## **Conference Agenda**

\* All times in Banff, Alberta time, MDT (UTC-6)

Friday, August 21		
09:00 - 09:20*	Social gathering	
09:20 - 09:25	Welcome Talk by BIRS Staff	
09:25 - 09:30	Welcome speech by the organizers	
09:30 – 10:00	Haoran Wu (University of Waterloo, Canada)	
10:00 – 10:30	Qi-Ming He (University of Waterloo, Canada)	
10:30 – 11:00	Barbara H Margolius (Cleveland State University Cleveland, USA)	
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee/Tea Break	
11:30 – 12:00	Ehssan Ghashim (Carleton University, Canada)	
12:00 – 12:30	Suman Thapa (Carleton University, Canada)	
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12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 14:30	Myron Hlynka (University of Windsor, Canada)	
14:30 – 15:00	Amir Rastpour (Ontario Tech University, Canada)	
15:00 – 15:30	Douglas Down (McMaster University, Canada)	
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15:30 – 16:00	Coffee/Tea Break	
16:00 – 17:00	Keynote talk: Peter Taylor (University of Melbourne, Australia)	

Saturday, August 22		
08:30 - 09:30	Keynote talk : Winfried Grassmann (University of Saskatchewan, Canada)	
09:30 – 10:00	Javad Tavakoli (UBC Okanagan, Canada)	
10:00 – 10:30	Ruichao Jiang (UBC Okanagan, Canada)	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee/ Tea Break + group photo at 10:40	
11:00 – 11:30	Vera Tilson and Armann Ingolfsson (University of Rochester, USA and Alberta University, Canada)	
11:30 – 12:00	George Zhang (Center for Operations Research & Management Science, USA)	
12:00 – 12:30	Na Li (McMaster University, Canada)	
12:30 – 13:00	Kats Sasanuma (Stony Brook University, USA)	
13:00 – 13:30	Ahmed Sid-Ali (Carleton University, Canada)	