



# 13TH INTERNATIONAL VACCINIUM SYMPOSIUM

**AUGUST 24–29, 2024**  
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA  
CHARLOTTETOWN,  
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
(CANADA)

## JOIN US

We cordially invite you to join us at the 13th International Vaccinium Symposium to be held in Halifax and Charlottetown, Canada from August 24 to 29, 2024. This international symposium brings together all communities of Vaccinium production from research, teaching and extension, to producers, industry representatives, and market specialists.

The symposium will consist of optional pre- and post-conference tours and workshops, a field excursion day, and three days of technical sessions in the fields of breeding, genomics, bioinformatics, production systems, plant physiology, soil fertility and plant nutrition, pest management, post-harvest technologies, health research, marketing and economics, precision agriculture, mechanization, and processing techniques. Keynote presentations including the present and future status of the global blueberry industry; genomes and biotechnology; and the impact of changing climates on the production of Vaccinium species will occur.

Delegates will have the opportunity during pre- and post-conference tours and the field excursion day to see some of the world's largest farming and processing facilities for blue berries, Canada's largest strawberry farm, and research facilities at Dalhousie University. In addition to this, attendees will also have the opportunity to visit the Grand Pré and Halifax Citadel National Historic Sites and the birthplace of Canadian confederation.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to be involved with an active social program associated with the meeting with a gathering at the historic Alexander Keith's Brewery, a cultural excursion to the north shore of Prince Edward Island ("By the Beach, Over the Coals, and Under the Moon"), and local independent tours. Registration for these functions is required.

### DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION ENDS April 30th, 2024

**Early Bird—ISHS Member: \$750.00 (CAD)**

**Early Bird—Non Member: \$925.00 (CAD)**

**Early Bird Student \$375.00 (CAD)**

Registration fees will increase after the deadline

The International Vaccinium Symposium is occurring during the peak tourist season and a block of rooms at both hotels have been set aside for attendees. Attendees are encouraged to make their accommodation arrangements as soon as possible. **See registration and accommodation details at [dal.ca/ivs](http://dal.ca/ivs)**

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# AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024

8:00 am–4:00 pm Preconference tour of the Annapolis Valley

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024

3:00 pm–5:00 pm Registration (Lord Nelson Hotel)

5:00 pm–7:00 pm Welcome Reception (Lord Nelson Hotel)

## MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024

7:00 am–7:45 am Morning Refreshment  
(Lord Nelson Hotel)

7:00 am–5:00 pm Registration Open (Marion McCain  
Building, Dalhousie University)

8:00 am–10:00 am Opening Session

8:00 am Welcome and Convening

8:20–8:40am ISHS AND Dalhousie University Welcome

8:40 am Introduction of Dalhousie University

9:00 am–9:40 am Plenary Session 1

10:00 am–10:30 am Break (Provided)

10:30 am–12:00 pm Technical Session 1

12:00 pm–1:00 pm Lunch (Provided)

1:00 pm–2:30 pm Technical Session 2

2:30 pm–3:00 pm Break (Provided)

3:00 pm–5:00 pm Technical Session 3

7:00 pm–9:30 pm Historical Alexander Keith's  
Brewery Social

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024

7:30 am Hotel check-out and board buses  
for field trip and

8:00 am–12:00 pm Field Excursion:  
Wild Blueberry Research Centre  
(Debert, NS)  
Millen Farms (Glenholme, NS)

12:00 pm–1:30 pm Lunch: Alumni Gardens  
(Truro Agricultural Campus)

2:30 pm–3:00 pm Oxford Frozen Foods Limited

3:30 pm–5:00 pm Truman Farms Ltd.

6:00 pm Arrival at the Delta Hotels  
PEI Convention Centre

6:30 pm–evening Dinner and discover Charlottetown

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024

7:00 am–8:00 am Poster and Trade show setup

8:00 am–9:00 am Plenary Session 2

9:00 am–10:00 am Technical Session 4

8:00 am–12:00 pm Concurrent Session

## 10:00 AM–10:30 AM BREAK (PROVIDED) AND POSTER VIEWING SESSION

10:30 am–12:00 pm Technical Session 5: Poster Synopsis 1

12:00 pm–1:00 pm Lunch (Provided)/ Viewing Posters/  
Trade show

1:00 pm–2:30 pm Technical Session 6: Poster Synopsis

2:30 pm–3:00 pm Break (Provided) and Viewing Posters/  
Trade show)

3:00 pm–4:30 pm Plenary Sessions 3 and 4

5:30 pm–10:30 pm Cultural Excursion  
“By the Beach, Over the Coals, and  
Under the Moon” Rodd Crowbush Resort  
(note that preregistration for the event  
is required)

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2024

7:00 am–8:00 am Morning Refreshments and Poster Set-up

8:00 am–10:00 am Technical Session 7

10:00 am–10:30 am Break (Provided)

10:30 am–12:00 pm Technical Session 8: Poster Synopsis 3

12:00 pm–1:00 pm Lunch (Provided)

1:00 pm–2:30 pm Technical Session 9: Poster Synopsis 4

2:30 pm–3:00 pm Break (Provided)

3:00 pm–3:30 pm Cleanup of Trade show and Poster Areas

3:00 pm–3:30 pm Graduate Student Awards

3:30 pm–4:00 pm Business Meeting

4:00 pm Meeting Closed

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024

9:00 am Post conference Tour (pending interest)

10:00 am Buses Depart Delta Prince Edward  
for Halifax