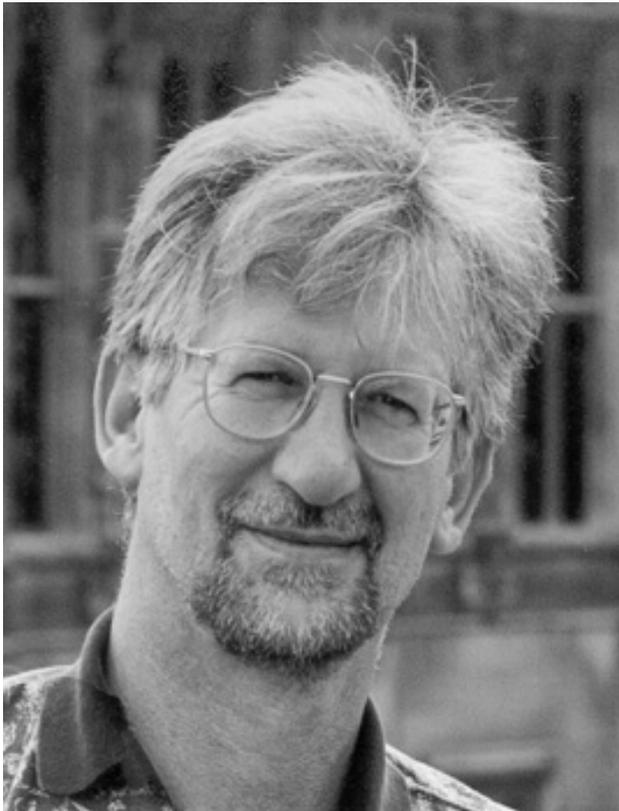


President's Message

Roger Rimmer



I am very proud and honoured to be President of the Canadian Phytopathological Society for the coming year 2000-2001. It is a great honour to be a part of a long tradition of talented and respected plant pathologists in Canada. It is quite a daunting prospect to live up to the high standards which have been evident throughout

the years of our history. Be assured that I will do my best. I am looking forward to an active year of dealing with CPS issues.

Since I may not be well known to many CPS members, I'd like to introduce myself. British born, I emigrated to Canada in 1970 and studied with Wilbert McKeen at the University of Western Ontario for my Ph.D. I did a post doc with Sam Samborski in the Winnipeg Rust Lab (AAFC). After that, I was lucky enough to get a faculty position at the University of Manitoba where I worked on developing resistance to canola diseases. A couple of years ago I moved back to AAFC in Saskatoon where I continue to work on disease resistance genes

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in Brassica oil crops. I was editor of the *CPS News* for a number of years and until recently section editor for genetics for the *CJPP*. My email address is

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and I'm hoping that anybody with ideas and suggestions for the CPS will contact me during my term in office.

The annual meeting in Victoria in association with the Pacific Division of APS this summer was a great success. Professor **Robin Morrall** was made a Fellow of the Society, the Gordon J. Green Outstanding Young Scientist Award was presented to **Larry Kawchuk**, and best student presentations went to **Ardelle Grieger** (best poster) and **Peter Isaacson** (best paper). A student travel award was presented to **Cheryl Armstrong**. Congratulations to all of them.

I would like to thank **Zamir Punja**, Past President, for his energetic leadership and work on behalf of our Society during his year in office. I will be relying on Zamir for sound advice. We will miss the guidance and shrewd business sense of retiring Past President, **George Lazarovits**. I thank him for his hard work over the past four years. George's enthusiasm, new ideas and good humour have been a great asset to the Society. I would also like to thank **Tim Paulitz**, the retiring Senior Director and wish him well in his new position at Pullman, Washington State University. We welcome to the Board **Karen Bailey** as the new Vice President and **Simon Shamoun** as the new Junior Director.

Vikram Bisht has resigned as Membership

Secretary effective August 15, 2000. Vikram has accepted a position with Technico as manager of a seed potato production facility in China. We appreciate the hard work that Vikram has done for the Society, and wish him luck and success in his new job. Maybe we will soon have several new Chinese members in the CPS. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome **Gayle Jespersen** to the Executive Board. Gayle has agreed to replace Vikram and has been appointed as Membership Secretary by the Board.

Over the next year, in my messages for the *CPS-SCP News*, I will present some of the issues that face us as a Society and as

a profession. For the Society, these issues include implementation of the new five year Strategic Plan which was approved at the Annual General Meeting in Victoria. I am very enthusiastic about the Strategic Plan and would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge **Ron Howard** and his committee for their work on development of the plan. I am pleased that Ron and **Jim Menzies** have agreed to stay involved with the ad hoc Strategic Plan Implementation

Committee and that Zamir Punja will chair this committee. Successful implementation of the specific strategies and actions for the goals of the strategic plan will depend on a commitment by the various committees of CPS to achieve their assignments. The board has established priorities for the actions and high priority items should be implemented over the course of the next year. I will work to ensure that this happens.

Financial matters are an important part of running the CPS. Currently we are run-



The presentation of a 'special chair' from Zamir Punja to outgoing Past President George Lazarovits.

ning quite a large deficit budget. This obviously cannot be sustained in the long term but over the years the Society has accumulated a relatively large capital in relation to its size of about 400 members. It is the feeling of the Board and several other members with Board experience that now is a good time to put some of these savings into use to ensure that the Society stays relevant, modern and visible. This will help us maintain our membership and make us attractive to potential new members. The

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survival of the Society is dependent on a large active membership and I encourage all of you to promote the benefits of membership to colleagues, co-workers and students who are not members. The Board will be discussing the feasibility of hiring an individual to assist the Secretary, the Membership Secretary, the Newsletter Editor, and the web site manager.

There have been exciting new developments with our website. We have a new personalized web address (www.cps-scp.ca) and a whole new look. This is due in large part to the leadership of **Greg Boland**. Further plans for improvement of the website are in hand. We envisage that the website will be a major focus for both Society members, plant pathologists and the general public to keep current with what is happening in plant pathology in Canada.

A review of the book *Diseases of Field Crops in Canada* is underway. This book has been a major money maker for the Society and we hope that a revised version of this book will continue to generate income for a long time to come.

Private industry has become an important player in many aspects of plant pathology today and we need to rethink how best to accommodate the needs of pathologists working for industry or as entrepreneurs

in their own right. Many pathologists in the private sector have suggested that the timing of the annual meeting may not be conducive to for their attendance as summer is a very busy time of year for them. An alternative time suitable for industry could be a fall meeting.

We have now had one year of positive experience with the National Research Council publishing the *Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology*. Its timely release and the quick turnaround of manuscripts in the review process is making us much more

competitive in the publication world. The journal is our face to the world, so I am pleased to see it is doing so well. We have more manuscripts in the works now than we have had for a long time, so this is also promising news for the future.

