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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. 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 Fritsch 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. Fritsch 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. Fritsch, 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.

For more information and to learn about the Society and its leadership, visit our Governance webpage: www.agronomy.org/about-society/governance

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