2017 NYSAES Research Symposium Schedule of Events

(All Symposium events taking place in the Jordan Hall Auditorium, NYSAES campus)

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Light Breakfast and Networking

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Keynote address**

Dr. Samuel Crowell, U.S. Department of State

10:00 - 10:10 a.m. Break

10:10 – 10:30 a.m. **Dr. Nicole Russo, USDA APHIS**

Science based careers in the U.S. Government

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. **Session: It Starts with the Soil**

Natalie Bray Comparing the effects of pest management practices on soil

biological diversity and function in managed ecosystems

Adrienne Gorny Extracting genomic DNA from root-knot nematode infested

soil using Fe₃O4 super paramagnetic nanoparticles

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. *Break*

11:15 – 12:00 p.m. **Session: Apple Research in the Big Apple State**

SeungHyun Ban Targeted genome sequencing analysis reveals high conservativeness of the low acid allele of the fruit acidity gene Ma1

Matthew Boucher Identifying and detailing the role of insects in the spread

of Erwinia amylovora, a devastating disease of rosaceous crops

Laura Dougherty *Towards a better understanding of apple fruit acidity:*

from Ma1 to Q8

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. *Lunch*

1:00 – 1:45 p.m. **Session: Posters**

Masoume Amirkhani Improving seedling growth uniformity and seed vigor index by using plant-based protein seed coating in tomato and broccoli Chase Crowell Exploring population dynamics of Melampsora spp. willow rust in the Northeast United States

Elsa Desnoues The impact of genetic resistance to fire blight in apples and interaction with bacterial strains on precision in disease risk and severity assessment

Lori Koenick Development and validation of microsatellite markers for

quantifying genetic diversity of Pleospora betae

Larissa Osterbaan Characterization of a symptom determinant of grapevine fanleaf virus suggests a novel function for its RNA-dependent RNA polymerase Victoria Poplaski Genetic diversity of Spissistilus festinus (Say) populations Michael Wolfin Olfactory-based host location in a specialist phytophagous insect: Odor object or habitat cue?

1:45 – 3:00 p.m. **Session: Breadth and Depth of Geneva Research**

Elizabeth Cieniewicz Diversity and seasonal distribution of grapevine red

blotch virus candidate vectors in a diseased vineyard

Craig Carlson Geneva, NY - Where the willows are always above average Al Kovaleski Kinetics of grapevine bud acclimation and deacclimation in response to temperatures

Chris Peritore *Proteomic insights into the biology of* Clavibacter michiganensis *subsp.* michiganensis

Megan Hall *The role of* Drosophila *spp. in the sour rot disease complex in grapes*

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Reception and Networking**

Hosted by the Student Association of the Geneva Experiment Station (SAGES)