The success of the CPS depends on the large number of volunteers who get involved in one way or another, with committees, organizing meetings, publications and so on. I want to give a big thank you to all of them for their contributions and simply say 'keep up the good work.'



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Mot du président

Roger Rimmer

Je suis très fier et honoré d'être le Président de la Société canadienne de Phytopathologie pour l'année 2000-2001. C'est un grand honneur de faire partie d'une longue tradition de pathologistes doués et respectés au Canada. C'est une perspective plutôt intimidante que d'avoir à maintenir les niveaux élevés d'excellence qui ont marqué les années d'existence de notre société. Soyez assurés que je ferai de mon mieux. Je m'attends à une année chargée, absorbé par les préoccupations de la SCP.

Il se peut que je ne sois pas bien connu de plusieurs membres de la SCP ; je vais donc me présenter. Né en Grande-Bretagne, j'ai émigré au Canada en 1970 et j'ai étudié avec Wilbert McKeen à l'Université Western Ontario pour mon Ph.D. J'ai fait des études post doctorales avec Sam Samborski dans le Laboratoire d'études sur les rouilles de Winnipeg (AAC). Ensuite, je fus assez chanceux pour obtenir un poste de professeur à l'Université du Manitoba où j'ai travaillé à développer de la résistance aux maladies du canola. Il y a environ deux ans, je suis revenu à AAC à Saskatoon où je continue à travailler sur les gènes de résistance aux maladies chez les Brassica oléagineux. J'ai été le rédacteur du *SCP News* pour un certain

nombre d'années et, jusqu'à récemment, rédacteur associé de la section génétique de la *Revue canadienne de phytopathologie*. Mon adresse de courriel est

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et j'espère que quiconque avec des idées et des suggestions pour la SCP me contactera pendant mon mandat à la présidence.

La réunion annuelle de cet été à Victoria, tenue conjointement avec celle de la Division Pacifique de l'APS, fut un grand succès. Le professeur Robin Morrall fut nommé Membre associé de la Société, le Prix de jeune chercheur éminent Gordon J. Green fut présenté à Larry Kawchuk, et les prix des meilleures communications étudiantes sont allés à Ardelle Grieger (la meilleure affiche) et à Peter Isaacson (la meilleure présentation). Une Bourse de participation étudiante à la réunion annuelle a été présentée à Cheryl Armstrong. Félicitations à tous.

Au nom de notre société, je veux remercier Zamir Punja, président sortant, pour son leadership et son travail énergiques pendant son année en poste. Je compterai sur Zamir pour ses précieux conseils. Les conseils et le sens judicieux des affaires de George Lazarovits, l'ex-président sortant, nous manqueront. Je le remercie pour son travail acharné au cours des quatre dernières années. L'enthousiasme

de George, ses idées nouvelles et sa bonne humeur ont été de grands atouts pour la Société. Je veux également remercier Tim Paulitz, directeur sénior sortant, et lui souhaiter bonne chance dans son nouveau poste à l'Université de Washington State, à Pullman. Nous souhaitons la bienvenue au conseil à Karen Bailey en tant que nouvelle vice-présidente, et à Simon Shamoun en tant que nouveau directeur junior.

Vikram Bisht a démissionné comme responsable des services aux membres le 15 août 2000. Vikram a accepté un poste chez Technico comme gestionnaire d'un service de production de pommes de terre de semence en Chine. Nous apprécions le bon travail que Vikram a effectué pour la Société et lui souhaitons bonne chance et du succès dans son nouveau travail. Il se peut- que nous ayons bientôt plusieurs nouveaux membres chinois à la SCP! Je veux en profiter pour souhaiter la bienvenue à Gayle Jespersion au conseil exécutif. Gayle a accepté de remplacer Vikram et a été nommée responsable des services aux membres par le Conseil.

Au cours de l'année qui vient, dans mes messages du *SCP News*, je présenterai certaines questions qui sont posées à notre société et à notre profession. Pour la Société, ces questions incluent la mise en place du nouveau Plan stratégique de cinq ans qui fut approuvé lors de la Réunion annuelle de Victoria. Je suis très enthousiaste au sujet du Plan stratégique et je veux saisir cette occasion pour remercier Ron Howard et son comité pour leur travail d'élaboration du Plan. Je suis heureux que Ron et Jim Menzies aient accepté de continuer à s'impliquer au sein du Comité ad hoc de mise en place du Plan stratégique et du fait que Zamir Punja présidera ce comité. Le succès de la mise

en place des stratégies et des actions spécifiques pour atteindre les buts du Plan stratégique dépendra de l'engagement des divers comités de la SCP dans la réalisation de leur mandat. Le Conseil d'administration a établi des priorités pour les actions à prendre, et les éléments prioritaires devraient être mis en application au cours de l'année. Je travaillerai pour m'assurer qu'il en soit ainsi.

Les questions financières occupent une partie importante de la gestion de la SCP. Actuellement, nous fonctionnons sur un budget très déficitaire. Cette situation ne pourrait évidemment être soutenue à long terme, mais, au cours des années passées, la Société a accumulé un capital relativement respectable compte tenu de ses 400 membres. C'est le sentiment du Conseil et de plusieurs ex-membres du Conseil qu'il est maintenant temps d'utiliser une partie de ces épargnes pour s'assurer que la Société

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reste pertinente, moderne et visible. Ceci nous aidera à maintenir le nombre de nos membres et à en attirer de nouveaux. La survie de la Société dépend d'un grand nombre de membres actifs, et je vous encourage tous à faire valoir les avantages de l'adhésion à vos collègues, vos collaborateurs et aux étudiants qui ne sont pas des membres. Le Conseil discutera de la possibilité d'employer une personne pour seconder le secrétaire, le responsable des services aux membres, le rédacteur du bulletin de nouvelles, et le gestionnaire du site web.

Il y a eu de nouveaux développements excitants concernant notre site web. Nous avons une nouvelle adresse Internet personnalisée (www.cps-scp.ca) et un look entièrement renouvelé. C'est dû en grande partie au leadership de Greg Boland. Nous avons déjà d'autres idées pour l'amélioration du site. Nous prévoyons

que le site deviendra un pôle d'attraction important pour les membres de notre Société, les pathologistes et le grand public pour se tenir au courant de ce qui se passe en phytopathologie au Canada.

Une révision du livre *Diseases of Field Crops in Canada* est en cours. Ce livre a été une source importante de revenus pour la Société, et nous espérons qu'une version révisée de ce livre continuera à produire des revenus encore longtemps.

