

**Thursday February 24, 2011**  
**at the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Convention**  
**at Brock University in St Catharines Ontario**  
**Presentations Garlic Growers should not miss at the Ontario Fruit and**  
**Vegetable Convention**  
**Register early**

Dr. Fred Crowe, Emeritus Professor of Botany & Plant Pathology, Oregon State University, will be speaking about “36 Years of Observations of Bulb and Stem Nematode on Garlic” on Thursday February 24, 2011 at the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Convention at Brock University in St Catharines Ontario. Dr. Crowe has extensive experience with garlic growers in Western United States. Although he retired in 2007, he now serves as a consultant, primarily in garlic (seed and commercial), onions, carrots, peppermint and other crops; his main clients are large California-based garlic companies. His academic degrees are from Stanford University (1971) and the University of California, Davis (1978). During his tenure at Oregon State University, Fred’s research focused on the biology and control of soil- and seed-borne diseases of vegetable seed crops including bulb and stem nematode in garlic as well as peppermint and grass seed.

In addition to Dr. Fred Crowe’s presentation, Dr. George Bird from Michigan State University will be speaking about “Vegetable Nematodes and Soil Quality” on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Convention.

This is an opportunity for all Ontario garlic growers to learn more about nematodes in general and what other garlic industries have done to manage the menacing Bulb and Stem Nematode. For more information about the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Convention, visit [www.ofvc.ca](http://www.ofvc.ca).

**Bulb and Stem Nematode Testing Clinic at OFVC 2011**

During the 2011 Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Convention (Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at Brock University, St. Catharines, ON), a diagnostic clinic for bulb and stem nematode (*Ditylenchus dipsaci*) will be held. The bulb and stem nematode is a destructive pest of garlic, onion, and leek as well as many other host crops. Note that garlic bulbs infested with this nematode do not necessarily show symptoms. Bring samples of garlic bulbs from your farm to this free of charge clinic that was initiated by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) with the support of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA). Nematode specialists will be on-site testing the garlic samples to determine if they are infested with bulb and stem nematodes. Take this opportunity to meet the experts and ask questions about the biology and management of this pest.

For details on the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Convention, please visit: <http://www.ofvc.ca/>. For information on the clinic contact Marion Paibomesai, Vegetable Crops Specialist, OMAFRA at 519-826-4963.