

From: [Scott Allen Jackson](#)
To: [Peggy Ozias-Akins](#)
Cc: [Deborah Powell](#); [Jeremy Schmutz](#)
Subject: Re: Invitation to Speak at CROPS 2015 - Reply by 11/25/14
Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 10:33:20 AM

I'm willing to give him a go.
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On Nov 18, 2014, at 8:37 PM, Peggy Ozias-Akins <pozias@uga.edu> wrote:

Haven't met him - here's some info.
<http://horticulture.wsu.edu/people/peace/>

On Nov 18, 2014, at 10:26 PM, Amy Iezzoni <iezzoni@msu.edu> wrote:

Dear Deborah,
Thank you and the planning committee for your invitation to speak at your upcoming conference. Unfortunately the timing of your conference is right at the anticipated peak of tart cherry bloom in Michigan. As I am a tart cherry breeder, and we are limited to making crosses in the field in May, the timing is very problematic for me. I suspect that I was invited in my role as Project Director of RosBREED which is a USDA-NIFA-SCRI funded translational genomics project in rosaceous crops. On behalf of our project we would very much like to be part of the discussion at your CROPS conference. I am very impressed by the agenda you have put together. I wonder if you and your organizing committee would consider extending the invitation to my RosBREED Co-Project Director Cameron Peace.

Sorry I can not come but thank you for considering Cameron to represent our project. Best wishes, Amy

On Tue, Nov 18, 2014 at 3:00 PM, Deborah Powell <dpowell@hudsonalpha.org> wrote:

Dear Dr. Lezzoni ,

On behalf of the scientific organizing committee for The University of Georgia/HudsonAlpha 2015 CROPS Genomics Enabled Crop Breeding & Improvement conference, we would like to invite you to be a speaker at the 2015 CROPS event.

This international conference is planned for Monday, May 18- 21, 2015 and will be held on the HudsonAlpha biotechnology campus in Huntsville, Alabama. We expect an estimated 300 attendees at the event.

The committee believes strongly that you are one of the leading researchers in emerging genomic technologies and their application to crop improvement and that your talk will be a compelling example of applying new genomic technology to crop improvement.

The CROPS program will feature presentations on topics including: Integrated breeding platforms, large scale

GWAS, applications, genomic selection strategies, systems biology approaches, identifying markers for breeding, functional validation of targets, applications to developing world germplasm, high throughput phenotyping, and targeted genome modification.

While we know there are many competing demands on your time, we hope you will seriously consider making room for this important event in your busy schedule this spring. A copy of the tentative conference agenda is attached along with some information about HudsonAlpha and the city of Huntsville, Alabama.

HudsonAlpha will cover your round-trip airfare, and travel expenses for this event. We would be most grateful if you could reply with your acceptance by Tuesday, November 25, 2014.

Sincerely,

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