3rd National Vegetable Grafting Symposium
Growing New Roots for the Vegetable Industry in the U.S.

Thursday January 8, 2015
Savannah, Georgia, Savannah International Trade & Convention Center

Tentative program – the schedule is subject to change

Session 1. Overview of Vegetable Grafting Today
Moderator: Erin Rosskopf, USDA-ARS

8:30am-8:45am Welcome – Frank Louws, North Carolina State University
8:45am-9:15am Tomato grafting in the U.S. – Matthew Kleinhenz, The Ohio State University
9:15am-9:45am Cucurbit grafting in the U.S. – Richard Hassell, Clemson University
9:45am-10:15am Overview of grafting in Italy – Giovanna Causarano, Centro Seia

Poster Presentations
10:15am-10:45am Poster presentations – U.S. research programs, seed companies and suppliers, international programs and companies (refreshments served)

Session 2. Propagation for Grafting
Moderator: Richard Hassell, Clemson University

10:45am-11:15am Commercial propagation for grafting – Roni Cohen, The Agricultural Research Organization of Israel
11:15am-11:45am How a seed company makes the decision for breeding and marketing of rootstock – Kazutoshi Kasuya, American Takii
11:45am-12:05pm How seed distributors choose specific rootstocks – TBA, Johnny’s Seeds
12:05pm-12:25pm Overview of propagation technology developments – Chieri Kubota, University of Arizona
12:25pm-12:55pm Propagation Panel: Erin Rosskopf, USDA-ARS, Florida (moderator); Giovanna Causarano, Centro Seia; Kazutoshi Kasuya, American Takii; Roni Cohen, ARO, Israel; Ricardo Hernández, Grafted Growers; Chieri Kubota, University of Arizona

Lunch
12:55pm-2:00pm All participants (included in pre-conference registration)

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**Session 3. Grafting Production Systems**

**Moderator:** Chieri Kubota, University of Arizona

2:00pm-2:30pm  
**On experiences with grafting in Israel** – Roni Cohen, The Agricultural Research Organization of Israel

2:30pm-2:50pm  
**Using grafted watermelon plants for fresh market production** – Dan Van Groningen, Van Groningen and Sons

2:50pm-3:10pm  
**Using Grafted Plants for High Tunnel Tomato Production in the Midwest** - Frank Gieringer, Gieringer’s Orchard

3:10pm-3:30pm  
**Tomato production successes and challenges in large-scale field production** – TBA

3:30pm-4:00pm  
**Production Systems Panel:** Josh Freeman, University of Florida (moderator); Dan Van Groningen, Van Groningen and Sons; Randall Patterson, Patterson Farms; Nancy Roe, Farming Systems Research Inc.; Frank Gieringer, Gieringer’s Orchard

**Reception**

4:00pm-6:00pm  
**Poster Presentations and Exhibits**

*Note: Sponsors/exhibitors can set up tables in the conference room (to be confirmed) for high visibility and information sharing during breaks, lunch and the reception; this is independent and not affiliated with the Exhibitor area of the Savannah conference.*

**Exhibitors:**

- Grafted Growers
- Hybec USA

**Posters:**

- **Weed management in grafted vs. non-grafted fresh market tomato** - Sushila Chaudhari, NCSU

- **Sucker control of tomato seedlings by fatty alcohol application** - Tomomi Eguchi, The University of Arizona

The symposium is proudly being held in conjunction with the SE Regional Fruit & Vegetable Conference on January 8-11, 2014 at the Savannah International Trade & Convention Center, Savannah, Georgia.

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