Cannabis sativa, as a species, has been a building conversation medically, legislatively, legally, and in the consumer marketplace in some states and many countries. In the United States, momentum is building around the cannabis varieties grown for industrial hemp. Understanding and expanding scientific knowledge includes having a cohesive discussion, defining the coming agenda, and developing forward momentum around the science and scientific needs in the emerging area of industrial hemp production.

The Science of Industrial Hemp Conference, developed by CSSA and ASA, provides this venue. The conference will take place 28–29 July in Denver, CO, with an optional tour happening on Wednesday, 27 July. The conference will take place at the Embassy Suites Denver Downtown.

Gain a competitive advantage over your fellow agronomists by attending and learning about the science behind the production of industrial hemp—a relatively “young” cropping opportunity. Attendees will hear from speakers who are at the forefront of the scientific and production-based issues of industrial hemp. They will gain knowledge from a wide spectrum of scientific areas pertaining to industrial hemp as well as the production issues and challenges in starting up research in this legally challenging area. All sessions are in the process of being approved for CEUs.

The conference co-chairs are Dr. Ronald F. Turco, professor, Purdue University, and Dr. John McKay.

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