Aujourd'hui, l'industrie privée est devenue un joueur important dans plusieurs facettes de la phytopathologie, et nous devons penser à une façon de mieux satisfaire les besoins des phytopathologistes travaillant dans l'industrie ou à leur compte, comme entrepreneurs. Beaucoup de phytopathologistes du secteur privé ont fait valoir que la période choisie pour tenir la réunion annuelle ne favorise pas leur présence, car l'été est un temps de l'année très chargé pour eux. Pour l'industrie, l'automne pourrait être une période appropriée pour tenir la réunion.

L'année d'expérience que nous avons eue avec la publication de la *Revue canadienne de phytopathologie* par le Conseil national de recherche fut positive. Sa parution en temps et le passage rapide des manuscrits dans le processus de révision nous rendent beaucoup plus concurrentiels dans le monde de la publication. La revue est notre fenêtre sur le monde, c'est pourquoi je suis heureux de constater qu'elle va si bien. Pour le moment, nous avons plus de manuscrits en mains que nous n'en avons eus depuis longtemps, c'est pourquoi l'avenir semble prometteur.

Le succès de la SCP dépend du grand nombre de volontaires qui s'impliquent d'une manière ou d'une autre dans les comités, l'organisation des réunions, les publications, et ainsi de suite. À tous, je veux transmettre mes remerciements pour leur contribution, et dire simplement « continuez à faire du bon travail ».



1999-2000 Board (L to R): Vikram Bisht, Lone Buchwaldt, Tony Sturz, Zamir Punja, Greg Boland, Roger Rimmer, George Lazarovits, Tim Paulitz, Peter Sholberg

Revised CPS website

The CPS-SCP website was revised in the past year to better reflect the evolving activities and interests of CPS and its members. A draft version of the site was previewed at the Annual Meeting of CPS in Victoria for comment and feedback by members of CPS, and the revised site is now available for use at the new URL of **www.cps-scp.ca**. The former CPS website at **http://res2.agr.ca/london/pmrc/cps/cpshome.html** will be closed in the near future and automatically linked to the new site.

The revised website has numerous new features, including:

- a new URL (**www.cps-scp.ca**) that incorporates the acronym of our society;
- a new look with an easier to navigate format and animated logos;
- a search function for the CPS site;
- sections on feature diseases, plant pathology news, and society news in the homepage;
- a plant disease photo gallery;
- employment opportunities;
- a searchable directory of plant pathologists throughout the world, including CPS members;
- CPS journals and publications;
- complete, searchable Tables of Contents for the *Canadian Journal of Plant Disease*;
- downloadable files of the *CPS-SCP News* (1999-2000);
- downloadable files of the *Canadian Plant Disease Survey* (1977-1999);
- listings of scientific meetings;
- contact information for the CPS executive and committee chairs;
- resource sections for teaching and research;
- direct links for submitting articles to the *CPS-SCP News* and CPS Website Editors.

Please take this opportunity to visit and bookmark the new CPS website and URL. Remember, this is your website and you are welcome to submit comments, suggestions and corrections to the editor of the website through the "Submissions" and "Feedback" buttons on the homepage navigation bars.

Many people have helped with this revision of our site. Please visit the **CPS Website Revised** link on the home page to see a summary of the people and how they helped. I would like to sincerely thank all of these individuals for their assistance; particularly Judy Prange, Vancouver, for the site design & graphics, and Rick Reeleder and others who started the CPS site.

Submitted by:

Greg J. Boland
CPS Website Editor
CPS President-Elect

Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Phytopathological Society Minutes

Assemblée Générale Annuelle de la
Société Canadienne de
Phytopathologie
Victoria B.C., June 20, 2000

1. Welcome and opening remarks by the President

There were 51 people in attendance. Zamir Punja welcomed everyone to the Annual General meeting in Victoria B.C. and hoped that everybody was pleased with the scientific content and had the opportunity to enjoy the city's many attractions as well.

2. Moment of Silence for Deceased Members

The members held a moment of silence to commemorate Bill Hodgson of Fredericton, New Brunswick who died in the past year.

3. Adoption of the agenda

Tim Paulitz moved to adopt the agenda.
Seconded by Raj Utkhede.
Carried.

4. Adoption of the Minutes from the AGM in Montreal, 1999

(see CPS News September 1999)
Andy Tekauz moved to adopt the minutes from the last Annual General Meeting in Montreal.
Seconded by Khalid Rashid.
Carried.

5. President's Report

Zamir Punja began by expressing wonder about how fast the time had passed since he assumed the Presidency in August of 1999. Punja told the members there were some very positive aspects to having served a term as President of the Society. A decisive development was the completion of new a 5-year strategic plan for the CPS; a well-timed and forward-looking document developed by an ad Hoc committee chaired by Ron Howard. A second positive step for the Society was the turn-over of the *CJPP* to NRC Press, which had resulted in a more timely publication schedule and an increase in the submission of papers. Also, this year, the abstracts for the annual meeting were published prior to the meeting. He mentioned that there was some on-going discus-

sion about having the *CJPP* offered on-line, and progress on this topic would be reported later. Another issue was the *CPS-SCP News*, which is a high quality means of dissemination of news to members. There had been some discussion of whether it would be more cost-effective to offer this electronically to members, but it was decided that the hard copy would continue to be mailed as in the past. However, in order for the *CPS-SCP News* to continue to be successful, Punja encouraged members to submit articles to the Editor on a regular basis.

Punja mentioned that during his term, a number of issues had been dealt with and most of these had already been reported on in the *CPS-SCP News*. There had also been a recent submission from the Science Policy Committee of a position on behalf of the CPS on genetically modified foods.

He had earlier indicated the advantages of having a 2-year presidency term (similar to the British Mycological Society) for continuity's sake and for getting all of the objectives done, but he now realized that this would extend the time for other Board members and reduce the opportunity for new Board members to join.

A final note-worthy point was to see how the spirit of volunteerism was alive and well in the CPS. Zamir Punja had come into contact with a dedicated group of members that worked to keep the Society matters under control and he encouraged more members to get involved in Society issues. One issue of concern to Punja is maintaining a healthy Society and increasing membership in CPS. Last year, he was optimistic that membership numbers could reach 450 with efforts made through recruitment but this was not realized. High membership generates revenues for the Society and also permits recognition of Fellows, presently restricted to 5% of the total membership. With a membership of 400, 20 Fellows can be sustained, a number that the Society is already at. Therefore, unless new members are added, there is no opportunity to recognize new Fellows. He encouraged everyone present to at least make an effort to sign up one new member when they returned home. This alone could add an additional 50-60 members. There would be some effort made in the upcoming year to increase advertising of the Society to attract new members.

