

# THE FLY DOCTOR IS FLYING IN

The AMGA is pleased to announce that Dr Michael Wolfin will be visiting Australia in March 2025.

Dr Wolfin is an Assistant Research Professor in the Entomology Department at Pennsylvania State University and has been a member of the Mushroom Fly Research Team since 2017. His research has led to the development of attract and kill stations to control mushroom fly populations on mushroom farms. He studies the behaviour and chemical ecology of mushroom flies and works to apply this research to develop or improve pest management strategies.

Read more about his latest research on page 46.

During his tour, Dr Wolfin will be visiting Queensland and New South Wales. He will deliver a workshop in each state, focusing on integrated pest management strategies including the use of predatory mites and entomopathogenic nematodes for phorid fly control. Each workshop will be complemented by farm walks and case studies facilitated by local mushroom pest and disease expert Judy Allan.

Australian *Agaricus bisporus* growers and their employees are invited to attend activities in QLD or

NSW, with no registration cost. Catering will be provided during the workshops and some activities as indicated on the tour program. Travel and accommodation bookings and costs are the responsibility of attendees.

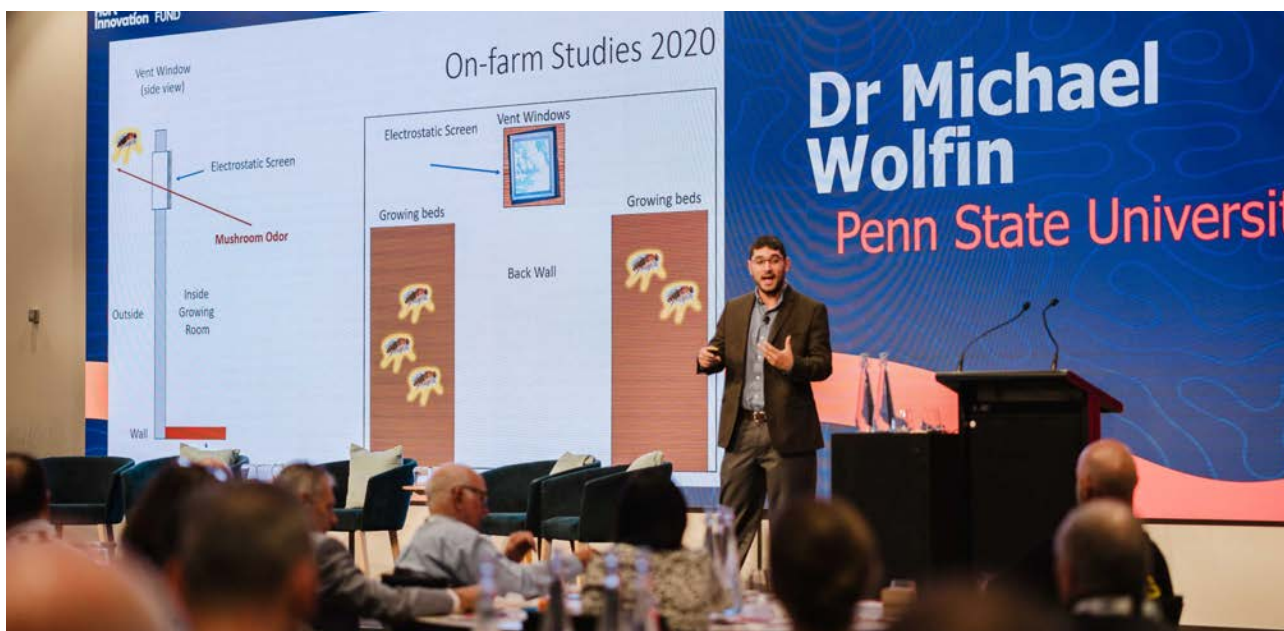
Australian mushroom industry researchers and stakeholders can apply to attend. A registration cost of \$100/day will be applicable to cover catering. After registering your interest, the event organisers will contact you to advise of the outcome and to arrange payment if you are accepted. The activities are not open to exotic mushroom growers, start-up farms, or anyone from overseas.

Please register by Friday 7 February to reserve your place. Scan the QR code or visit (<https://australianmushroomgrowers.com.au/dr-wolfin-ipdm-workshops/>) to register.

For more information, please contact Judy on 0427 671 057 or at [judyallan@bigpond.com](mailto:judyallan@bigpond.com)



Scan the QR code to register



This tour is being brought to you by the AMGA-led Hort Innovation funded project *Mushroom International Study Tours - Inbound and Outbound* (MU22010).

## QUEENSLAND TOUR PROGRAM

Important note: Start times for all activities will be confirmed prior to the event. For the most up-to-date information, refer to the AMGA event page.

You will be asked to select which activities you are attending when you register. The main program in QLD consists of activities in Woombye and Chevallum on 3-4 March. Woombye is a short taxi ride from Sunshine

Coast Airport (20 km) or a 100km drive from Brisbane airport (approximately 1 hour, dependant on traffic).

Activities in Ballandean and Stanthorpe on 2-3 March are an optional extra. The farm walks and facilitated case study at Country Farm Fresh Mushrooms will provide a different learning opportunity to complement the main program.

Attendees are responsible for organising their own transport for these activities.

## NEW SOUTH WALES TOUR PROGRAM

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE
Sun 2 March	Farm walk - at dusk to study fly behaviour	Country Farm Fresh Mushrooms, Ballandean QLD
Sun 2 March	Group dinner and accommodation (own cost)	Stanthorpe - venues TBA
Mon 3 March	Farm walk - at dawn to study fly behaviour Includes breakfast and facilitated case study	Country Farm Fresh Mushrooms, Ballandean QLD
Mon 3 March	Travel from Ballandean to Woombye (approx. 4 hours drive)	
Mon 3 March	Michael Wolfin workshop commences at 4pm	Red Bridge Motor Inn, Woombye QLD
Mon 3 March	Farm walk - at dusk to study fly behaviour Note - farm is approx. 10 minutes from venue	SJW Mushrooms, Chevallum QLD
Mon 3 March	Group dinner and accommodation (own cost)	Dinner venue and accommodation at Red Bridge Motor Inn, Woombye QLD
Tues 4 March	Farm walk - at dawn to study fly behaviour	SJW Mushrooms, Chevallum QLD
Tues 4 March	Michael Wolfin workshop commences at 8:30am	Red Bridge Motor Inn, Woombye QLD
Tues 4 March	Workshop concludes at 1pm; participants drive home or depart for the airport (MCY approx. 20 minutes; BNE approx. 1 hour)	

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE
Wed 5 March	Michael Wolfin workshop commences at 11am	Crowne Plaza Hawkesbury Valley, Windsor NSW
Wed 5 March	Transfer from motel to farm	
Wed 5 March	Farm tour followed by BBQ dinner (provided) Farm walk - at dusk to study fly behaviour	Premier Mushrooms, Glossodia NSW
Wed 5 March	Transfer from farm to motel	
Wed 5 March	Accommodation (own cost)	Crowne Plaza Hawkesbury Valley, Windsor NSW. Alternative option is Windsor Terrace Hotel
Thur 6 March	Transfer from motel to farm	
Thur 6 March	Farm walk - at dawn to study fly behaviour	Premier Mushrooms, Glossodia NSW
Thur 6 March	Transfer from farm to motel followed by group breakfast (own cost)	Venue TBA
Thur 6 March	Tour program concludes after breakfast	




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