudicating this award

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5a. 2021 Award Announcements (Presented by Robin Cameron) 2021 Ragai Ibrahim Award for Best Student Paper

Excellence in publication by graduate students

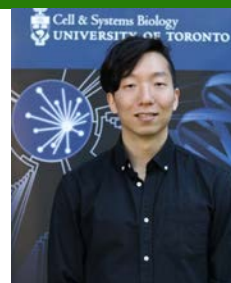
Winner: Dr. Hyun Kyung Lee (Daphne Goring lab, U of T)

- for the paper entitled “Two subgroups of receptor-like kinases promote early compatible pollen responses in the *Arabidopsis thaliana* pistil.”

Honorable mention: Dr. Carina Carianopol (Sonia Gazzarrini Lab, UTSc)

- for the paper entitled “An abscisic acid-responsive protein interaction network for sucrose non-fermenting related kinase1 in abiotic stress response.”

Thank you to the Ragai Ibrahim Award committee for adjudicating this award



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5d. Future CSPB-SCBV Meetings

Annual Meetings

Vice President: Robin Cameron, Master University

- 2022 Joint CSPB/ASPB meeting in Portland, Oregon
- 2023 CSPB at Dalhousie U: Sophia Stone & Colleagues
- 2024 Plant Canada, TBD

Western Regional Meetings

Western Regional Director: Douglas Muench, University of Calgary

- Dec 2021 U Alberta (Virtual): Glen Uhrig, Gavin Chen

Eastern Regional Meetings

- already covered by Eastern Regional Director Robert Mullen

- Nov 2021 Carleton U (Virtual)
- Nov 2022 UT Scarborough
- Nov 2023 Concordia U

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6a. Senior Director's Report

Jean-Benoit Charron, McGill University (Presented by Daphne Goring)

Elections of Officers & Committee members

1. Outgoing Committee Members
2. 2021-2022 Board Membership
 - Nominations
 - Vice President
 - Eastern Regional Director
 - Science Policy Director
 - Senior Director
 - Continuing terms -Treasurer
 - Communications Director
 - Education Director
3. Committee Nominations

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Elections of Officers & Committee members

1. Outgoing Committee Members

- *Past President*: Geoff Wasteneys (UBC)
- *Eastern Regional Director*: Robert Mullen (Guelph)
- *Science Policy Director*: Owen Roland (Carleton)
- *Senior Director*: Jean-Benoit Charron (McGill)
- *Ann Oaks Scholarship Committee*: George Espie (Toronto)
- *C.D. Nelson Award Committee*: Darrell Desveaux (Toronto)
- *Communications Committee*: Mehran Dastmalchi (McGill)
- *David J. Gifford Tree Biology Award Committee*: Uwe Hacke (Alberta)
- *Education Committee*: Tamara L Western (McGill) and Joseph Colasanti (Guelph)
- *Gleb Krotkov Award Committee*: Nicholas Provart (Toronto)
- *Nominating Committee*: Marcus Samuel (Calgary)
- *Ragai Ibrahim Award Committee*: Christopher Todd (Saskatchewan)
- *Carl Douglas Prize committee*: Eliana Gonzales-Vigil (Toronto)
- *Mary Spencer Award committee*: Line Lapointe (Laval)

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Elections of Officers & Committee members

2. 2021-2022 Board of Directors

- Open positions - Vice President
 - Eastern Regional Director
 - Science Policy Director
 - Senior Director
- Call for nominations (May 14, 2021)
- A few members showed interested in the Science Policy Director & Senior Director positions but did not wish to proceed to an election by secret ballot at the ABM.

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Jean-Benoit Charron, McGill University (Presented by Daphne Goring)

Elections of Officers & Committee members * *Members agreeing to continue*
** *Nominees*

2. 2021-2022 Board of Directors

- **President:** Robin Cameron (McMaster U, 2023)
- **Vice-President:** ***Marcus Samuel (U Calgary, 2023)*
- **Past President:** Daphne Goring (Toronto U, 2023)
- **Secretary:** David Bird (Mount Royal U, 2022)
- **Treasurer:** **Sheila Macfie (Western U, 2023)*
- **Communications Director:** **Susanne Kohalmi (Western U, 2023)*
- **Eastern Regional Director:** ***Sophia Stone (Dalhousie U, 2023)*
- **Western Regional Director:** Doug Muench (Calgary U, 2022)
- **Science Policy Director:** ***Gopal Subramaniam (AAFC, 2023)*
- **Education Director:** **Steven Chatfield (U Toronto, 2023)*
- **Student/PDF Rep:** Jennifer Hoogenboom (U Guelph U, 2022)
- **Senior Director:** ***Mehran Dastmalchi (McGill U, 2023)*

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Jean-Benoit Charron, McGill University (Presented by Daphne Goring)

