

Professional Development Coordinator Annual Report – 2022

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2021 Atmospheric River Disaster Impacts on the Sumas Prairie and Lessons Learned

The BCIA Vancouver Branch had a successful year of professional development opportunities.

This year the jointly held Fraser Valley Branch and the Vancouver Branch event called “*2021 Atmospheric River Disaster Impacts on the Sumas Prairie and Lessons Learned*” was held in person on November 5, 2022. The in-person event included a showcase of speakers presenting on a wide range of topics around the atmospheric river disaster impacts, as well as a great opportunity to network with our fellow agrologists.

The session topics included:

- Atmospheric river events and future climate condition projections for BC.
- Impacts of flood water on surface water and soil.
- Impacts on blueberry plantings and their recovery.
- Mass carcass disposal.

We had a line-up of industry leading speakers including Dr. Elizaveta Malinina, Research Scientist, Canadian Centre for Climate Modeling and Analysis (CCCma), Environment and Climate Change Canada; Carrington Pomeroy, Physical Scientist, Environment and Climate Change Canada; Liz Freyman R.P.Bio., Water Quality Section Head, Regional Operations Branch, Environmental Protection Division, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy; Eric Gerbrandt, Research Director BC Blueberry Council; Jake Turek, Waste Management Engineer, Agriculture Resource Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Food; Geoff Hughes-Games, Associate, Senior Soil Scientist, and Regulatory Specialist, McTavish Resource & Management Consultants; Eric Gerbrandt, Research Director BC Blueberry Council; and, Jake Turek, Waste Management Engineer, Agriculture Resource Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

The event was full at 71 participants and provided the opportunity for several AAg volunteers to help out.

Thank you to everyone within both the Vancouver and Fraser Valley Branch for the support in pulling this PD event together.

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