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Blue Highlighting = Invited Speaker

Red Highlighting = Organizers-Moderators

Section: Identification and Germplasm Characterization

Dr. Nahla Bassil, USDA-ARS, NCGR, Corvallis, OR

Dr Phil Stewart, Driscoll's, California

Dr. Raffaele Testolin, Professor, University of Udine, Italy

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Section: Marker-assisted Breeding (Trait-Specific Markers)

Dr. Cameron Peace, Washington State University

Dr. Shawn Mehlenbacher, Oregon State University

Dr. Frederick A. Bliss, Seminis Vegetable Seeds, Woodland, California

Section: Analytical Approaches and Bioinformatics

Dr. Chris Richards, USDA ARS, Fort Collins, Colorado

Dr. Eric Van de Weg, Department of Plant Breeding,
Wageningen University & Research Centre, The Netherlands

<http://www.wewur.wur.nl/popups/vcard.aspx?id=WEG001&lang=nl>

Section: Molecular Markers in Phylogenetics and Evolution

Dr. Amit Dhingra, Washington State University

Dr. Douglas Soltis, Professor, University of Florida

http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/soltislab/Soltis_site/Home.html

Applications of Next Generation Sequencing

Dr. Aaron Liston, Oregon State University

Dr. Todd Mockler, Oregon State University

<http://www.cgrb.oregonstate.edu/faculty/mockler/>