

**13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR MEDICINALLY ACTIVE PLANTS**  
**October 3 – October 6, 2024**

**SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM**

*Each session includes one keynote speaker, invited talks, and contributed talks.*

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3**

Plenary Speaker:

Bhimu Patel, Ph.D. (Texas A&M University)

**“Climate resilience and its influence on bioactive compounds in fruits and vegetables:  
Implications for health and gut microbiota”**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4**

**Session I: Ethnobotany and Bioprospecting**

Chair: Nirmal Joshee (Fort Valley State University)

**Session II: Chemistry of Medicinal Plants**

Chair: Joshua Kellogg (Pennsylvania State University)

**Session III: Hemp and Medical Cannabis**

Co-Chairs: Diana Roopchand (Rutgers University) and Aruna Weerasooriya (Prairie View A&M University)

**Session IV: Production: Strategies and Challenges**

Chair: Ram Ray (Prairie View A&M University)

**Poster Session**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5**

**Session V: Bioactive Compounds of Plants and their Roles in Human Health – Cancer**

Chair: Jeremy Johnson (University of Illinois at Chicago)

**Session VI: Bioactive Compounds of Plants and Their Roles in Human Health - Inflammatory Diseases and Beyond**

Co-Chairs: Andrea Doseff (Michigan State University) and Sepideh Mohammadhosseinpour (MD Anderson Cancer Center)

**Session VII: Medicinal / Functional Foods**

Co-Chairs: Sun-Ok Lee (University of Arkansas) and Srinivasa Rao Mentreddy (Alabama A&M University)

**Session VIII: Emerging Technologies in Medicinal Plant Research**

Co-Chairs: Alok Arun (Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Barranquitas) and Fabricio Medina-Bolivar (Arkansas State University)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**

**Field trip**