3. Election of Committee members: *Nominees are underlined*

Ann Oaks Scholarship

Harold Weger (Regina) Chair 2018-2022
Elizabeth Weretilnyk (McMaster) Co-Chair 2018- 2022
Doug Campbell (Mt Allison) 2019-2023
George Espie (Toronto) 2017-2021
Jean-Benoit Charron (McGill) 2021-2025

Sheila Macfie (Western Ontario) Treasurer 2021-2023

C.D. Nelson Award

Sylvie Renault (Manitoba) Chair 2019-2022
Jaswinder Singh (McGill) 2020-2023
Isabel Desgagné Pénix (UQTR) 2021-2024

Communications

Susanne Kohalmi (Western) Chair 2021-2023
Jacqueline Monaghan (Queens) 2019-2022
Elizabeth Brauer (AAFC) 2019-2022
Ian Major (NRCan) 2021-2024
David Bird (Mount Royal) Secretary 2020-2022
Lauren Erdand (UBC) 2021-2024 website administrator

David J. Gifford Tree Biology Award

Barbara Hawkins (UVic) Chair 2019-2022
Nathalie Isabel (NRC) 2020-2025
Thorsen Knipfer (UBC) 2021-2026

Education

Steven Chatfield (Toronto) Chair 2021-2023
Abel Rosado (UBC) 2019-2022
Mebarek Lamara (UQAT) 2021-2024
Robin Young (UBC) 2021-2024

Gleb Krotkov Award

Belay T. Ayele (Manitoba) Chair 2018-2022
Peta Bonham-Smith (Saskatchewan) 2019-2024
Yang Qu (UNB) 2021-2026

Nominating

Mehran Dastmalchi (McGill) Chair 2021-2023
Heater McFarlane (Toronto) 2020-2023
Liana Song (UBC) 2021-2024

Ragai Ibrahim Award

Pascale Beauregard (Sherbrooke) Chair 2019-2022
Adam Mott (Toronto) 2020-2023
Marina Cvetkovska (Ottawa) 2021-2024
Jennifer Hoogenboom (Guelph) Student/postdoc rep 2020-2022

Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Mehran Dastmalchi (McGill) 2021-2023
Tagnon Missihoun (UQTR) 2021-2023
Jacqueline Monaghan (Queen's) 2021
Susan Murch (UBC) 2021-2022
Devang Mehta (Alberta) 2021 postdoc
Adrian Monthony (Guelph) 2021 grad student

Carl Douglas Prize

Chris Ambrose (Saskatchewan) Chair 2019-2022
Christian Castroverde (Laurier) 2020-2023
Valerio Hovos-Villegas (McGill) 2021-2024

Mary Spencer Award

Shelley Lumba (Toronto) Chair 2018-2023
Janusz Zwiazek (Alberta) 2019-2024
Teagen Quilichini (NRC) 2021-2026

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Elections of Officers & Committee members: **Additional Nominations?**

Board of Directors:

- Vice President
- Eastern Regional Director
- Science Policy Director
- Senior Director

Committees:

- Ann Oaks Scholarship Committee
- Communications Committee
- Education Committee
- C.D. Nelson Award
- David J. Gifford Award for Tree Biology
- Gleb Krotkov Award Committee
- Ragai Ibrahim Award
- Carl Douglas Prize
- Nominating
- Mary Spencer Award
- Equity Diversity and Inclusion

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Senior Director: **Motion to accept nominations**

Jean-Benoit Charron, McGill University (Presented by Daphne Goring)

Motion 6. Be it resolved that the slate of nominations listed below be accepted:

• Board of Directors:

- Vice President:
 - **Marcus Samuel**
- Eastern Regional Director:
 - **Sophia Stone**
- Science Policy Director:
 - **Gopal Subramaniam**
- Senior Director:
 - **Mehran Dastmalchi**

• Committees:

- Ann Oaks Scholarship: **Jean-Benoit Charron**
- Communications: **Lauren Erland & Ian Major**
- Education: **Mebarek Lamara & Robin Young**
- C.D. Nelson Award: **Isabel Desgagné Pénix**
- David J. Gifford Award for Tree Biology: **Thorsen Knipfer**
- Gleb Krotkov Award: **Yang Qu**
- Ragai Ibrahim Award: **Marina Cvetkovska**
- Carl Douglas Prize: **Valério Hoyos-Villegas**
- Mary Spencer Award: **Teagen Quilichini**
- Nominating: **Liang Song**
- Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee: **Mehran Dastmalchi, Tagnon Missihoun, Jaqueline Monaghan, Susan Murch, Devang Mehta, Adrian Monthony**

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"Passing" of the President's Gavel



Outgoing President Daphne Goring



Incoming President Robin Cameron

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10. Announcement of Incoming Executive meeting
11. Adjournment

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Agenda

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2. Accept agenda (Motion 1)
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11. Adjournment (Motion 7)

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