

Managing for Soil Health & Resiliency

Peace River Forage Association
of British Columbia



Wed Feb 1 2017 Agenda

- 8:00 to 8:30 am **Meet at Tower Lake Community Hall, BC**
Coffee, Registration & Meet Your Group (*Sandra Burton*)
- 8:30 to 9:00 am **Plan for day, introduce case studies & station masters**
- 9:00 to 9:45 am **Potential of new forage genetics for grazing systems**
(*Yousef Papadopoulos, AAFC, Nova Scotia*)
- 9:45 to 10:15 am **Dirt and Dollars**
(*Kelly Sidoryk, HMI, Blackroot, Alberta*)
- 10:30 to 11:00 am **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 to 12:30 **Rotate through 1st & 2nd Stations** (45 minutes per station)
- 12:30 to 1:30 pm **Lunch Break**
- 1:30 to 2:15 pm **Maximizing production of birdsfoot trefoil in beef & sheep operations** (*Yousef Papadopoulos, AAFC, N.S.*)
- 2:15 to 3:00 pm **Rotate through 3rd Station** (45 minutes per station)
- 3:00 to 3:30 pm **Coffee Break**
- 3:30 to 4:15 pm **Rotate through 4th Station** (45 minutes per station)
- 4:15 to 5:00 pm **Integrating it all together: where to next?**
Panel discussion (*Group Leaders*)
What important messages were learned at each station for facing the challenges associated with each case study?
- 5:00 pm **Thank You & Packing Up**



Table Top Discussions:

Can we compare the costs & benefits of management practices? *George Geldart & Julie Robinson*

How can soil quality field kits be used to compare management practices?
Bill McGill & Ron Buchanan

Can enhanced imagery from drone flights help us understand crop / soil response & variability?
Matthias Loeseken & Rod Strasky

Are there new legumes that could build resiliency in hay & grazing systems?
Producer Panel Discussion Led by Sandra Burton

Space may be limited & pre-registration is encouraged!
call 250.789.6885 or email coordinator@peaceforage.bc.ca

Cost: \$40 members
\$50 non members



Yousef Papadopoulos

Yousef Papadopoulos is a Research Scientist with AAFC & Adjunct Professor at Dalhousie & St. Mary's Univ. working in Truro, Kentville & Nappan, Nova Scotia. Dr. Papadopoulos has done extensive research on forage breeding strategies for persistence, reducing N requirement, pasture biodiversity & adaptation to climate change. He is currently releasing new grass & legume cultivars.

Kelly Sidoryk is a certified educator with Holistic Management International (HMI) & ranches with her family in Blackroot, Alberta. Over 25 years ago they were introduced to a decision making/ planning process that focusses on finances, land and people. In addition to running their family business, she has worked with farm families as they work on transitioning to the next generation.



Kelly Sidoryk

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