6. Strategic plan for the CPS 2000-2005

Ron Howard explained to the audience that in order for the Society to remain relevant to its members, stay financially viable, and be able to deal with future challenges and opportunities,

the Society decided to prepare a strategic plan that could serve to guide its operations for the next five years. For that purpose an ad Hoc Committee was appointed by the Board. Ron Howard, as Chair of the committee, thanked the committee members Bruce Gossen, Verna Higgins, Andre Levesque, Jim Menzies, David McNally, Roger Rimmer, Gary Turnbull, Maureen Bolen (facilitator), and Greg Boland (Vice-President, ex-officio) for their dedicated work putting the proposal forward at the AGM.

The committee had sought input through an announcement in the CPS News, by person to person contacts, e-mails, discussions at Regional meetings, and through previous member surveys. Since early May, members were able to review a draft of the strategic plan on the CPS web site and it was also printed in *CPS-SCP News* June issue.

Goals, strategies and actions were formulated in five general terms: Member services (Goal 1), Communications (Goal 2), Organizational effectiveness (Goal 3 - could involve a revision of the CPS Constitution and By-laws), Membership (Goal 4 - more grad students, people in industry and related areas), and advocacy (Goals 5 and 6 - public awareness etc.).

Andy Tekauz made a comment about the Vision statement (We are a diverse, proactive and dynamic professional scientific organization committed to creating and sharing knowledge of plant pathology in Canada and beyond). Tekauz felt that the word "diverse" could be thought as "unfocused". Ron Howard explained that diverse referred to the membership such as students, professors, research scientists, extension staff, people in private industry etc.

Ron Howard moved to accept the five year strategic plan as presented at the AGM.
Seconded by Robin Morrall.
Carried unanimously.

After acceptance of the Strategic Plan, Ron Howard proceeded to describe the implementation stage by explaining how the Board had divided the many goals and action items into those of high priority (implementation in the first year), medium priority (implementation within the next 1 to 3 years), and lower priority (achieved within 5 years). He also told that progress would be monitored at regular intervals by the Board and by the membership at each annual general meeting. It was suggested that a new ad Hoc Implementation Committee should consist of the Financial Advisory Committee with two mem-

bers from the Strategic Planning Committee. The committee will meet Wednesday June 22, 2000. Robin Morrall asked whether finances to accommodate the Strategic Plan were included in the budget; Ron Howard answered that the budget for 2000-2001 did have finances set aside for some of the items. Raj Utkhede expressed his support of hiring a secretary to take care of some of the Society's functions. Ron Howard promised take this into consideration. Finally, Andre Levesque thanked Ron Howard for excellent leadership through the 1-year process of developing the new five-year Strategic Plan.

7. Treasurer's report 1999/2000

7.1 Auditor's report from KPMG as of December 31, 1999.

Copies of the auditors report were available at the meeting both of the CPS finances and for the book *Diseases and Pests of Vegetable Crops in Canada*. Peter Sholberg explained to the members that the Society's total assets declined from \$410,000 in 1998 to \$384,000 in 1999. There had been a large drop in revenue from 1998 to 1999 in sales of *DPVCC* due to exceptionally high sales to a single chemical company in 1998, which is unlikely to be repeated. He mentioned that taxes were not paid because CPS is a charitable organization. The revenue of \$68,000 for *CJPP* and the high costs for printing and mailing was partly due to calculations based on six issues (one and a half year) and partly due to the change from MOM to NRC, which has made accounting difficult until a whole year with NRC has passed. However, each issue of the *CJPP* costs the Society about \$14,000. Expenses for the membership secretary included a new computer and printer. The expenses for the CPS News was about \$4,000 although \$5,000 was set aside in the budget. Sholberg explained that the accounting for the different awards will be revised, so expenses are deducted from the appropriate accounts.

7.2 Appointment of Auditors for 2000/2001

Peter Sholberg moved to reappoint KPMG, Summerland B.C. as auditors for 2000-2001.
Seconded by Vikram Bisht.
Carried.

8. Report from the Financial Advisory Committee

George Lazarovits explained to the membership, the budget for 2000-2001, which was reviewed by the Board prior to the AGM. The Board would like to encourage international plant pathology meetings in Canada organized by CPS members,

and so \$5,000 has been set aside as seed money, which would require submission of a financial statement and should be returned to the CPS in case the meeting runs a profit. The Presidential travel for the coming year was maintained at \$2,000; \$1,500 is set aside for regional meetings and the Committee on International Corporation has asked for \$2,000. In the coming year, \$10,000 is set aside to help implementation of the Strategic Plan. Cost for revision of the book *Diseases of Field Crops in Canada* is not yet budgeted.

Rick Hunt informed the members that \$1,000 was not enough seed money for an annual meeting and suggested it be raised. Raj Utkhede commented that with a deficit of \$40,000, the CPS would be bankrupt in 10 years. G. Lazarovits speculated that by operating with a deficit over the next three years the Society might be able to recoup its loss over the following years by higher membership numbers, better book sale, higher fees and less production costs of the journal (\$25 per member may not be enough to cover the four annual issues of CJPP).

G. Lazarovits moved to accept the budget.
Seconded by Simon Shamoun.
Carried.

9. Membership Secretary's report

Vikram Bisht presented the membership report. A short discussion followed regarding the survey. Please see this report elsewhere in the newsletter.

Greg Boland suggested that supervisors of graduate students could pay their first year membership of the CPS to encourage them to become permanent members. Regional groups could maybe do more to encourage membership.

Vikram Bisht moved to accept the Membership Secretary's report.
Seconded by Jim Menzies.
Carried.

10. Reports from Other Standing Committees

10.1 Journal Editorial Committee (see report by Rudra Singh, CPS News June issue)

10.2 Future Meetings Committee (see report by Rich Hunt, CPS News June issue)

Rick Hunt suggest that the CPS should initiate a bidding amongst provinces and cities for the annual meeting in 2003 and 2004.

10.3 Awards Committee (deferred to the Banquet)

10.4 Report from the Resolutions Committee by

Abul Ekramoddoullah.

In recognition of services to the Canadian Phytopathological Society, be it resolved that the Annual General Meeting expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to:

i) The Local Organizing Committee, and in particular Jack Sutherland the chairman, Simon Shamoun, program chair and Pat McGuire of the University of Victoria, for their organization and gracious hospitality.

ii) The financial sponsors: AMVAC Chemical Corporation, Aventis Crop Science, Dow Agro Sciences, Gustafson, Monsanto, Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Forest Service, Pacific Forestry Centre, Tomen Agro Inc., and Weyerhaeuser

iii) The departing members of the Board as well as the departing committee chairs and members. Editors of the *CPS-SCP News* a valuable and enjoyable resources for our membership

iv) Rudra Singh, the Editor-in-Chief, section editors and reviewers for their contributions in the publication of the *Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology*.

v) Robin Morrall and section editors for ensuring the continued publication of the *Canadian Plant Disease Survey*.

vi) Zamir Punja, the CPS President and outgoing Board members for their dedicated work for the advancement and financial well-being of our society.

vii) Ron Howard and his committee for the CPS Strategic Plan.

