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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



In Memory of Quentin Rund



With great sorrow, I share the tragic news that Quentin Rund, passed away on February 5th, from a sudden and unexpected natural health event. This news comes as a terrible shock to all of us who knew him.

First and foremost, Quentin was a dedicated family man. Raised on a central Illinois grain & livestock farm, the youngest of ten children, he made his home in the nearby town of Monticello, Illinois. Quentin received his undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois in Agricultural Communications and a master's degree from Eastern Illinois University in Technology Education. After serving a two-year Peace Corps tour in Tunisia he returned to central Illinois and married his loving wife of 31 years. She and their 4 cherished daughters and 1 granddaughter were his greatest joy. He was a person of strong faith, high integrity, and a strong and independent work ethic.

Quentin had worked with the International Society of Precision Agriculture for over 10 years. He was a pivotal part in the organization of the International Conference on Precision Agriculture. He was a dedicated advocate for precision agriculture and his greatest achievement was in creating connections between agronomists.

If you would like to learn more about Quentin's life, here is a link to his obituary:
https://www.mackey-wrightfuneralhome.com/obituary/quentin-rund

Updates about the 15th ICPA

Registrants Now Have A Virtual Option

In addition to the live, in-person event, registrants will now have the option of participating virtually as well. Registrants will be able to join the meeting live or remotely and will have access to all papers submitted to the conference.

Abstract Submission Extended

To better serve the global precision agriculture community, ICPA has reopened abstract submission until May 1st, 2022. The idea is to allow those who may have abstained from submitting an abstract due to travel restrictions or other obstacles to have to the opportunity to participate in the Conference virtually. Reviews of the initial round of abstracts are complete and authors have been notified. New

abstracts will be reviewed as they come in. Authors of abstracts submitted and accepted in February, March and April of 2022 will still be eligible to present at the in-person conference. **Please note that all accepted abstracts will be subject to the same deadlines: May 1st for submission of papers for inclusion in the proceedings and June 1st for registration of the presenting author for inclusion in the program (in-person or virtual).**

Call for Exhibitors
As an elite vendor in the precision agriculture industry it's important to connect to clients and their centers of influence. Trade shows and conferences offer a unique opportunity to meet your clients and prospects and show off your latest offerings.

ICPA typically brings about 400 people from 30+ countries. Attendees consist of precision agriculture researchers, extension, and academics as well as top crop consultants and precision ag vendors. These attendees are leaders in precision ag research and innovation from countries around the globe. They regularly consult with growers, consultants, companies and governments on recommendations for precision agriculture technologies.

To learn more about exhibitor opportunities, please visit the website.

For additional updates on the conference, please view the website.

ISPA Officer Elections

The International Society of Precision Agriculture holds elections in the summer of the International Conference on Precision Agriculture. Due to the nature of the board two to three offices will be open for nominations every two years. The position of Treasurer is a four-year post and that position will only have nominations accepted in the year the term expires for the current Treasurer.

Because the society's bank accounts are located in the United States, the ISPA Treasurer must be a United States resident. Proximity to a U.S. Bank branch should be considered when submitting a nomination for Treasurer.

Solicitation of Board Nominations (Open March 1 - June 1 of election year)

The nomination committee of ISPA is requesting nominations for the following offices for the ISPA.

- President Elect – (Two year appointment) to serve from July 2024 to July 2026, and then move to President for July 2026 to July 2028 and then to Past-President in 2028
- Treasurer – (Four year appointment) to serve from July 2024 to July 2028
- Secretary – (Two year appointment) to serve from July 2024 to July 2026

To nominate an individual:

1. The nominator must be a current member of ISPA.
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3. Contact the nominee and verify that they are interested/available to serve as an officer.
4. Submit a short CV or bio (2-pages) with a high resolution picture of nominee.
5. The nominatee must provide a vision statement for serving in this role.

6. Provide contact information for the nominee and the nominator.
7. Please send nominations to nominations@ispag.org.

Nominations must be received by 1 June 2024.
Elections will be held electronically.

CFP EAISA2022 Call for Papers

CFP EAISA2022: Workshop on Edge AI for Smart Agriculture
Collocated with IE 2022 - 18th International Conference on Intelligent Environments
Biarritz, France, June 20-23, 2022

Submission deadline: March 8, 2022

The goal of the Workshop on Edge AI for Smart Agriculture (EAISA) is to provide a forum for scientists, engineers and researchers to discuss and exchange novel ideas, results, experiences and work-in-progress on aspects related to the use and deployment of Edge Artificial Intelligence for smart and sustainable agriculture.

While intelligent systems for smart agriculture (and smart cities, in a wider view) are becoming widely available, they are mostly based on remote facilities for analysis and decision-making. Bringing AI to the edge is a way to cope with the many constraints such as limited communication capabilities and power supply. This also brings new challenges, such as energy efficiency and adapting AI models to low-capacity processors.

Attendees will appreciate and benefit from multidisciplinary exchanges on these hot topics. Through this workshop, we expect people from various communities to meet and exchange during the meetings and specific slots of time will be dedicated to open discussions.

More info: https://sites.google.com/view/eaisa2022/home

Upcoming Events

25-27 FEB 2025
GIS & Drone Applications in Agriculture Conference

29 JUN - 3 JUL 2025
15th European Conference on Precision Agriculture
Barcelona, Spain
ecpa2025.upc.edu/

22-31 AUG 2025
XXXII ISSCT Centennial Congress
Cali, Colombia
issctcennial.com/

14-16 OCT 2025
11th Asian-Australasian Conference on Precision Agriculture

Chiayi, Taiwan
ispag.org/Events/ACPA

2-4 FEB 2026
International Crop Modeling Symposium (iCROPM2026)
Florence, Italy

Week of 13 JUL 2026
17th International Conference on Precision Agriculture and the 11th Brazilian Congress on Precision Agriculture
Porto Alegre, Brazil
ispag.org/icpa

See the ISPA website for a complete list of events.
Do you have an event that would be of interest to our members? Send us an email to let us know.

Jobs Listing

- Postdoc in Digital Agronomy for Climate Resilient Perennial Agriculture
- Tenure Track Assistant Professor in soil spectroscopy at Department of Agroecology, Aarhus University
- Assistant or Associate Professor of Extension Soil Management - University of Kentucky - Department of Plant and Soil Sciences
- Precision Agriculture Technologies Extension Specialist - University of Tennessee - Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science
- Assistant Professor (Extension) - Mississippi State University - The Department of Agricultural & Biological Engineering
- University of Georgia - Assistant Professor - Extension Specialist Precision Agriculture Systems

Do you have a job you would like to post to the ISPA website? Please send your job announcement, a short description, and cutoff deadline for applications to info@ispag.org

Contribute to the ISPA Newsletter

Do you have a precision ag event, project, or news article that our members would be interested in? Please let us know. We post events, job opportunities, and news from members from around the globe. Email info@ispag.org or use the handy online form to submit your contribution.

Precision Agriculture Definition

Precision Agriculture is a management strategy that gathers, processes and analyzes temporal, spatial and individual plant and animal data and combines it with other information to support management decisions according to estimated variability for improved resource use efficiency, productivity, quality, profitability and sustainability of agricultural production.

The International Society of Precision Agriculture (ISPA) is a non-profit professional scientific organization.
The mission of ISPA is to advance the science of precision agriculture globally.

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