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## OHCEAC's 5th Annual CEA Conference

## "New Crops in CEA"

**Wednesday, July 15th | 8:30 - 6:30 PM**

*All Times are in Eastern US Time (ET)*

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| **8:30 – 8:45 AM** | **Welcome and Introductions**<br>Dr. Chieri Kubota (OHCEAC Director, The Ohio State University) |
| **8:45 – 11:40 AM** | **Keynote Presentations – Understanding Background, Opportunities, and R&D Needs for Introducing New Crops in CEA** |
| 8:45 – 9:25 AM | Flavor That Pays: Profitable Herb Production in Controlled Environments<br>Dr. Roberto Lopez (Michigan State University) |
| 9:25 – 10:05 AM | Regeneratively Growing a Wide Range of High-Value Vegetable Crops Under Controlled Environment<br>Bob Jones (The Chef's Garden) |
| 10:05 – 10:20 AM | Break (15 Minutes) |
| 10:20 – 11:00 AM | High-Quality Raspberry and Blackberry in Soilless Substrate Culture – Global Trends<br>Dr. Costanza Zavalloni (Driscoll's) |
| 11:00 – 11:40 AM | Hydroponic Hops for Fresh Market<br>Myles Lewis (Arizona Vegetable Company) |
| **11:40 – 1:10 PM** | **Lunch and Sponsor Presentations** |
| 11:40 – 12:50 PM | Networking Lunch |
| 12:50 – 1:10 PM | Sponsor Presentations |

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**1:10 – 3:10 PM** **Keynote Presentations (Continued)**

1:10 – 1:50 PM
Advancing Hydroponic Spinach Production
Dr. Yujin Park (Arizona State University)

1:50 – 2:30 PM
The Next Frontier in Mushroom Production
Erika Lyon (Ohio State University)

2:30 – 3:10 PM
Emerging Opportunities for Vegetable Grafting
Dr. Jason Hollick (Ohio State University)

**3:10 – 4:30 PM** **Panel Discussions – Key Control Points in Considering New Crops in CEA**

3:10 – 3:55 PM
Panel Discussion 1: Adapting Growing Systems, Crop Management and Benchmarking
Dr. Roberto Lopez (Michigan State University)
Bob Jones (The Chef's Garden)
Dr. Costanza Zavalloni (Driscoll's)
Myles Lewis (Arizona Vegetable Company)
Dr. Melanie Lewis Ivey (The Ohio State University)
Dr. Luis Canas (The Ohio State University)
Dr. Peter Ling (The Ohio State University)
Matt Korpan (Biophi)
Dr. Jason Hollick (The Ohio State University)

3:55 – 4:30 PM
Panel Discussion 2: Marketing and Value Chains
Bob Jones (The Chef's Garden)
Dr. Costanza Zavalloni (Driscoll's)
Erika Lyon (The Ohio State University)
Dr. Guil Signorini (The Ohio State University)
Dr. Beth Scheckelhoff (The Ohio State University)
Dr. Yiyun Lin (The Ohio State University)
Christie Welch (The Ohio State University)

4:30 – 4:35 PM
Conference Conclusion
Dr. Chieri Kubota (OHCEAC Director, The Ohio State University)

**4:30 – 6:30 PM** **Networking Social and CEARC Walking Tour**

4:30 – 6:30 PM
Networking Social and CEARC Walking Tour (In-Person Participants)
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