Zamir Punja moved the acceptance of the reports from the standing committees above.

Seconded by George Lazarovits.
Carried.

11. Reports from Subject Matter and Ad Hoc Committees

11.1 Journal Improvement Committee - this committee is no longer engaged.

11.2 Information Products Marketing Committee (see report by Mary Ruth McDonald, CPS News March issue)

11.3 Symposium and Workshop Committee (see report by Greg Boland, CPS News June issue)

11.4 Industry Relations Committee (see report by Tony Sturz, Greg Boland CPS News June issue)

11.5 Education and Public Awareness Committee (see report by Jeannie Gilbert CPS News March issue)

11.6 International Cooperation Committee (see report by J.P. Tewari CPS News March issue)

11.7 *Ad Hoc* committee on Historic Resources (see report by Denis Gaudet CPS News March

issue)

Zamir Punja moved to accept the reports from the committees above.

Seconded by Jack Sutherland.

Carried.

12. Other Reports

12.1 International Society of Plant Pathology (ISPP)

George Lazarovits, as CPS representative, told the audience that major revisions are under way, and encouraged people to check the ISPP web site.

12.2 CPS Web Site (see report by Greg Boland, CPS News June issue)

Boland informed the audience that the new web site would be ready to post in mid July, and a link will be posted on the old web site.

12.3 *Canadian Plant Disease Survey* (see report by Robin Morrall, CPS News June issue) Morrall informed the audience that nomination of some new editors for this publications is needed.

12.4 *CPS-SCP News* (see report by David Kaminiski CPS News June issue)

Zamir Punja moved to accept the above reports.

Seconded by George Lazarovits.

Carried.

13. Reports from Local Arrangements Committees

13.1 LAC 2000, Victoria.

Jack Sutherland told the audience that there were 255 registrants from 11 countries at this years annual meeting (5 individuals paid for a single day), and 300 people will attend the Banquet. Presentations were made at 12 secessions and 92 posters were presented.

13.2 LAC 2001, London Ontario.

George Lazarovits invited everybody to the next annual meeting June 10-13 in Stratford, Ontario where a hotel has been booked. The theme will be "Agriculture and the Environment." Ontario has a rich culture, a large agriculture business and many greenhouses. Lazarovits mentioned that specific interests could be accommodated if people would like to contact him soon.

Zamir Punja moved to accept the two reports.

Seconded by Jim Menzies.

Carried.

14. Reports from Regional Representatives

Quebec (see report by Odile Carisse CPS News September issue)

B.C. (see report by Andre Levesque, CPS News December issue)

Saskatchewan (see report by Jean Liu, CPS News March issue)

Alberta (see report by Lorraine Harrison, CPS News March issue)

Eastern Ontario (see report by Bernie Vigier, CPS News March issue)

Maritime (see report by Deena Errampalli, CPS News June issue)

Zamir Punja moved to accept the above reports from Regional Representatives.

Seconded by Andre Levesque.

Carried.

15. Report from the Nominating Committee

See report by George Lazarovits, CPS News March issue. Outgoing Board Members are Past President Zamir Punja and Senior Director Tim Paulitz.

The following individuals were nominated for Board positions:

Karen Bailey Vice-President

Simon Shamoun Junior Director

Note: the position as Membership Secretary will be vacant September 2000.

The following individuals have been nominated for Standing Committees:

Patrice Audy Nominating

Brent McCallum Awards

Mike Celetti Future Meetings

Jeannie Gilbert Resolutions

Dilantha Fernando Financial Advisory

Carole Beaulieu Science Policy

No other nominations were received by the Secretary. George Lazarovits moved to accept the above nominations.

Seconded by Tim Paulitz.

Carried.

16. Installation of new Board Members

Zamir Punja thanked the Society for the opportunity to serve as President and welcomed Roger Rimmer as the incoming CPS President. Roger Rimmer thanked the members for the honour of serving them as President. He thanked Zamir Punja for the leadership he'd given the Society during his term as President and presented him with an engraved plaque. Roger Rimmer also thanked Greg Boland for his hard work on updating the CPS web site and Ron Howard for leading the development of the new 5-year Strategic Plan for CPS.

17. Adjournment

Roger Rimmer moved to adjourn the annual general meeting.

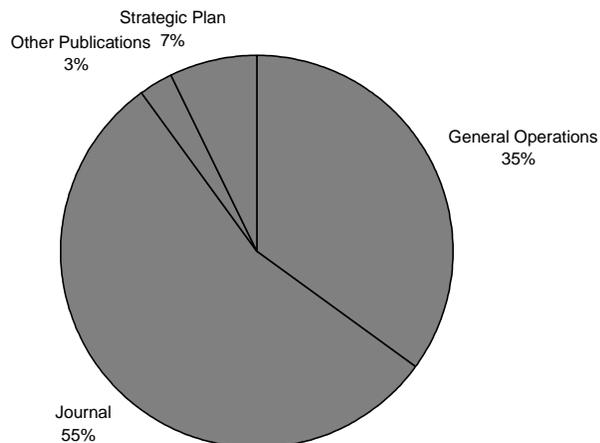
Seconded by Zamir Punja.

