



## INTERNATIONAL FUSARIUM WILT OF LETTUCE SYMPOSIUM

Pivot Point Conference Center -- Yuma, Arizona

**Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015**

**Optional Activities coordinated by Yuma Visitors Bureau**

12pm – 4pm Downtown Shopping with Lunch

1pm - 3:30pm Downtown Historic Trolley Tour

5:30-6:30 PM **Hosted Social Mixer/Reception; Registration Opens**

**Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015 MAIN CONFERENCE – CEU's APPLIED FOR**

**Optional Spousal Activities coordinated by Yuma Visitors Bureau**

7am - 9am Canoe/Kayak down the Colorado River

11am – 1:30pm Farmers Recipe Cooking Class

12pm – 4pm Downtown Shopping with Lunch

8:00 AM **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30 AM **Welcome and Conference Overview**

**Paul Brierley**, Director, Yuma Center of Excellence for Desert Agriculture

8:45 AM **Session 1: A Global Overview of Fusarium Wilt of Lettuce**

Moderator: **Barry Pryor**, University of Arizona

1. **"Fusarium Wilt on Vegetables and Lettuce: Importance, Diagnostics and Challenges"**  
**Steven Koike**, University of California Cooperative Extension, Monterey County
2. **"Fusarium Wilt of Lettuce in Japan: Applications in Integrated Disease Management"**  
**Masashi Fujinaga**, Nagano Prefecture Agricultural Experiment Station, Japan
3. **"Fusarium Wilt of Lettuce: The Arizona Story"**  
**Mike Matheron**, University of Arizona
4. **"Fusarium Wilt of Lettuce in Europe"**  
**Lodovica Gullino**, Agroinnova Research Center, University of Turin, Italy
5. **"Managing Fusarium Wilt of Lettuce in Brazil"**  
**Ainton Reis**, EMBRAPA, Brazil

10:15 AM Networking Snack Break

10:30 AM **Session 2: Tools for Management of Fusarium Wilt of Lettuce**

Moderator: **Dr. Mike Matheron**, University of Arizona

1. **"Factors Influencing Severity of Fusarium Wilt of Lettuce in California"**  
**Tom Gordon**, University of California, Davis
2. **"Detection, Management and Impact of Seedborne Inoculum on Fusarium Wilt of Lettuce"**  
**Barry Pryor**, University of Arizona
3. **"Fusarium Wilt Management in Organic Production/Biocontrol"**  
**Lodovica Gullino**, Agroinnova Research Center, University of Turin, Italy
4. **"Genetics and Genomics of Disease Resistance in Lettuce with Particular Reference to *Fusarium* Wilt Resistance"**  
**Richard Michelmore**, University of California, Davis
5. **"USDA Breeding Efforts and Successes to Date"**  
**Jim McCreight**, USDA Salinas Research Station

<< Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015 (Continued) >>

- 12:00 PM      Networking Lunch
- 12:45 PM      **Session 3: Practical Management Strategies: Successes and Failures from the Field**  
Moderator: **Kurt Nolte**, University of Arizona

**Grower/Industry Panel:**

**Clark Webb**, Product Development, The Dune Company  
**Hank Giclas**, VP, Strategic Planning, Science & Technology, Western Growers Association  
**Jesus Tovar**, Owner, T&P Farms  
**Larry Knerr**, Director of Research & Development, 3 Star Lettuce  
**Mary Zischke**, CEO, California Leafy Greens Research Program  
**Matt McGuire**, General Manager, JV Farms

- 2:15 PM      Bus Leaves for Field Trip to Fusarium Wilt Variety Trial
- 2:45 PM      Visit Fusarium Wilt Variety Trial
- 4:00 PM      Bus Tour of Yuma Agriculture
- 5:00 PM      Bus Returns to Conference Center
- 6:00 PM      Hosted Reception and Dinner

**Friday, Nov. 13, 2015      BRAINSTORMING SESSION – INVITATION ONLY**

- 8:00 AM      Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 AM      Review of Day 1; Overview of Day 2
- 8:45 AM      Facilitated Brainstorming Session  
Defining the most promising near-term solutions/management tools and an overarching initiative to accomplish them (including project partners and funding resources)
- 11:30 AM      Symposium Wrap-up and Adjourn

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For more information and free registration: <http://yceda.cals.arizona.edu> (Register by October 11th)

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