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**EASTERN PLANT BOARD**

**98th ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**

**Hilton Burlington Lake Champlain**

60 Battery St., Burlington, VT 05401

**MONDAY APRIL 1, 2024**

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| **Time** | **Topic** |
|  | Travel |
| 5:00–7:00 PM | Registration |
| 7:00–9:00 PM | **Reception** (light hors d’oeuvres and drinks) – Lake Champlain Salon |

**TUESDAY APRIL 2, 2024**

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| **Time** | **Topic** |
| 7:00–8:00 AM | **Breakfast (provided)** – Prefunction |
| 8:00–8:15 AM | **Housekeeping, Welcome** – Adirondack AB |
|  | **BREAK OUT SESSIONS** |
| 8:15–10:00 AM | **EPB Members only** – Adirondack AB |
| **APHIS, PPQ Meeting–PPQ Lead** – Montpelier B |
| **CBP Meeting, CBP Lead** – Montpelier C |
| **HIS Meeting** – Adirondack C |
| **CAPS Meeting** – Adirondack D |
| 10:00–10:30 AM | **Break** |
| 10:30–12:00 | **EPB Members only** – Adirondack AB |
| **APHIS, PPQ Meeting–PPQ Lead** – Montpelier B |
| **CBP Meeting, CBP Lead** – Montpelier C |
| **HIS Meeting** – Adirondack C |
| **CAPS Meeting** – Adirondack D |
| 12:00–1:30 | **Lunch** (on your own) |
| **JOINT WELCOME SESSION** Adirondack AB*Moderator: Joe Zoltowski, New Jersey Department of Agriculture* |
| 1:30–1:40 | **EPB Welcome**Gary Fish, Eastern Plant Board PresidentMaine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry |
| 1:40-2:00 | **Vermont State Welcome** Steven Dwinell, Director, Public Health & Agricultural Resource Management DivisionVermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and MarketsRoy Beckford, Extension Director, University of Vermont |
| 2:00-2:20 | **View from the National Plant Board**Piera Siegert, National Plant Board Vice PresidentNew Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food |
| 2:20-2:40 | **PPQ Field Operations Update**Carlos Martinez, Associate Deputy Administrator, USDA–APHIS–PPQ |
| 2:40-3:00 | **Customs and Border Protection Update**Dr. Romelito Lapitan, Director Office of Field Operations, Agriculture Programs and Trade Liaison, US Department of Homeland Security, Customs & Border Protection  |
| 3:00–3:15 | **BREAK** Door Prizes |
| 3:15–3:45 | **Canadian Food and Inspection Agency (CFIA)** **National and Regional Update**Patricia McAllister, National Manager, Horticulture Section, Canadian Food Inspection Agency |
| 3:45–4:05 | **US Forest Service Update** Michael Bohne, USDA FS Forest Health Group Leader, Durham, NH Field Office  |
| 4:05 – 4:25 | **Risk Based Sampling at Ports of Entry (RBS POE) Program**Bruce Cheong, Senior Agriculture Operations Manager, Systems Integration & Data Analytics, Agriculture Programs and Trade Liaison, Office of Field Operations, Customs & Border ProtectionBarney Caton, Pest Exclusion Analysis Coordinator, USDA APHIS PPQ |
| 4:25–5:00 | **Maple Industry Health Update**Mark Isselhardt, University of Vermont Extension Maple Specialist |
| Dinner on your own |

