

THE AMERICAS CACAO BREEDERS' WORKING GROUP 2nd Annual MEETING

Location: Hotel Crowne Plaza San Salvador, El Salvador – Jade A & B

Date: September 9-11, 2015

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

First Session (9:00 am – 2:20 pm) – Climate Change

- 9:00-9:15 Welcome and opening remarks.
Virginia Sopyla, WCF
Wilbert Phillips-Mora, CATIE
- 9:15-9:35 Climate Change & Cacao – Example from the Caribbean
Aidan Farrell, University of the West Indies
- 9:35-9:55 Breeding for Drought Resistance in Cacao
Paul Hadley, University of Reading
- 9:55-10:25 Break**
- 10:25-11:00 Panel Discussion: Industry Perspectives on Climate Change
Rodrigo Arias, CasaLuker
- 11:00-11:20: Environmentally Conscious and Efficient Cacao Production
Using High Technology
Juan Calle-Bellido, Mondelēz
- 11:20-12:00 Role of Genetic Resources
Brigitte Laliberté, Bioversity International
- 12:00-1:15 Lunch**
- 1:15-2:00 Discussion on Climate Smart Cacao
- 2:00-2:20 Climate Change and Disease Pressures
Wilbert Phillips-Mora, CATIE
- 2:20-3:00 Break**

Second Session (3:00 pm - 5:00 pm) – El Salvador Focus

- 3:00-3:30 El Salvador Keynote Presentation
Vianney de Abrego, CENSALUD, University of El Salvador
- 3:30-5:00 Propagation Methods for El Salvador

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6:00-8:00 Reception – Restaurante El Mirador, Crowne Plaza

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Third Session (8:00 am – 9:40 am) – Genetic Diversity of Pathogens

- 8:30-8:50 Genetic diversity of *Phytophthora* spp. Worldwide
Bryan Bailey, USDA/ARS
- 8:50-9:10 Genetic diversity of *Moniliophthora roreri* in the Americas.
Wilbert Phillips-Mora, CATIE
- 9:10-9:40 Questions and Discussion of Genetic Diversity of Pathogens

9:40-10:00 Break

Fourth Session (10:00 am - 5:00 pm) – Screening Methodologies

- 10:00-10:40 Screening methodology for Black Pod resistance in cacao
Pathmanathan Umaharan, Cocoa Research Centre
Wilbert Phillips-Mora
- 10:40-11:20 Discussion
- 11:20-11:40 Screening methodology for Frosty Pod resistance in cacao.
Wilbert Phillips, CATIE
- 11:40-12:20 Discussion
Nubia Martínez, Fedecacao
- 12:20-1:30 Lunch**
- 1:30-1:50 Screening methodology for Witches' Broom resistance in cacao
Pathmanathan Umaharan, Cocoa Research Centre
- 1:50-2:30 Discussion
- 2:30-2:50 Use of digital image analysis to evaluate disease resistance
Alina Campbell, University of Florida
- 2:50-3:20 Discussion
- 3:20-3:50 Break**
- 3:50-5:00 General Discussion & Conclusions

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