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**Crop Science Society of America Members Elect Leadership**

Madison, WI – April 25, 2024 - The Crop Science Society of America is pleased to announce the results of its newly elected leaders for the next office term, beginning in January 2025.

CSSA held its yearly election from March 4 to April 4, inviting all Society members to participate. Those interested in various roles—such as board member, president or chair of a specific area of study, called a division—can be nominated by themselves or others. The elected officials represent the entire Society, overseeing decisions regarding the allocation of time and resources for programs and initiatives.

Dr. Felix Fritsch, a University of Missouri Professor, and Interim Director at the Missouri Soybean Center, was selected as the 2025 President-Elect. President-Elect Fritsch earned his Ph.D. in Plant Biology at the University of California, Davis.

"We are at a key moment in CSSA’s history, and the organization is well-positioned to capitalize on that moment with Felix Fritschi ascending the leadership track as our next President-Elect,” said Jim Cudahy, CEO of CSSA. “I look forward to working with Felix to extend service and value we provide to CSSA members.”

As Incoming President-Elect, Dr. Fritschi will collaborate closely with CSSA leadership to shape the society's strategic direction, advocate for the interests of crop scientists worldwide, and facilitate knowledge exchange and networking opportunities within the crop science community.

Members also selected leaders of academic subspecialties, or divisions, and other board representatives. They are:

**President-Elect**
Felix B. Fritschi, University of Missouri, Columbus

**Crop Breeding and Genetics Chair-Elect**
Devinder Sandhu, USDA-ARS Salinity Laboratory

**Crop Physiology and Metabolism Chair-Elect**
Sruthi Narayanan, Clemson University

**Crop Ecology, Management & Quality Chair-Elect**
Romulo Pisa Lollato, Kansas State University
**Crop Ecology, Management & Quality Board Representative**
Laura Lindsey, Ohio State University

**Seed Physiology, Production, & Technology Chair-Elect**
Alexander J. Lindsey, Ohio State University

**Turfgrass Science Chair-Elect**
Chrissie Segars, PBI-Gordon Corp.

**Forage & Grazinglands Chair-Elect**
Erick R. S. Santos, University of Alberta

**Forage & Grazinglands Board Representative**
Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Texas AgriLife Extension Service

**Genomics, Molecular Genetics, and Biotechnology Chair-Elect**
Jianxin Ma, Purdue University

**Genomics, Molecular Genetics, and Biotechnology Board Representative**
John P. Fellers, USDA-ARS

**Plant Genetic Resources Chair-Elect**
David Deqiu Fang, USDA-ARS

**Crops for Nutrition and Health Chair-Elect**
Katherine Frels, University of Nebraska

The Crop Science Society of America is a professional society that advances the science of crop science and fosters the transfer of knowledge through publications, meetings, and other educational activities. CSSA is committed to promoting excellence in research, education, and extension in the field of crop science.

CSSA is also part of the Alliance of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Science Societies, a nonprofit organization providing management and administrative, support services to founding members, the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America. The headquarters office is located in Madison, Wisconsin, USA.

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