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**2020 BC CHERRY ASSOCIATION'S  
Annual General Meeting  
and RESEARCH & EXPORT UPDATE**

**Tuesday March 3rd, 2020**

At the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center  
2170 Harvey Avenue (Hwy 97), Kelowna, BC

**Registration: \$50**

Members, Sponsors, Speakers: **Free**

*A block of rooms has been reserved for attendees at the Ramada for the reduced price of \$109.99 + tax. Please contact the Ramada directly if you wish to book accommodation at 1-800-665-2518.*

Check-in starts at 7:00 am

Meeting and Speakers from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

A Reception (with appetizers and cash bar) will follow, from 4pm to 6pm

**Cash \$25**

Members, Sponsors, Speakers: **Free**

Includes appetizers and one complimentary beverage; Cash bar

***A response is required to register. We cannot guarantee entry if you have not responded in advance, as we have a limited number of seats. Please make sure you register for either a) meeting, or b) meeting AND afternoon reception.***

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Please fill out the payment page on page 3 as your **RSVP before Tuesday Feb. 25** to Beth at **[admin@bccherry.com](mailto:admin@bccherry.com)**, and be sure to let us know whether you will be staying for the afternoon reception (charged separately).

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*We look forward to seeing you there!*

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## **2020 BCCA AGM AND RESEARCH & EXPORT UPDATE**

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### **AGENDA**

#### **Registration and Check-In – 08:00-08:30**

08:30 President's welcome – David A. Geen (for Sukhpaul Bal)

08:40 Business Meeting – call to order

- Approval of Agenda and 2018 Minutes
- President's Report - Sukhpaul Bal
- Financial Report & 2019 Budget – Erin Carlson
- Market Access Report – David A. Geen
- Export Programs Report – Beth Cavers
- Elections: BCCA Board of Directors for 2020 – Officiated by Carl Withler, AGRI

#### **10:00 Refreshment Break**

10:20 Research Update – moderated by Gayle Krahn, Research & Extension Committee Chair

- Rapid Virus Testing for Imported Tree Fruit Varieties Final Report – Mike Rott
- Kelly Ross - Ensuring Quality of Sweet Cherries: Focus on Flavour Retention
- Peter Toivonen – Post-Harvest Cherry Quality
- José Ramón Úrbez-Torres – Hot Water Treatment of Nursery Materials
- Hao Xu – Cherry Fruit Set and Environmental Stressors

#### **12:00 Lunch Break**

12:45 Dr. Karlis Lapins Award Presentation

12:55 Research Update (continued)

- Mehdi Sharifi
  - Project 1: Ground cover, root zone management and irrigation systems
  - Project 2: Ground cover effect on soil nitrogen and soil moisture/temperature

1:20 Fruitlet Trial – Growing High Quality Cherries for Export Markets – Bill Wolk

1:45 BC Agriculture Council Update – Cassy James

2:00 Pest Management Updates

- Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Update and OISO – Susanna Acheampong
- Minor Use and New Chemical Registrations and Priorities – Hank Markgraf
- Paul Abram, AGRI – Spotted Wing Drosophila Parasitoids and Some Cool Virus Stuff

2:45 Starling Control Update – Tyrion Miskell

3:00 Summerland Varieties – Developing Superior Cherry Varieties for Export – Sean Beirnes, SVC

3:30 AgriStability Program Update - Dalraj Boparai

3:40 Helicopters and Orchards: Best Practices Initiative – Chris Bissett, Advantage Helicopters; and Ian Wills, Aurora Helicopters

#### **Adjournment**

**4:00-6:00 Reception and cash bar**

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