Carried

EXPENDITURES					
	2001 budget	2000 to May 31	2000 budget	1999 to May 31	1999 Actual
GENERAL OPERATIONS					
ISPP Dues	\$800.00	\$600.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CPS News	\$5,000.00	\$1,389.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,911.00	\$3,985.00
Service fee re. Credit cards	\$600.00	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$519.00	\$658.00
Office expenses	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$54.00	\$2,094.00
Travel					
Board members	\$12,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$12,000.00		\$12,552.00
President - regional meetings	\$2,000.00	\$1,650.00	\$2,000.00		\$0.00
Awardees	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00		\$2,349.00
Professional Services	\$5,500.00	\$2,675.00	\$5,000.00		\$5,500.00
Annual Meetings					
Local arrangements	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		\$0.00
Symposium publication	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00		\$0.00
Regional Meetings	\$1,500.00	\$70.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,097.00	\$528.00
Awards - minting, framing	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$113.00	\$113.00
Support to Meetings	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00		\$2,000.00
CPS Web Site	\$2,000.00		\$500.00		\$0.00
CPDS	\$500.00		\$500.00		\$478.00
Committee on International Cooperation	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00		\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$301.00	\$2,267.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$47,900.00	\$11,934.00	\$49,500.00	\$5,994.00	\$32,524.00
CANADIAN JOURNAL OF PLANT PATHOLOGY					
Printing, Mailing, Reprints	\$56,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$30,293.00	\$80,704.00
Salaries, Translation	\$12,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$879.00	\$10,563.00
Office Costs	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$54.00	\$2,285.00
Professional Services	\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00		\$2,505.00
Marketing	\$500.00		\$500.00		\$0.00
GST	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		
SUB-TOTAL	\$75,500.00	\$21,000.00	\$75,500.00	\$30,436.00	\$96,057.00
OTHER PUBLICATIONS					
DFCC					
Mailing	\$1,000.00	\$600.00	\$2,000.00	\$481.00	\$452.00
Marketing	\$250.00		\$250.00		\$0.00
GST			\$1,000.00		
CPS Directory					
Printing and mailing	\$1,700.00				\$1,647.00
AMORTIZATION (computer)	\$850.00				\$828.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$3,800.00	\$600.00	\$3,250.00		\$2,927.00
Strategic Plan Implementation	\$10,000.00				
GRAND TOTAL	\$137,200.00	\$43,534.00	\$128,250.00	\$36,911.00	\$131,508.00
GST and Installment taxes paid					\$3,640.00
SUMMARY					
GRAND TOTAL REVENUE	\$97,000.00	\$53,136.00	\$108,250.00	\$45,975.00	\$110,975.00
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$137,200.00	\$43,534.00	\$128,250.00	\$36,911.00	\$131,508.00
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-\$40,200.00	\$9,602.00	-\$20,000.00	\$9,064.00	-\$20,533.00
AWARDS FUNDS					
Awards	\$1,000.00		\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$1,000.00		\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00

REVENUES					
	2001 budget	2000 to May 31	2000 budget	1999 to May 31	1999 Actual
General Operations					
Membership dues					
Regular/fellows (x50)	\$14,500.00	\$11,810.00	\$13,000.00	\$12,275.00	\$14,150.00
Sustaining (x150)	\$4,000.00	\$3,650.00	\$4,500.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,850.00
Interest and Foreign Exchange	\$8,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$1,346.00	\$9,842.00
Returns from Annual Meetings	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
Sale of Membership list			\$1,000.00		
Annual reviews	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$580.00	\$1,127.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$448.00	\$666.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$29,500.00	\$18,710.00	\$32,000.00	\$19,199.00	\$29,635.00
CANADIAN JOURNAL OF PLANT PATHOLOGY					
Membership Dues					
Regular/Fellows (x25)	\$7,200.00	\$5,600.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,075.00
Student (x25)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$900.00	\$750.00	\$450.00
Emeritus + CJPP (x25)	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Sustaining (x25)	\$600.00	\$575.00	\$650.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
Subscriptions					
Page charges, reprints & abstr.	\$45,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$10,065.00	\$60,842.00
GST			\$1,000.00		
SUB-TOTAL	\$53,500.00	\$26,875.00	\$55,250.00	\$19,065.00	\$68,917.00
OTHER PUBLICATIONS					
			\$1,000.00		
DFCC Sales	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$3,375.00	\$10,950.00
DPVCC/MRCLC	\$4,000.00	\$2,551.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,336.00	\$1,023.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$14,000.00	\$7,551.00	\$21,000.00	\$7,711.00	\$11,973.00
GRAND TOTAL REVENUES	\$97,000.00	\$53,136.00	\$108,250.0	\$45,976.00	\$110,975.00
GST Rebate	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$3,640.21
AWARDS FUNDS - Excl. Anderson Fund					
Interest	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,573.00
Donations for awards	\$1,000.00	\$1,035.00	\$250.00	\$570.00	\$235.00

2001 Budgeted Expenses



CPS Membership Survey Report

Vikram Bisht, Membership Secretary

At the 1999 Annual General Meeting in Montreal, by a show of hands, all except one member felt that a notification by email for membership renewal would be sufficient. However, only 7.8% paid by e-mail, while almost 75% of members paid by cheque and thus used postal service to send their application (Table 1). E-mail renewal will probably increase when the confidence in electronic security increases.

Table 1. Mode of renewal

Mail	Fax	E-mail
74.5 %	17.7 %	7.8 %

In 1999 many of our members returned a survey form as part of the membership renewal. The results of the survey have been summarized in tables below. At the time of the preparation of this report for presentation at the annual meeting of the CPS in Victoria B.C., the CPS had 385 members.

Table 2. Members by country

	Number	% of membership
Canada	316	82.5
U.S.A.	42	11.2
International	26	6.7
	385	

Table 3. Members by gender

Male	Female	Not answered
74.5 %	23.9 %	1.6%

Table 4. Membership types

	Number	% of membership
Regular	273	70.9
Student	31	8.1
Sustaining Associate	27	7.9
Emeritus	54	14.0

Table 5. Members by age

<25 years	25-40 years	41-65 years	>65 years	Not answered
1.6 %	19.7 %	54.3 %	11.2 %	13.2 %

The survey clearly showed that the majority of CPS members are above 40 years of age (Table 5). Does this suggest that the CPS is an experienced [☺] society? It surely indicates that more young people, especially students, have to be encouraged to join the society (Table 4).

Table 6. Members by employment

Retired: 14 %	University: 31.9 % (24.4 % Teach/ Res. /Technician + Student 7.5 %)
Provincial/State Government: 9.8 %	Federal Government: 26.2 %
Private Sector: 17.4 %	

Most federal government and university employees indicated that "Research" was their primary work. Individuals in the private sector R & D were mostly involved in the pesticide industry, with a few people from seed companies or working as contract researchers (Table 7). Not many members consider "Teaching" as their main work. A few retired members considered "Consultation" as their primary work. Very few plant pathologist are primarily in "Administration".

Table 7. Members by work area

Extension 6 %	Research 48.8 %	Teaching 3.6%
Res. & Teach. 3.9 %	Marketing 1.2 %	Consultants 4.4 %
Res. & Dev. (Pvt). 9.3 %	Administration 1.2 %	Food Inspection 1.2%
Diagnosis 1 %	Retired 10.6 %	Student 7.2 %

CPS Regional Meetings

Western Ontario

The annual meeting of the Western Ontario region of CPS, held at the University of Guelph in Guelph, Ontario, on May 12, 2000, was attended by 54 scientists from various Universities and research centers. The CPS President, Dr. Zamir Punja, gave an opening address with thought-provoking remarks regarding genetically engineered plants. This was followed by a presentation by Dr. Michèle Heath, University of Toronto, on 'Rust fungi: revered, remarkable and resilient.' The much appreciated presentation followed the human interest in rust fungi through time, from being revered to more recently discovered remarkable features in its infection strategy. And these fungi are still going strong- hence the resilience. Next followed another presentation by Dr. Annette Nassuth, University of Guelph, on 'Plum Pox Virus'. This presentation, based on a presentation prepared by the Centre For Plant Health (CFIA), aimed to inform the participants about the recent discovery of plum pox virus in the USA, the potential threat this poses on the Canadian stone fruit industry, and the actions of the CFIA to date. We were lucky enough to have in attendance, three members of the Plum Pox National Task Force Team created by the CFIA, namely Mike Celetti, Neil Miles and Annette Nassuth, to deal with the questions that arose after this presentation. After a short business meeting there was an opportunity to visit several labs on the campus at the University of Guelph.

