

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023**

- 1:00 pm CURAC Pre-Conference Board Meeting** (for current CURAC Board)  
Room 4D37, 4th Floor, Agriculture Building
- 4:00 pm CURAC Annual General Meeting** (all registrants welcome; CURAC delegates have voting privileges)  
Room 2C61, 2nd Floor, Agriculture Building
- 6:00 pm Welcome Reception** Private Dining Room, Marquis Hall

**THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023**

**8:30 am Session 1** Private Dining Room, Marquis Hall

**The New World of Higher Education: The Pandemic, Digital Technology, and Change**

**i. Broad Perspective of Resultant Changes in Higher Education – Nancy Turner**

Dr. Nancy Turner (PhD), Senior Director, Teaching and Learning Enhancement. Dr. Turner's role involves working in partnership with colleges/schools and other units to support the ongoing enhancement of learning and teaching, the development of positive student learning experiences and the provision of quality academic and professional development that enables both of these at the university.

**ii. Teaching and Programme Delivery – Paula MacDowell**

Dr. Paula MacDowell (PhD), Assistant Professor, Curriculum Studies – Educational Technology and Design (ETAD), College of Education. Dr. MacDowell is a design and technology specialist working on research and advocacy initiatives to empower children and youth through education and technology.

**iii. Security in the Computer Age – Jay Wilson**

Dr. Jay Wilson (EdD), Professor in the Department of Curriculum Studies, College of Education.

Dr. Wilson's program of research centers on innovative learning design, online teaching and learning, and experiential learning assessment. He works to support the understanding and growth of pre-service and in-service teachers, and professors through his service and scholarship.

**10:45 am Session 2** Private Dining Room, Marquis Hall

**The New World: Societal Changes – Canadian Political Schisms or Rhythms – Ken Coates and Malcolm King**

Dr. Ken Coates (PhD) is Professor and Canada Research Chair in Regional Innovation, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan, Fellow, Royal Society of Canada. He is also the Macdonald-Laurier Institute's Senior Policy Fellow in Aboriginal and Northern Canadian Issues. Dr. Coates contributes regularly, through newspaper pieces and radio and television interviews, on contemporary discussions on northern, Indigenous, and technology-related issues.

Dr. Malcolm King (PhD), member of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, is a health researcher in the Department of Community Health & Epidemiology. He is Scientific Director of the Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research and teaches and researches Indigenous health. Dr. King led the CIHR Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health as Scientific Director, spearheading a national health research agenda aimed at improving wellness and achieving health equity. His international interests include developing Indigenous health indicators to monitor progress.

**noon Lunch at the Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre**

**2:00 pm CURAC Anniversary Celebration** Private Dining Room, Marquis Hall

Fireside Chat with the Honourable Roy Romanow, former Premier and Eric Cline, K.C., former Minister of Health, Province of Saskatchewan; CURAC Early Beginnings; A 20-Year Milestone; Where We Are; What's Next Brainstorming; and Wrap-Up.

**6:00 pm Cocktails, Conference Banquet and CURAC Awards Program**

Exeter Room, Marquis Hall

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023**

**8:30 am Session 3** Private Dining Room, Marquis Hall  
**The New World: Research and Development**

**Food Developments with Focus on Plant Proteins – Michael Nickerson**

Dr. Michael Nickerson (PhD), Acting Department Head (Food and Bioproduct Sciences) and Professor, College of Agriculture and Bioresources, and Ministry of Agriculture Strategic Research Program (SRP) Chair in Protein Quality and Utilization. Dr. Nickerson's program focuses heavily on graduate student training to meet employment gaps within the protein ingredient sector. He has been working on plant proteins for the past 16 years, examining fractionation, flavour reduction strategies, functionality and ingredient modification via processing. He works with primarily proteins from pulses, oilseeds and grains, as well as some alternative protein sources.

**Rare Earth Developments – Jack Zhang**

Dr. Jack Zhang (PhD), Associate Vice-President, Strategic Technologies, Mining and Minerals, Saskatchewan Research Council. He has over 20 years of extensive industrial, engineering, operation and research experience. His main areas of focus include the processing of rare earth, uranium, potash and phosphate, rare metals, lithium, industrial minerals, as well as tailings/mine water/effluent treatment. At SRC, he has led and supervised numerous mineral processing, metallurgical testing, optimization and R&D projects for global clients.

**Placing Saskatchewan among Global Leaders of Nuclear Research, Development and Training – John Root**

Dr. John Root (PhD), Executive Director, The Sylvia Fedoruk Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation, University of Saskatchewan. In 2011, Dr. Root established the Sylvia Fedoruk Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation Inc., a not-for-profit corporation with the purpose of placing Saskatchewan among global leaders of nuclear research, development and training through investment in partnerships with universities and industries for maximum societal and economic benefits; and building a capacity for respectful conversations about nuclear power and small, modular reactors (SMRs), which may be deployed within a decade to reduce carbon emissions and achieve a cleaner energy future.

**10:45 am Session 4** Private Dining Room, Marquis Hall  
**The New World of Health Services**

**The New World of Health Services: A Status and Change Report – Anurag Saxena**

Dr. Anurag Saxena (PhD) is Professor and Associate Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education, at the College of Medicine. In addition to his clinical, administrative, and teaching responsibilities, he is engaged in studying leadership in medical education and healthcare systems. He has been studying the training of international medical graduates in Saskatchewan and will supply the government with a list of recommendations on how to make it easier for these grads to become doctors in the Province.

**VIDO, its Role, Current Efforts, and the Future – Andrew Van Kessel**

Dr. Andrew Van Kessel (PhD), Director, of Research, Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO), University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Van Kessel is a professor in the Department of Animal and Poultry Science, College of Agriculture and a member of the board of directors of Prairie Swine Centre and member of the board and chair of the Science Advisory Board for Swine Innovation Porc, an organization funded by the swine industry to lead Canada's national research strategy.

**noon CURAC Post-Conference Board Meeting and Lunch** (for new CURAC Board, determined at AGM)  
Room 4D37, 4th Floor, Agriculture Building

**2:00 pm Tour of the USask Patterson Garden Arboretum.** No charge.  
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