Cannabis sativa, as a species, has been building conversation medically, legislatively, legally, and in the consumer market-place in some states and many countries. Understanding and expanding scientific knowledge in the emerging area of industrial hemp production includes having a cohesive discussion, defining the coming agenda, and developing forward momentum.

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

Attendees will hear from speakers who are at the forefront of the scientific and production-based issues of industrial hemp. They will gain knowledge and information 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.

The conference co-chairs are Dr. Ronald F. Turco, Professor, Purdue University, and Dr. John McKay, Professor, Colorado State University. Dr. Mark A. Brick, Colorado State University, is serving as conference host, and Rick Novak, Colorado State University, is the tour organizer.

Who should attend? Attendees will include those focused on the various components of the science of industrial hemp. Session topics and confirmed speakers (additional are invited) include:

- **The Evolutionary History of Cannabis**—Ernest Small, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- **Genetics/Germplasm**—Ryan Lynch, Medicinal Genomics; John McKay, Colorado State University; John Page, Anandia Labs; George Weiblen, University of Minnesota
- **Seeds/Plant Chemistry**—Stephanie Greene, National Plant Germplasm System; Rick Novak, Colorado State University; John Roulac, Nutiva; Catherine Jacobsen, Tilray; Greg Baumbaugh, Flexform; Trey Riddle, Sunstrand
- **DEA issues** (invited speaker, TBA)
- **Field Production**—Stefano Amaducci, EU MULTIHEMP; David Williams, University of Kentucky; Janna Beckerman, Purdue University; Kevin Gibson, Purdue University
- **Business/Economics of Industrial Hemp**—speakers TBA
- **Industrial Hemp Research Agenda**, panel discussion

Detailed program and speaker information along with registration and tour information is found at [www.crops.org/meetings](http://www.crops.org/meetings) or [www.agronomy.org/meetings](http://www.agronomy.org/meetings).

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