



Dear colleague,

Rhizosphere 5, the latest in a series of international conferences devoted to the study of the rhizosphere, will bring together scientists, students and industry stakeholders to explore new ideas and opportunities for enhancing sustainable plant production and food and water security. The general theme for the 2019 conference is "Shining light on the world beneath our feet".

In today's newsletter, we would like to inform you about the **extended deadlines** for early bird registration and abstract submission, introduce one of our **fantastic keynote speakers** and give you more details on the **student travel award** and **sponsorship and exhibit opportunities** at the Rhizosphere 5 conference.

We look forward to seeing you in Saskatoon!

KEY DATES

We have extended our early bird registration deadline, as well as decided to give you a bit more time to submit your abstracts.

Abstracts for oral presentations: **March 1, 2019**

Abstracts for poster presentations: **April 30, 2019**



[Submit your abstract](#)

Early bird registration ends: **April 30, 2019**



[Register for the conference](#)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Étienne Yergeau
INRS - Institut Armand-
Frappier (University of Québec)



"Understanding and engineering the rhizosphere microbiome"

Étienne is studying microbes that covers the outside and inside of trees, crops, animals, ice, soil and water. Although he grew up in the city, he spent his summers as a kid at the family cottage in the Canadian back-country, where he became fascinated with all life forms and their interconnections. He is now leading a team of enthusiastic scientists toward (hopefully!) exciting discoveries. When he is not busy with science, Étienne enjoys spending time with his three kids and his wife, training for obstacle course races, snorkeling, BBQing, playing ice hockey or building stuff.

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To learn more about our line-up of speakers, please visit the [conference website](#).

STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD

The Local Organizing Committee is pleased to announce that they are accepting applications for a limited number of travel awards (up to \$1,500 CAD) for students wanting to attend and present at the Rhizosphere 5 conference. Prior registration is NOT a prerequisite. **Application Deadline is March 1, 2019.**

How to apply

- Eligible applicants must complete an [application form](#) and submit a one-page letter describing their reasons for attending the meeting, how the conference will contribute to their growth as a scientist, and their financial need.
- A short (one-page) letter in support of the student's application - written by their primary supervisor - must accompany the application.
- Applications and all supporting information must be submitted electronically to the Chair of the Awards Committee at StudentTravelAward@rhizo5.org
- Applicants will be notified as to their success on March 28, 2019.

BECOME A SPONSOR OR EXHIBITOR

Rhizosphere 5 conference offers **sponsorship and exhibit opportunities** for interested stakeholders. Have a look at the conference website to view the packages and options by clicking on the buttons below.

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DID YOU KNOW...

...that Saskatoon is named after *mis-sask-quish-toomina*, the Cree Indian name for the local Saskatoon berry – a sweet, violet coloured berry that grows wild?

To learn more about Saskatoon and things to do, please visit the website of [Tourism Saskatoon](#).