The meeting wrapped up with a display of 8 posters, which were viewed and actively discussed. In addition, more information on plum pox disease, was presented in the form of a display with many nice pictures (for plant pathologists) provided by Ken Marchant, and handouts provided by Ken Marchant and Gerry Walker. All this while enjoying a drink and a buffet-style dinner, thanks to an excellent job by Jane Robb, Greg Boland and members of their lab. All in all a very successful meeting!

Submitted by Dr. Annette Nassuth, Regional Chair Western Ontario.

People & Travel

Denis Gaudet attended the second conference on Plant and Microbe Adaptations to Winter Environments in Northern Areas held during May 19-21, 2000, in Akureyri, Iceland. The title of his presentation was "Towards an understanding of the nature of snow mold resistance" by D. A. Gaudet and A. Laroche. Approximately 50 delegates from Japan, Canada, USA, England, Scandinavia, Estonia, Czech Republic, Italy, and Iceland participated in the conference. The natural beauty of this region of Iceland, only 60 km from the Arctic Circle, made this a fitting site for this Conference. Canada will host the next meeting of this working group in 2003.

Denis Gaudet also attended the XII Bienial Workshop on the Smuts and Bunts in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico which was held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Mexican Phytopathological Society during July 9-12. The title of his presentation was "Development of species specific PCR primers for the identification of Karnal bunt and other *Tilletia* species" by D. A. Gaudet, A. Laroche, T. Despins and G. Kristjansson. Approximately 40 delegates from Canada, USA, and Mexico participated in the workshop. The next meeting of this working group will be held in Dallas, Texas during 2002.

Robin Cameron (University of Toronto) attended and chaired a session at the First International Symposium on Induced Resistance to Plant Diseases at the end of May in Corfu, Greece. The local organizer, Eris Tjamos did a wonderful job bringing together scientists doing basic research on induced resistance and those using induced resistance in the field to protect crops. The meeting also brought together the pioneers in the Induced Resistance field, Joe Kuc, Ray Hammerschmidt, Dan Klessig, Kees van Loon and Sadik Tuzun with the next generation, Brigitte Mauch-Mani, Corne Pieterse, John Drapper and

Uwe Conrath to name just a few. It is expected that the second symposium will be held in three to four years perhaps in Canada as Dr. Cameron is a member of the organizing committee.

New Research Scientist at AAFC Crops and Livestock Research Centre

Dr. **Rick Peters** was recently appointed as a Research Scientist with the Crops and Livestock Research Centre (CLRC) in Charlottetown. Dr. Peters will develop a research program to study the biology, detection and molecular characterization of soil-borne potato pathogens found in agricultural ecosystems. The development of ecologically-based management strategies that complement sustainable agricultural systems will be an important goal of the program.

Dr. Peters obtained his B.Sc., M.Sc. and Ph.D. from the University of Guelph and a B.Ed. from the University of Western Ontario. Following teaching stints in Nunavut and northern Saskatchewan, he came to Charlottetown to conduct research as part of his doctoral program. His Ph.D. thesis focused on the characterization of rapidly changing populations of *Phytophthora infestans* causing late blight of potato in Canada. He completed a one-year postdoctoral position at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, which included investigations of pathogens causing diseases of alfalfa and peas, prior to accepting the position as Research Scientist at the CLRC.

Dr. **Susanne Vogelgsang** has recently joined the research program of Dr. Simon F. Shamoun (Biological Control of Forest Weeds and Diseases) at the Pacific Forestry Centre, Victoria, BC, through a Visiting Fellowship under the umbrella of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Canada. Susanne's current research project focuses on screening, evaluation, and formulation of pathogenic fungi for control of salal (*Gaultheria shallon* Pursh.) and weedy *Rubus* species.

Before coming to the Pacific Forestry Centre, Susanne held a post-doctoral position at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland) where she has been involved in both research on biological weed control



and Public Relations in the framework of a European R&D program (COST-816).

During her undergraduate program (Agrobiology, University of Hohenheim, Germany) and as a Ph.D. student (supervisor Dr. Alan K. Watson, Plant Science, McGill University, Montréal, PQ), Susanne conducted research into the development of a bioherbicide for the control of a serious weed in Canadian agriculture.

Best Student Presentation Awards

At the last CPS annual meeting in Victoria, student presentations were assessed to select the best oral and best poster presentations. The CPS Awards Committee is responsible to determine such winners. To do so, the committee members present at the meeting received support from selected CPS members. The following judges were therefore involved in evaluating student presentations:

Luc Couture, Chair, CPS Awards Committee, orals and posters

Khalid Rashid, member, CPS Awards Committee, orals and posters

Denis Gaudet, orals and posters

Bruce Gossen and Kathy Lewis, orals

Tom Hsiang and Gaston Laflamme, posters.

In our judgment, the following students were awarded the prizes for the best student oral presentation and the best student poster presentation:

Oral: **Peter Isaacson**, Simon Fraser University, for his presentation "The antimicrobial activity by the products of *Xenorhabdus* symbiont of *Steinernema riobrave*."

Poster: **Ardelle Grieger**, University of Manitoba, for her presentation "Host-pathogen interactions in the wheat-*Mycosphaerella graminicola* pathosystems."

Winners each received a one-year membership in CPS, a suitably engraved plaque, and one hundred dollars. Congratulations Peter and Ardelle.

Luc Couture
Chair, CPS Awards Committee

Thanks

The *Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology* on behalf of the Canadian Phytopathological Society would like to express our deepest gratitude to our retiring Section Editors, Dr. **Solke H. DeBoer** of Bacteriology and Dr. **S. Roger Rimmer** of Genetics. Their dedication, counsel, hard-work and effort over the years have been much appreciated and have helped the Journal to run smoothly. We would like to thank Dr. DeBoer and Dr. Rimmer for their outstanding achievements. You both will be greatly missed. Good luck in your future endeavors.

New Editors and Section

The *Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology* would like to acknowledge our new and expanded editorial Sections to the Journal. We are pleased to announce that as of August 2000, Dr. **A. V. (Tony) Sturz** has been appointed as Section Editor of "Bacteriology & Phytomycoplasma" and Dr. **Jean Q. Liu** for "Genetics and Breeding." To our newest section entitled "Articles in French" **Dr. Luc Couture** has been appointed as Section Editor. We ask that papers be sent to the appropriate Section Editor at the address indicated below. Any paper totally in French should be sent to Dr. Couture, irrespective of the discipline. We are honored that all positions have been accepted as appointed. Thank you and best wishes to all.

