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National FHB Forum to Convene Key Experts in Austin, Texas

September 10, 2024 – Fusarium Head Blight (FHB) research experts and leaders will soon be gathering at the National Fusarium Head Blight Forum, organized by the U.S. Wheat & Barley Scab Initiative (USWBSI), December 8-10, 2024, in Austin, Texas. Attendees will explore the latest developments underway for reducing the impact of Fusarium Head Blight (FHB, scab) on wheat and barley as well as its resulting mycotoxins including deoxynivalenol (DON).

With a dynamic program featuring keynote addresses, interactive general and poster sessions, research focused breakout sessions, and networking opportunities, the National FHB Forum promises to be an essential event for wheat and barley researchers and stakeholders. Attendees will benefit from engaging presentations by keynote speakers, **Gary Bergstrom**, professor emeritus, Cornell University and **James Burgum**, CEO, The Arthur Companies, along with an [impressive lineup of 16 diverse experts](#) and more than 60 scientific poster presentations covering key research outcomes.

“The National FHB Forum is a valuable platform for collaboration and knowledge exchange,” says **Ruth Dill-Macky**, USWBSI Co-Chair. “The accessible and focused approach of the Forum makes it easy for attendees to exchange ideas and share research challenges that shape our critical work to reduce the impact of FHB on wheat and barley.”

Registration Information

Registration for the National FHB Forum is now open. An early bird rate of \$295 is available until November 1, 2024. For more information on the agenda, speakers, and to register and reserve your hotel accommodations, please visit scabusa.org/forum24.

About the USWBSI National Fusarium Head Blight Forum

The National FHB Forum is an annual event dedicated to fostering dialogue and advancing scientific knowledge to reduce the impact of FHB (scab) on wheat and barley. It attracts a diverse audience of academic and government scientists, industry leaders and stakeholders, offering a platform for exchanging ideas and exploring innovations.

The USWBSI is a national multi-disciplinary and multi-institutional research consortium whose goal is to develop effective control measures that minimize the threat of Fusarium Head Blight (scab), including the production of mycotoxins, for producers, processors and consumers of wheat and barley. The USWBSI's more than \$8.6 million annual budget comes from Federal funds appropriated through the USDA-ARS and is distributed to nearly 140 research projects in more than 30 states.

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