**S1083 - Annual Business Meeting 2021**

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**Date:** October 5th, 2021 (Tuesday)

**Time:** 10.30 am -1.30 pm (ET) / 09:30 am -12:30 pm (CT)

**Agenda**

10:30 am ET Meeting starts

10:35 – 10:45 Introductions

10:45- 12:05 Brief Research updates (10 min)

* Rachel Koch Bach (New Member)
  + Presented research on the effect of cover crops on the soil microbiome, a research project that was conducted in Nebraska.
* Sean Sabanadzovic/ Nina Aboughanem
  + Presented research on the RNA virome of *Phaseolinia macrophomina,* which is a soilborne fungal pathogen that causes charcoal rot of soybean.
* Sydney Everhart
  + Research update focused on recent PLoS publication that characterized Rhizoctonia spp isolated from the Sandhills region of Nebraska and evaluated cross-pathogenicity to corn and soybean, which are cultivated in peripheral regions of the Sandhills.
* Alejandro Rojas
  + Research update on several pathosystems. There was an emerging *Neopestlaotiopsis rosae* disease on strawberry; characterization of covercrops and *Morteriella*; taproot decline caused by *Xylaria* *necrophora* on cover crops
* Terry Spurlock
  + Presented recent data on taproot decline that is affecting production systems in Arkansas.
* Sharifa Crandall
  + Research focused on avocado root rot disease caused by *Phytophthora cinnamomi* and a study that examined the microbiome from infected and non-infected roots in order to understand if there are certain microbiomes that can serve as protection from disease.
* Soledad Benitez
  + Research focused on the effect of soybean cyst nematode and fungal communities associated with the cysts. Other research evaluated the microbiome associated with different cover crops.
* Shankar Ganapathi Shanmugam/ William Kingery
  + Presented new information from a study that examined the microbiome associated with taproot decline.

12:05 – 12:35 Discussion about the review paper /opportunities to collaborate (**Soledad**)

* Link to working document / review paper: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/16JP_876wZvCXzPckM-sPkBcJ_ePucbHRUIUq3Lkqx3I/edit>
* Have had 6-7 meetings over the past year to develop this outline / document
* Anyone in this group is welcome to contribute because this is a tangible outcome from our collaboration on the S1083 multi-state
* Manuscripts addresses issues across multiple spatial scales, with case studies to highlight successful approaches used for different pathosystems
* Contact Soledad if you would like to join the monthly / bi-monthly meetings to discuss the paper
* Goal is to complete / submit by the end of 2021 to Phytopathology

12:35 – 1:00 pm Other business (**Shankar**):

* Election of secretary for 2022
  + Sequence of the elected role: Secretary → Vice Chair → Chair
  + Alejandro Rojas nominated, accepted nomination, and without any other nominations, was elected as the incoming secretary for 2022.
* Conversation about the 2022 meeting venue/format
  + We will plan to meet on Saturday prior to the annual meeting of the American Phytopathological Society in Pittsburg, PA in August, 2022.
  + APS meeting is August 6-10, 2022
* Preparing the 2021 report
  + Need to follow the reporting format; Shankar will email everyone a formatted document for each member to fill out.
  + Will need to include a copy of the minutes.

End of meeting at 1:30pm