

Robinson Receives Excellence in Diploma Teaching Award



Left to Right: **Dr. Irene More**, Associate Director, Academic, Ridgetown Campus; **Prof. Darren Robinson**, Department of Plant Agriculture, Ridgetown Campus; and **Derrick Turner**, CADAP Association President, from Assiniboine Community College, Brandon, Manitoba

From August 18-20, 2014 the University of Guelph's Ridgetown Campus hosted the annual Canadian Association of Diploma Agriculture Programs (CADAP) meetings. This group of agriculture diploma educators from across Canada meet annually to discuss teaching innovation and academic program developments, direction, as well as tour industry facilities and meet industry leaders. Each year CADAP recognizes an educator for teaching excellence at the host meeting location. This year's award went to Prof. Darren Robinson, weed scientist researcher and faculty instructor in the Department of Plant Agriculture.

"It's really important to me to combine my research program efforts with time in the classroom. As a teacher, I'm a strong believer in the delivery of applied, practical knowledge, and Ridgetown Campus provides an array of opportunities to share knowledge, provoke questions, discuss ideas, and enjoy valued relationships with students on their education journey," says Robinson.

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Robinson currently teaches diploma program courses in weed science, ecology, and vegetable crop pest management and has experience instructing certificate and undergraduate students.

As a leading research scientist, Robinson also supervises and co-supervises Master's and Ph.D. students who share his keen interest in addressing current agri-food industry issues. He has published 77 manuscripts, authored or co-authored 3 book chapters, and has given over 100 extension presentations.

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