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Obituary - Dr. Peter L. Dyck

by John Martens

Dr. Peter Dyck passed away at the age of 71 years in Winnipeg on July 10, 2000. He was born March 31, 1929 in Burwalde, MB. "Peter was a great scientist and an even better human being."

Dr. Dyck was a graduate of the University of Manitoba and the University of California and excelled in the genetics of rust resistance in oat and wheat. His career was spent with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, initially in Ottawa, but mostly at the Cereal Research Centre in Winnipeg. When he started his career, the rust diseases were a major limiting factor in cereal production in the prairie provinces and Dr. Dyck undertook the task of helping to unravel the complex genetics of rust disease resistance, and to search for new resistance to these diseases. He became an international authority in his field cooperating with many scientists in Canada and abroad, and became a consultant to wheat breeders worldwide. His research is published in numerous international scientific journals.

The practical results of his research are seen in many wheat varieties grown in the prairies today, where they contain genes for rust disease resistance that he isolated and characterized, allowing for more successful wheat

production. He was an Honorary Professor at the University of Manitoba, where he assisted in the training of graduate students and served as consultant and examiner for graduate student theses in Canada and Australia. He was especially appreciated by his colleagues for his willingness to assist and cooperate, and his methodical, persistent and thorough investigation of difficult problems in wheat genetics.

In recognition of his contribution to science and agriculture, Dr. Dyck was awarded the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada Gold Medal for outstanding achievement as a member of the wheat improvement team. He was also awarded an Honorary membership in the Canadian Phytopathological Society for his contribution to the understanding of the pathology and control of wheat rust diseases by genetic resistance.

Coming Events

Annual Meeting of the American Phytopathological Society, North Eastern Division, Cape Cod, November 1-3, 2000

Preliminary program

Symposium: Apple scab management in the 21st Century: what we can expect from current knowledge

8:00-8:05	O. Carisse	Introduction and overview (5 min)
8:05-8:25	D. Aylor	Aerobiology of apple scab (20 min) Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven, U.S.A.
8:25-8:55	C. Gessler	Mapping scab resistance genes (30 min) Plant Pathology, Inst. of Plant Sciences, Swiss Federal Inst. of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland
8:55-9:15	D. Rosenberger	Chemical Control from Historical Perspectives to Future Possibilities (20 min) Cornell University Hudson Valley Lab., Highland, NY, U.S.A.
9:15-9:30	O. Carisse	Integrated biological control (15 min) Horticultural Research and Development Centre, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Canada
9:30-10:00	W.E MacHardy	Scab management: Where are we going from here? (30 min) Department of Plant Biology, University of New Hampshire, Durham, U.S.A.

Instructional Technology Online Symposium ~ May-June 2001

An online symposium in Instructional Technology will be held from May 15-June 30, 2001. It has been organized by the Teaching Committee of the International Society of Plant Pathology. It includes an opportunity to "present papers" on various instructional technologies with online discussions between the authors and other instructors. It also includes several discussion sessions on topics related to instructional technology. The symposium allows time for instructors to try various demonstrations and then participate in discussions about how best to use them. Papers and discussions will be posted at different times throughout the symposium. Even after the active presentations are complete, all materials will be archived and available. This symposium is particularly exciting because it can literally involve instructors in plant pathology (and related disciplines) from around the world.

Participants interested in submitting papers are encouraged to do so at their earliest convenience. This will allow enough time to organize the presentations and to make sure that hyperlinks, demonstrations, etc. are working properly in time for the symposium. Note that the actual papers are restricted in length and are essentially a summary of what is to be presented. Longer discussions and demonstrations can be linked to these papers.

Dr Terry Stewart of Massey University is the webmaster for this event and is generously contributing his time and effort. The organizing committee members are Drs. Cleora D'Arcy, Darin Eastburn, David Guest, Thorsten Kraska, and James Partridge and me. We look forward to your ideas and suggestions. Please see the website for further information: <http://www.ispp-itsymposium.org.nz/>

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2001 AGM in London, Ontario.

All members, and non-members are invited to attend the next AGM, June 10-13, 2001 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in London, Ontario. The theme of Plant Protection and the Environment is particularly timely as many new and old pest control technologies are under scrutiny for their environmental impacts. Through a number of Symposia and Colloquia we hope to bring scientific substance from Academia and Government to discussions about potential changes that may occur with the introduction of novel pest control procedures. We are planning to provide an opportunity to our industrial partners to present their results and work with us to make this meeting a success. We expect to use the full three days for the meeting, so don't leave early.

Tours being planned include opportunities to tour the intensive agriculture of Southwestern Ontario: 1) the greenhouse production sites surrounding the Harrow research Station (the largest greenhouse complex in North America) 2) The Lake Erie shores with Ginseng, Tobacco, Tomato, and Vegetable Production 3) Niagara Vine tour.

Tickets will be made available for Stratford (30 minutes from London). This will likely be for Wednesday evening.

For nature lovers, we are located between two Great Lakes with quite different ecologies and beautiful sandy beaches (Huron is 80 km north and Erie is 60 km to the south). If you have not seen them, and wish to, let us know.

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more.

Sincerely,
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In my last harangue, I mentioned my difficulty in meeting budget for producing the newsletter. Well, it appears the squeaky wheel does indeed get the grease as my allowance has been restored. I must assure you readers that my frustration was temporal and I never had any intention of chucking in the towel. For all the struggle it seems to take to get each issue out the door, I enjoy staying in touch with the Society by editing *CPS-SCP News*.

If anyone was looking for me in the pages of the 2000 Membership Directory, it may seem as though I disappeared. When Vikram convinced me to wrangle a Sustaining Membership from my previous employer - Westco, I was not aware that my own status as a regular member was in jeopardy. Oh well, live and learn.

You sharp-eyed readers will have noted that I said *previous* employer. Yes my summer was a tumultuous one in which I decided to change occupations, again. My intention had always been to stay longer with each successive move. You know what they say about the "best laid plans of mice and men."

My new employer is a dotcom enterprise called AgriPlace. Once AgriPlace gets used to having a Crop Protection Officer on staff or, as they like to call me "the bug guy," I'll work on wrangling another Sustaining Membership. This time though I'll be sure to get myself an individual membership and regain my rightful place in the 2001 CPS Members Directory.

By the way, nothing has changed as far as how to reach me since I now work from a home office. My work email is now dkaminski@agriplace.com but, for CPS-SCP-related business, please use cps-news@home.com

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