



Monthly

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News

- The Virginia Tech Team welcomes two new members – Michael Likins and Claire Carter. Michael, a veteran plant pathologist, is investigating the potential of fungicide drench for boxwood blight management under landscape settings, while Claire, a senior of Virginia Wesleyan University, is currently taking supporting roles.
- New BBIG Boxwood Seminar – **Sanitation and nursery practices** by Dr. Fulya Baysal-Gurel of Tennessee State University is scheduled for May 30, 2024 at 1:00 Eastern Time. As with all previous BBIG seminars, this webinar requires pre-registration [here](#) and they are free of charge.
- New at the [BBIG website](#) – a thumbprint icon at the bottom left corner. This new icon was recently added to the website to comply with a new privacy policy as required by law that requires users to select whether or not they want to display third party content on the website. In order to see all the contents delivered by third party services which includes our video hosting services, please click on the thumbprint icon and select ‘Accept All’.
- Dr. Chuan Hong to speak about the BBIG spirit and approach to emerging plant biosecurity issues at the *Plant Health Research Coordination – An International Endeavour* session in the upcoming [20th International Plant Protection Congress](#) in Athens, Greece.

Research Publication

- Kong, P., Ioos, R., and Hong, C. X. 2024. First report of *Calonectria henricotiae* causing box blight in Spain. New Disease Reports. Open Access at <https://bsppjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/20440588>.

Extension Publication

- Pscheidt, J. 2024. Boxwood (*Buxus* spp.) – boxwood blight. Online at [The 2024 Pacific Northwest Plant Disease Management Handbook](#).

Extension Program & Presentation

- Likins, M. 2024. Field Demonstration to Six Volunteer Clinicians from Chesterfield County Plant Pathology, Entomology and Plant Science Laboratory at a Research Garden in Richmond, VA, April 18.

Online Resources

- [Boxwood Blight Knowledge Center](#).
- [Updated list of boxwood cultivars](#) resistant to both boxwood blight and leafminer.
- [Boxwood blight infection risk model](#) to help time fungicide treatment.
- [Box tree moth](#).
- [Boxwood leafminer risk model](#) to help time insecticide application.

BBIG Membership

Membership is open to everyone who is interested in fighting against boxwood blight. You can join by sending an email to boxwood-advocate-g+subscribe@vt.edu or chhong2@vt.edu.

Call for Submission

If you have news items to share with the BBIG community, please send to chhong2@vt.edu.

Together we can save boxwood crops and plantings.

