October 10, 2018

Registration 5–7 p.m.
Registration Fee $150.00
Cash and Checks Accepted
No Host Cocktails 5–7 p.m.
Hors’ d’oeuvres Sponsored by Oro Agri Inc.
Dinner: Individual Arrangements
Food Available on Site

Montana was designated as a territory on May 26, 1864 and entered into statehood on November 8, 1889 as the 41st state in the union.

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Welcome to Big Sky Country! Also known as “The Last Best Place!”
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Breakfast available on your own

08:00AM Gadi V.P. Reddy—Welcome/Announcements

08:20AM W-4185 Update from Laura C. Lavine

08:40AM Robert M. Nowierski—USDA-NIFIA: The Status of Classical Biological Control of Weeds: One Step Forward and Two Steps Back

09:00AM Robert S. Pfannenstiel—USDA-APHIS: Updates on Permitting and the Regulation of Biological Control

09:20AM Lincoln Smith—USDA-EBCL: European Biological Control Laboratory - Recent Highlights

09:40AM Francesca Marini —BBCA, Italy: An Overview of the Research Activities Performed by BBCA

10:00-10:30 Morning break provided

10:30AM Harriet L. Hinz—CABI Bioscience Switzerland: Update of Work at CABI

11:00AM Norman C Leppla—University of Florida: *Ephestia kuehniella* Larval Diets Affect Host Egg and Parasitoid Quality but not Selection of Eggs for Parasitism by *Trichogramma brassicae*

11:20AM Mark S. Hoddle—University of California, Riverside: Leaning In: The Case for Proactive Biocontrol

11:40AM Houston Wilson—University of California, Riverside: Biological Control of Vineyards Leafhoppers in California

12:00—1:00 Lunch provided in the East Divide room

01:00PM Mark G. Wright—University of Hawaii: Response of *Trichogramma papilionis* to Plant Volatiles Associated with Lepidoptera Oviposition

01:15PM Ross H. Miller—University of Guam: Report of Biocontrol Activities in Micronesia

01:25PM Adler R. Dillman—University of California, Riverside: Entomopathogenic Nematodes in Biological Control

01:40PM Arash Rashed—University of Idaho: Soil Type Mediates the Efficacy of Entomopathogens Against Wireworms

01:55PM Atoosa Nikoukar—University of Idaho: Efficacy Evaluations of Commercial and Field Collected Entomopathogenic Nematodes against Wireworms

02:05PM Ramandeep Kaur Sandhi—Montana State University: Exploring the Possibilities of Using Entomopathogenic Nematodes for Wireworms Management

Glacier National Park was established by President Taft in 1910

Bitterroot—The Montana State Flower
02:15PM Govinda Shrestha—Montana State University: Biological Control of Wheat Midge and Pea Leaf Weevil

02:25PM Anamika Sharma—Montana State University: Biocontrol of Wireworms and Canola Insects

**2:35-3:00 Afternoon break provided, sponsored by MSU**

03:00PM Kent M. Daane—University of California: Does an Invasive Spider Disrupt Native Spiders in Vineyard Bio-control; and Brian Hogg—USDA-ARS, Western Regional Research Center: Invasive Species and Pollinator Health, Albany, CA

03:25PM David Morgan—California Department of Food & Agriculture: Update on Asian Citrus Psyllid Biological Control Activities in California

03:40PM Silvia Rondon and Pahoua Yang—Oregon State University: Searching Colorado Potato Beetle Natural Enemies

03:55PM John Kaltenbach—Colorado Department of Agriculture: Emerald Ash Borer Biological Control

04:10PM Massimo Cristofaro—BBCA, Italy: Biological Control of Saltcedar: Back to the future!

04:25PM Paul Pratt—USDA-ARS, Albany: The Arrival of *Aceria genistae* in California: Distribution, Damage to Scotch broom and Ecological Host Range

04:40PM Paul Ode—Colorado State University: Are Two Agents Better Than One?: Interaction Among Gall-forming Insects, and Updates on the 2019 Meeting

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**Dinner provided**

5:30-7:30 pm

in the East Divide Room

Guest speaker Pat Hagen:

“Grizzly Details” 6:30 pm

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Montana has the largest migratory elk herd in the nation
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7:00-8:20 Breakfast provided in the East Divide room

08:20AM René Sforza—USDA-ARS, EBCL: Recent Advances on the Biology, Host Testing and Genetics of a Weevil Candidate on French Broom

08:40AM John Gaskin—USDA-ARS, Sydney: Genetic Insights to Weed Invasion: Dyer’s Wood and Hybrid Trees

09:00AM Sharlene Sing—USFS, Bozeman, MT: Toadflax Biocontrol: Past, Present and Future

09:20AM Zeynep Ozsoy—Colorado Mesa University: Another Tamarisk Specialist: Taxonomy and Biology of Coniatus sp. Found in North America)

09:40AM Alex Gaffke—Montana State University: Update on the Semiochemical Manipulation of Diorhabda carinulata

09:55AM Amanda Stahlke—University of Idaho: Insight Gained from the Genome of Tamarisk Leaf Beetle (Diorhabda spp)

10:10-10:40 Morning break provided—Sponsored by Oro Agri Inc.

10:40AM Jeff Littlefield—Montana State University: Establishment and Potential Impact of the Rush Skeleton Weed Root Moth in Idaho

11:00AM Neelendra Joshi—University of Arkansas: Biological Control of Arthropod Pests in Tree Fruit Production System

11:20AM Natalie West—USDA-ARS, Sidney, MT: Let’s Talk About Old Friends: Whitetop, Russian Olive, and Leafy Spurge

11:40AM Dan Bean—Colorado Department of Agriculture: Canada Thistle Biocontrol Using a Rust Fungus

12:00PM Business Meeting

Concluding Remarks, Discussion and Announcements

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