

NAPB Report for NPGCC by David Baltensperger, Liaison with NAPB

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NAPB began as an initiative of the Plant Breeding Coordinating Committee (PBCC). The PBCC (official committee SCC 080) is a forum for leadership, regarding issues, problems, and opportunities of long-term strategic importance to the contribution of plant breeding to national goals. The NAPB is the outreach group that represents plant breeders in federal, state, commercial and non-government organizations.

We strive to inform our members of events and opportunities, and educate the public on what plant breeding is and what plant breeders do.

Our Mission: The National Association of Plant Breeders strengthens plant breeding to promote food security, quality of life, and a sustainable future.

Our Vision: The NAPB works to help create a future in which 1) Strong public and private sectors work independently and together to deliver varieties and improved germplasm to society, 2) The value and importance of plant breeding to food security, quality of life, and a sustainable future are known and appreciated by the public, and 3) Plant breeding is viewed as dynamic, problem solving, and creative. The NAPB intends to become a recognized and valued advocate for plant breeding research and education, helping to guide and implement a cohesive national plant breeding agenda.

Publications: Communication with the public, policy makers, potential students, scientists and additional stakeholders is an important component of the NAPB and PBCC. This is done through publications and documents for communications. We hope to share the excitement, opportunities as well as challenges and needs of plant breeding with you.

NAPB Group Shot UC Davis 2017



The 2018 NAPB Annual Meeting will be held from August 7-10, 2018 at the University of Guelph in Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Please follow this link to the meeting [website](#).

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Important deadlines:

Early Bird Registration Cutoff: May 18, 2018

Abstract Submission Deadline: **Poster abstracts are still being accepted for the 2018 meetings**

Final Registration Deadline: July 27, 2018

2018 NAPB meeting highlights:

- Reception and banquet featuring local bands
- Pre-conference tour of the Vineland Research and Innovation Centre
- Field Tours at the Elora Research Station
- Poster sessions and 1-minute poster introductions
- *We look* Award talks and 2018 awards

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