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CCOVI in Australia for the 8th Annual Cool Climate Symposium

Four grape and wine researchers affiliated with Brock University's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI) are headed for Australia where they have been invited to speak at the International Cool Climate Symposium (ICCS), held Jan. 31 to Feb 4 in Hobart, Tasmania.

The symposium, which takes place about every four years, features an array of international experts who share knowledge on issues specific to cool climate wine regions around the world. The CCOVI presenters will be Andy Reynolds, Kevin Ker, Tony Shaw and Gary Pickering. The symposium will also hear speakers from the Netherlands, France, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and the U.S.A.

Reynolds, a CCOVI Researcher and Professor of Biological Sciences, will deliver the symposium's keynote address when he presents his topic, *Applied geomatics- joining the dots between vine physiology, wine quality and remote sensing*.

Reynolds, an integral part of the ICCS since its inception in 1984, said the event's ability to attract attendees from around the world "helps to disseminate knowledge, develop collegial relationships and indeed to form many lifelong friendships."

Ker, a CCOVI Professional Affiliate, will speak about *Climatic influences on vine hardiness- vine assessment and use of protection practices*.

Shaw, CCOVI Fellow and Professor of Geography at Brock, with *Profiling Pinot Noir wine climates worldwide*.

Pickering, CCOVI Researcher and Professor of Biological Sciences at Brock, will showcase, *Coccinellidae and ladybug taint in cool climate wine regions- the threat and sustainable prevention practices*.

Several other CCOVI affiliated researchers have also contributed to or co-authored presentations for the symposium. Debbie Inglis, Director of CCOVI; Wendy McFadden-Smith, CCOVI Professional Affiliate; and Jim Willwerth, CCOVI Staff Scientist have all made contributions to one or more of the presentations.

The ICCS series is the platform for communication between the global cool climate regions and people with interests (from vine to consumption) in cool climate wine. ICCS events traditionally attract an international audience of between 300 and 500 delegates, representing viticulture, winemaking, research, marketing, and consumption interests. Attendance typically comes from North America, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, and Europe.

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