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PLANT SCIENCE

We are back!!!



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TOP NEWS OF THE MONTH

WELCOME NEW PEOPLE

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We are happy to welcome to our team new technicians, graduate students and newly admitted students.

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WELCOME NEW PEOPLE

APRIL 2024

>>> WHO IS NEW?

NOAH VAN DEN DRIESHE IS THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FOR NEW PERMANENT TECHNICIAN IN DR. DILANTHA'S LAB REPLACING PAULA PARKS.

SHARLENE MACCOY IS STARTING AS A NEW FULL TIME CONTINUING TECHNICIAN IN DR. YVONNE LAWLEY'S LAB GROUP ON JANUARY 8, 2024.

>>> Newly admitted students:

September 2023:

Kaitlyn Pidherny, MSc.

January 2024:

Madeline Lee, MSc.

Dayna Wozny, MSc.

Ramanpreet Brar, MSc.

>>> GRADUATED STUDENTS

October 2023 Grads:

Samantha Curtis, MSc.

Madison McCausland, MSc.

Ehsanul Haq, MSc.

February 2024 Grads:

Samadhi Jayarathna, MSc.

Virginia Janzen, MSc.

Ramanpreet, Ramanpreet MSc.

Leila Kamino, Ph.D.

EAGLESTS, 2023

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PLANTS SCIENCE EVENTS

➤➤➤ ADVANCED PLANT SCIENCE SEMINAR SCHEDULE



APRIL 4TH, THURSDAY AT 3:00PM IN ROOM 130

Pratisara Bajracharya,
Pesticide Minor Use and Regulatory Specialist, Manitoba Agriculture
Special Crops- Challenges and Opportunities



APRIL 11TH, THURSDAY AT 3:00PM IN ROOM 130

Dr. Nasem Badreldin, Assistant Professor, Department of Soil Science,
University of Manitoba
Innovations in Crop Yield Prediction



APRIL 18TH, THURSDAY AT 3:00PM IN ROOM 130

Dr. Xiben Wang, Research Scientist, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada,
Morden
Fusarium head blight of oat in western Canada – Fusarium species complex, mycotoxins and disease resistance

- For all seminars coffee will be served at 2:30pm in the Agriculture Atrium

➤➤➤ SAFETY SEMINAR

The annual safety seminar is on **April 29th 2024 at 9am** till noon in Auditorium Room 172, Agriculture Building. This is a **mandatory** attendance for everyone in the department be it students, staff, postdocs or faculty. It will be recorded for anyone starting at a later date during the year. **It is essential for everyone to complete this training!**

SAFETY SEMINAR AGENDA:

- 9:00-9:10 Department Head greeting (Doug)
- 9:10-9:20 Incident Reporting (Lauren)
- 9:20-9:35 WHMIS (Ralph)
- 9:35-9:50 Sexual Harassment (Meagan Bowman)
- 9:50-10:30 Break (coffee and cookies)
- 10:30-10:45 Biosecurity (Jason-Glenlea)
- 10:45-11:00 Greenhouse (Parneet)
- 11:00-11:15 Ticks and Insect bites (Kateryn)
- 11:15-11:30 General Safety (Parneet)

➤➤➤ SAFETY SEMINAR AT CARMAN

The Safety orientation will be on **May 1st**:

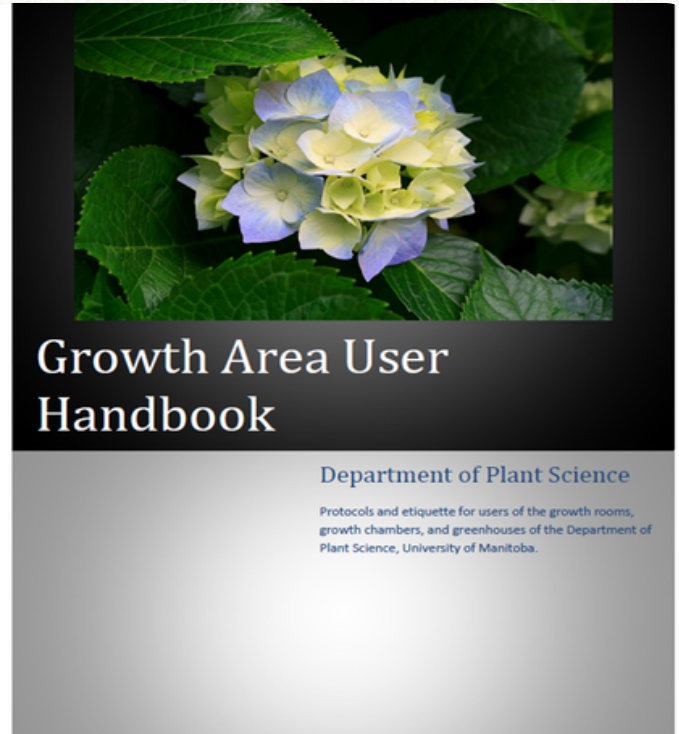
- 9:00-9:30 Coffee break
- 9:30-12:00 Presentations featuring Justice, Sheldon, Jason from Glenlea, Local Fire Chief.

Link for registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/htF2CXEvSW>



BI-ANNUAL GREENHOUSE ORIENTATION

April 29th at 3:00 pm we will be having the spring information session for all new (and old!) technicians, Post Docs, Research associates, Graduate students and summer students who spend time working in the greenhouse complex. All users of the growth rooms, growth chambers and greenhouses of the Dept. of Plant Science are encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity to learn some "greenhouse etiquette" and protocols so that we can all work safely and efficiently together. We will discuss PNT protocols, Pest control, safety, cleanliness, storage and disposal etc.



UPCOMING THESIS DEFENSES

APRIL 8TH, MONDAY AT 9:00AM IN ROOM 218

KEVAL SHAH, PH.D. CANDIDATE PLANT SCIENCE

INTROGRESSION OF BLACKLEG RESISTANCE GENES FROM RELATED BRASSICA SPECIES TO B.NAPUS



PLANT SCIENCE ACADEMIC RETREAT

APRIL 30TH, TUESDAY



2024 LAB SAFETY INSPECTION

In 2024, EHSO will perform inspections by department. The Environmental Health & Safety Office (EHSO) must inspect laboratories on an annual basis or upon request to meet the Workplace Safety and Health legislative requirements. Inspections are intended as a mechanism to increase overall safety awareness by identifying risks associated with laboratory activities and providing corrective actions to ensure that we are operating in a safe environment.

The EHSO inspection team will work with Faculty members and/or the Department Head to coordinate and schedule inspections to minimize interruptions to any teaching or research activities. The Department of Plant Science is scheduled for inspection **Wednesday April 24th.**



PLANT SCIENCE GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

The 39th annual Plant Science Graduate Student Symposium was held at the University of Saskatchewan from March 15th to 16th. Eight graduate students represented our Department and delivered seven oral presentations in the agronomy and cropping systems, crop protection, and plant breeding, genetics, and biotechnology sessions. Congratulations to Janelle Gawiak and Jared Bento who placed first in their respective sessions.

This student organized symposium rotates between three Universities on an annual basis and will be held next at the University of Manitoba in the spring of 2025.

