

43RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
INTERNATIONAL DWARF FRUIT TREE ASSOCIATION  
FEBRUARY 6 TO 9, 2000  
NAPIER MUNICIPAL THEATRE, NAPIER, NEW ZEALAND



CONFERENCE AGENDA & LODGING INFORMATION

Sunday Evening, February 6

*Session Chair: Dr. Steve Blizzard, IDFTA President, Valley Sweet, Tulare, California, USA*

**7:00 Napier—The Art Deco Capitol of New Zealand**, John Cocking as 'Bertie', Napier's Art Deco Spokesman

**7:20 New Zealand—The Ideal Place for Growing Apples**, John Wilton, AgFirst Consultants, New Zealand

**7:50 New Zealand Stone Fruit Industry**, Rex Graham, Hastings, New Zealand

**8:20 The New Zealand Apple and Pear Industry Structures—Political and Marketing**, John Paynter, Hastings, New Zealand

Monday Morning, February 7

*Session Chair: Jim Hughes, IDFTA Vice President, Hughes Orchards, Picton, Ontario, Canada*

**8:20 a.m. Welcome to the 43rd Annual IDFTA Conference**

Dr. Steve Blizzard, IDFTA President, Tulare, California, USA

**8:30 a.m. Program Announcements**

Dr. Bruce Barritt, IDFTA Education Director, Wenatchee, Washington, USA

**8:35 a.m. ROBERT F. CARLSON DISTINGUISHED LECTURE**

**New Zealand Horticulture—Success of an Export-led Industry**, Dr. Ian Warrington, HortResearch, Palmerston North, New Zealand

**9:25 a.m. Orchard Systems—Conditions for Success**, Dr. Bob Wertheim, Research Station for Fruit Growing, Wil-

helminadorp, The Netherlands

**10:05 a.m. Apple Tree Physiology—Implications for Orchard and Tree Management**, Dr. Jens Wünsche, HortResearch, Nelson Research Centre, Motueka, New Zealand

**10:35 a.m. Developing Intensive Apple Orchards in the Batlow District of Australia (Panel discussion)**, Ralph Wilson, Greg Mouat and Adrian Vanzella, Orchardists, Batlow, New South Wales, Australia

**11:25 a.m. The Evolution of Central Leader Apple Tree Management in New Zealand**, Dr. Stuart Tustin, HortResearch, Havelock North, New Zealand

**12:00 p.m. Lunch—At the War Memorial Centre, Marine Parade** (if pre-paid with conference registration) or lunch on your own in nearby Napier restaurants

Monday Afternoon,  
February 7

*Session Chair: Tom Auvil, IDFTA Board Member, Orondo, Washington, USA*

**1:30 p.m. Breeding Apple Varieties for the World Market**, Allan White, HortResearch, Havelock North, New Zealand

**2:00 p.m. Progress Toward Better Apples Through Biotechnology**, Dr. Herb Aldwinckle, Cornell University, Geneva, New York, USA

**2:30 p.m. New Varieties—Managing the Conflicts**, Pat Murray, General Manager Strategic Marketing, ENZA, Wellington, New Zealand

**3:10 p.m. Evolving Training Systems in My Washington Apple Orchard**, Doyle

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Fleming, Orchardist, Orondo, Washington, USA

**3:40 p.m. California Apple Industry—Production Through Marketing**, Dr. Steve Blizzard, Valley Sweet, Tulare, California, USA, and Kenton Kidd, California Apple Commission, Fresno, California, USA

**4:00 p.m. Methods and Results of Screening for Disease and Insect Resistant Apple Rootstocks**, Dr. Bill Johnson, USDA-ARS/Cornell University, Geneva, New York, USA

Monday Evening, February 7

*Annual IDFTA Banquet (War Memorial Centre, Marine Parade)*

Featuring the presentation of awards for Outstanding Researcher, Grower and Extension/Educator and entertainment

**6:00 p.m. Social Hour**

**7:00 p.m. Dinner**

Tuesday, February 8  
**8:00 a.m. Conference Bus Tour to commercial orchards and research centre in Hawke's Bay District.**  
Lunch is included.

Wednesday Morning,  
February 9

*Session Chair: Gary Mount,  
IDFTA Board Member,  
Princeton, New Jersey, USA*

**8:30 a.m. Breeding and Evaluation of New Rootstocks for Apple, Pear and Sweet Cherry Rootstocks at Horticultural Research International (HRI)—East Malling, Dr. Tony Webster, HRI, East Malling, United Kingdom**

**9:20 a.m. Overview of Elite Apple Rootstocks from USDA/Cornell University, Dr. Bill Johnson, USDA-ARS/Cornell University, Geneva, New York, USA**

**9:50 a.m. New Apple Rootstock Alternatives for the Southern Hemisphere, Michael White and Dr. Stuart Tustin, HortResearch, Havelock North, New Zealand**

**10:10 a.m. Success Factors for Your High Density Apple Orchard, Dr. Terence Robinson, Cornell University, Geneva, New York, USA**

**10:35 a.m. A Leap Forward in Orchard Tree Density—Spindle to Super Spindle, The British Columbia Experience (Panel discussion), Jamie Kidston, Orchardist, Vernon, BC; Bruce Currie, Orchardist, Kelowna, BC; and Rob Dawson, Orchardist, Keremeos, BC, Canada**

**11:05 a.m. Sweet Cherry Orchard Management with Dwarfing Rootstocks in Germany, 25 min Michael Weber, Advisor, Lake Constance Region, Germany**

**11:30 a.m. Intensive Sweet Cherry Orchard Systems—Rootstock Vigor, Precocity, Productivity and Management, Dr. Greg Lang, Washington State University, Prosser, Washington, USA**

**12:00 p.m. Lunch—At the War Memorial Centre, Marine Parade (if pre-paid with conference registration) or lunch on your own in nearby Napier restaurants**

Wednesday Afternoon,  
February 9

*Session Chair: Jamie Kidston,  
IDFTA Board Member,  
Vernon, British Columbia,  
Canada*

**1:30 p.m. A 10-year Pear Production Summary of 8 Old Home/Farmingdale**

**Clonal Rootstocks, George Ing, Orchardist, Hood River, Oregon, USA**

**1:50 p.m. Tree Management in My New York Apple Orchard, Darrel Oakes, Orchardist, Lyndonville, New York, USA**

**2:20 p.m. Managing High Density Apple Orchards in Washington, Tom Auvil, Orchardist, Orondo, Washington, USA**

**2:40 p.m. Optimizing Tree Density in Apple Orchards, Michael Weber, Advisor, Lake Constance Region, Germany**

**3:10 p.m. Selecting an Orchard Management System, Dr. Bruce Barritt, Washington State University, Wenatchee, Washington, USA**

**3:40 p.m. Getting Your Orchard Off to a Good Start, Steve Hoying, Cornell University, Newark, New York, USA**

Adjourn

#### ACCOMMODATION LIST

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