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 3, 2024**

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| **Time** | **Topic** |
| 7:00–8:00 | Breakfast (provided) – Prefunction |
| **EASTERN PLANT BOARD MEETING – *Pest Updates***Adirondack AB*Moderator: Vicki Smith, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station* |
| 8:00–8:45 | **Box Tree Moth – Panel Discussion**Chris Logue, Director, Division Plant Industry, NY Agriculture and MarketsTaryn LaScola, Director, Division of Crop & Pest Services, MA Dept. of Agricultural ResourcesRuss Bulluck, National Operations Manager,USDA, APHIS PPQ Scott Pfister, Lab Director Forest Pest Methods Lab, USDA, APHIS PPQPatricia McAllister, National Manager, Horticulture Section, Canadian Food Inspection Agency |
| 8:45–9:05 | **Elm Zigzag Sawfly Program Update**Lawrence Barringer, Entomologist, Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture |
| 9:05–9:25 | **Yellow Legged Hornet (*Vespa velutina*) Update**Kim Dean, SC State Plant Health Director, USDA APHIS PPQ |
| 9:25–9:45 | **PCIT – What's new with PCIT?** Christian Dellis, Deputy Director, USDA–APHIS–PPQ  |
| 9:45-10:05 | **European/Spanish Slug** (*Arion vulgaris)*Ryan Vazquez, National Operations Manager, USDA APHIS, PPQ  |
|  10:05-10:20 | **BREAK**Door Prizes |
| 10:20–11:00 | **Rose Mosaic Virus – The 2023 Spring Interruption**Deborah Hayes, Nursery Inspector, Maryland Dept. of AgricultureJamie Legg, Quarantine Program Manager, Arizona Dept. of AgricultureDr. Mark Whendam, Univ. of Tennessee, Dept. of Entomology & Plant Pathology, retired |
| 11:00-12:00 | **USDA and CFIA****Pest Issues – What are the regulatory outcomes of new pest detections?** Nichole Carrier, National Operations Manager, USDA APHIS PPQ Bruno Gallant, Senior Legislative Officer, Invasive Alien Species & Domestic Plant Programs Section, Canadian Food Inspection Agency  |
| 12:00  | **Lunch on your own**  |
| 1:00–5:00 | **Field Trips**  **ECHO Science Center OR Natural History Tour (self-guided)****Shelburne Farms – FULL – meet in lobby at 2:45 pm**  |
| 7:00  | **Banquet**, Hilton Burlington Lake Champlain, Lake Champlain Salon |

**THURSDAY APRIL 4, 2024**

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| **Time** | **Topic** |
| 7:00–8:00 | Breakfast (provided) – Prefunction |
| **EASTERN PLANT BOARD MEETING** Adirondack AB*Moderator: Chris Logue,* *New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets* |
| 8:00–8:20 | **EPB Members on NPB Committee Updates**(NCC, P. ramorum, Cooperative Agreement, SANC, and others) |
| 8:20–8:40 | **EAB Biocontrol Update**Nicole Sawallich, Biological Science Technician,USDA APHIS PPQ |
| 8:40-9:00 | **CBP, PPQ and the States – How do we work together on port detections? *– Local Level***Rachel Nyce, ME State Plant Health Director, USDA APHIS PPQ Baljeet Kaur, Agriculture Operation Manager, CBP Gary Fish, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry |
| 9:00-9:20 | **PPA 7721 Update – What’s new with the program?**Glorimar Marrero, Assistant National Policy Manager, USDA APHIS PPQ |
| 9:20-9:40 | **Sea Container Initiative**Wendy Beltz, Field Operations Director, USDA APHIS PPQ  |
| 9:40–10:00 | **Flighted Spongy Moth Complex** Dr. Yunke Wu, Cooperative Biological Scientist, Forest Pest Methods Lab,USDA APHIS PPQ  |
| 10:00–10:20 | **Jumping Worms Update** Dr. Josef Gorres, Associate Professor, University of Vermont |
| 10:20–10:35 | **Ginseng**Judy Rosovsky, Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food and MarketsDoug Zahno, US Customs and Border Protection  |
| 10:35-10:40 | **2025 Eastern Plant Board Meeting – Welcome to Delaware**Jessica Munski, Plant Industries Program Administrator, DE Dept. of Agriculture |
| 10:40–10:50 | **BREAK**Door Prizes |
| 10:50–11:10 | **HIS Report (joint)** |
| 11:10–11:30 | **CAPS Report (joint)** |
| 11:30–12:00 | **EPB Meeting/Wrap Up,** *Members only* |