

**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BIENNIAL BIC/NAPIA 2021 MEETING**  
**Virtual Meeting hosted by the U. of Saskatchewan**  
**Nov 2-3, 2021**

BIC and NAPIA will be held during Concurrent sessions on Nov 2 and Nov 3, 2021

The meeting will be held virtually (on-line) and the meeting links and information will be sent to BIC members and posted on the BIC website: <http://www.bic.uprm.edu/>. The meetings will be held early in the morning Pacific Standard Time (PST) for a four-hour period in order to make attendance feasible for those joining in Africa and Europe.

**Registration**

Details on Registration will be posted on BIC website: <http://www.bic.uprm.edu/>. An effort is being made to promote the participation of all students and researchers internationally, thus the registration will be subsidized by the BIC and the registration will include two years of BIC membership. The pricing of the registration will be shared at a later date.

**Abstracts**

Talks will focus on the participation of students and postdocs, while an electronic poster session will be open to all. The deadline for both talk and poster abstracts is August 31, 2021.

**Contacts**

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**Schedule for the BIC/NAPIA 2021 Meeting**

The meeting will include plenary talks, BIC and NAPIA talks, virtual coffee breaks to provide space for networking, and an e-poster session.

**Business meetings**

Business meetings, including the W-4150, the Phaseolus Crop Germplasm Committee, and the Genetics Committee Meeting, will be held separately, during the summer of 2021. The dates and times will be shared after consultation with the committee membership.