

2019 National Floriculture Forum

AGENDA

Crowne Plaza O'Hare Hotel and Conference Center
Chicago O'Hare International Airport

Saturday, February 16, 2019

Morning Tour of Chicago Botanic Garden – Optional*

The Chicago Botanic Garden traces its origins back to the Chicago Horticultural Society, founded in 1890. Within the nine laboratories of the Garden's Plant Conservation Science Center, scientists and graduate students conduct a wide array of plant research. The Garden is accredited by the American Association of Museums. Its Lenhardt Library contains 150,000 volumes, including one of the nation's best collections of rare botanical books.

7:30 a.m. Buses depart from the hotel

8:15-11:15 a.m. Dr. Jim Ault will lead a tour of the newly renovated greenhouses and speak about the scientific endeavors of the garden, which includes the breeding and introduction program associated with Chicagoland Grows. There will also be a bus tour of the gardens.

*NOTE: This is an optional morning of tours for attendees. The official meeting does not begin until noon. Those who would like to participate in these tours need to arrive in Chicago on Friday night.

NFF meeting

12:00 noon: Lunch Break at hotel conference room (included in registration)

1:00 p.m.: Meeting begins

1:00-1:30 p.m. Dr. Marvin Miller: Welcome and "Status of the floriculture industry in USA"

1:30-1:45 p.m. Dr. Mark Bridgen: "NFF, Pi Alpha Xi, and US academic floriculture"

1:45-2:15 p.m. Dr. John Dole: "Getting Involved with Seed Your Future"

2:15-2:30 p.m. Dr. Ryan Dickson, Chair-Elect of the ASHS Floriculture Working Group

2:30-3:30 p.m. Session I - Creative ways to attract external funding

2:30-2:45 p.m. Dr. Neil Mattson, Cornell University

2:45-3:00 p.m. Dr. Bridget Behe, Michigan State University

3:00-3:15 p.m. Dr. Jim Faust, Clemson University

3:15-3:30 p.m.: DISCUSSION

3:30-3:45 p.m.: Coffee break and networking

3:45-4:30 p.m. Session II - Sources of external funding for floriculture faculty

3:45-4:00p.m. Mr. Jim Daly, American Floral Endowment

4:00-4:15 p.m. Dr. Allen Hammer, Gloeckner Foundation

4:15-4:30 p.m. Mr. Drew Gruenberg, *FNRI (Floral Nursery Research Initiative)*

4:30-5:00 p.m. **Session III - Graduate student summaries of current floriculture research – Part I**

5:00-5:15 p.m. Summary of the day – Dr. Marvin Miller

6:30 pm Group Dinner and evening networking
SPEAKER: Dr. Charlie Hall on
“Incorporating the Value of Plants and Our Industry into Curricula”

Sunday, February 17, 2019

Breakfast on your own

8:00-9:15 a.m. **Session IV - Where is academic floriculture heading in the USA? Surviving into the Next Generation**
- Moderated by Dr. Charlie Hall

Panel discussion:

Dr. Paul Thomas, University of Georgia
Dr. Brian Trader, Longwood Gardens
Dr. John Dole, North Carolina State University
Dr. Bridget Behe, Michigan State University

9:15-10:15 a.m. **Session V - Young Faculty: Challenges and Opportunities**
- Moderated by Dr. Mark Bridgen

Panel discussion:

Dr. Brian Krug, Pioneer Seed
Dr. Krishna Nemali, Purdue University
Dr. Ryan Dickson, University of Arkansas
Dr. Jeb Fields, LSU Hammond Research Station

10:15-10:30 a.m. Coffee break

10:30-10:45 a.m. Discussion: What are ways to help new faculty

10:45-11:15 a.m. **Session VI - Graduate student summaries of current floriculture research– Part II**

11:15 a.m.: Business meeting

11:45 A.M. Wrap-Up and development of Action List - Dr. Marvin Miller

12:00 noon: Meeting adjourns

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