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Mot du Président/ President's Message

Richard Hamelin

Since my last President's message may have been one of the longest on record, I will now aim for one of the shortest. (Zamir Punja's famous Dec. 1999 message containing only 145 words will probably still go unbeaten!). It's been a busy Fall for many of us at the CPS on the Board and the various committees, and the Society has been very active. The Fall is the time of year when many regional meetings are taking place. Funny how I was so much looking forward to attending all those regional meetings, but reality caught up with me!



Still, I was able to attend the BC regional meeting in Victoria in October and I truly enjoyed it. Simon Shamoun and Rona Sturrock did a great job of organizing the meeting, and the last minute change of venue

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(because of the Public Service Alliance strike that made it impossible to hold the meeting at the Pacific Forestry Centre) only made it more enjoyable. How often do you attend a meeting in a Beer Garden with taps in the back of the room ready to fill your glass! The meeting was a success, with a good participation and a very interesting evening session by Karen Bartlett where we heard about *Cryptococcus*, a human pathogen, that was found in native BC trees. If we could find more of those tree-human pathogen connections, we could probably properly fund forest pathology research!

Attending the BC regional meeting was also a bit of a home-coming for me. I did my Master of Pest Management degree

there under the supervision of Jack Sutherland (at Pacific Forestry Centre) and Jim Rahe (at Simon Fraser University). I was glad to see that Jack upgraded his 1966 Beetle (which he had bought in Quebec and was driving when I was in his lab back in 1986) for a 1991 Subaru, a 25 year jump forward. The BC regional group is very lively and there were several students participating and giving presentations.

On the business side of things, we are getting ready to do a launch of DFCC

in French at the Quebec Agriculture Fair in January. Robin Morrall and Luc Couture are planning a fairly large event there, and the response is very positive so far. I'll be attending this event as well and we'll make publicity for the book and the Society. This is an excellent window for our visibility here in Quebec and we're hoping this will help our membership.

On another front, we are investigating several scenarios regarding the issue of on-line registration for our meetings as well as membership, and ideally, with a shopping cart option for our Society products. We are often confronted with the problem of the cost of those services, but at some point, we'll have to tackle this issue.

We are also preparing for the up-coming meeting in Edmonton, and you should all get the invitation in February or you can visit the web site at <https://www.plantcanada2005.ca>. It promises to be exciting and there are a couple of big names on the programme already-David Suzuki, for example, one of the top 10 greatest Canadians according to CBC! There is still time to add items to the agenda, so if you have suggestions, please step forward and contact the LAC.

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We are still trying to tie up some of the 75th anniversary tasks. One of them is the completion/update of the book *Plant Pathology in Canada*, a project that is spearheaded by Denis Gaudet. Denis is working hard to gather steam around this project. Please do contact him if you agree to volunteer some information to this project.

Well, apparently, I failed miserably in my attempt to write the shortest President's message in history. I'll have to learn conciseness from Zamir

and I promise to try harder next time. In the meantime, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Richard C. Hamelin
President
Canadian Phytopathological Society

Étant donné que mon dernier mot du président fût un des plus longs jamais publiés, je vais tenter d'écrire un des plus courts. (Celui de Zamir Punja de décembre 1999 ne contenant que 145 mots sera un record difficile à battre!). L'automne a été très occupé pour plusieurs d'entre nous à la SCP. L'automne est la saison des réunions régionales et j'avais vraiment hâte d'assister à plusieurs de ces réunions (malheureusement, j'ai succombé à la réalité de mon horaire trop chargé...).

J'ai quand même assisté au congrès régional de la Colombie Britannique à Victoria (comment résister à ça en plein mois d'octobre?). Simon Shamoun et Rona Sturrock ont réussi à re-coller les pots cassés après avoir été obligés de changer le lieu de la réunion à la dernière minute étant donné la grève des employés du secteur publique au centre de foresterie du Pacifique. La solution, faire la réunion

dans un Beergarden local, constituait une alternative des plus intéressantes : les kegs de bière allemande étaient toujours à portée de la main à l'arrière de la salle! Cette rencontre fût un succès. La participation a été excellente et on a eu droit à une session du soir où on a appris que *Cryptococcus*, un pathogène humain, avait été découvert sur plusieurs espèces d'arbres en C. B. Si cette dualité pathologie humaine-arbre était plus fréquente, on n'aurait aucune difficulté à financer la recherche en pathologie forestière!

Ma participation au congrès régional à Victoria représentait un peu un retour au bercail pour moi. En effet, j'ai fait ma Maîtrise sous la direction de Jack Sutherland (au centre du Pacifique) et de Jim Rahe (université Simon Fraser). J'étais content de voir que Jack avait finalement échangé sa coccinelle 1966 (achetée à Québec) pour une Subaru 1991, un saut en avant de 25 ans. La région de la C. B. possède un chapitre très actif et plusieurs étudiants participaient à cette réunion.

Pour ce qui est des affaires de la société, on se prépare à faire un lancement du livre MGCC en français au salon de l'agriculture du Québec en janvier. Robin Morrall et Luc Couture ont planifié un évènement d'envergure et la réponse à date est très positive. J'y assisterai et on en profitera pour faire de la publicité pour le livre et pour la société. Ceci constitue une excellente vitrine pour notre société au Québec et on espère que ça nous aidera à y recruter des nouveaux membres.

Par ailleurs, nous examinons présentement plusieurs scénarios en ce qui concerne les inscriptions en ligne

pour les réunions et les abonnements et les achats en ligne. Le problème que nous rencontrons chaque fois qu'on se penche sur ce problème est celui du coût élevé de ce service. Nous n'aurons cependant pas le choix de faire face à la musique si on veut avoir ces services qui ne sont vraiment pas du luxe.

On se prépare aussi activement à la prochaine réunion annuelle à Edmonton. Vous devriez d'ailleurs recevoir votre invitation assez tôt dans la

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nouvelle année ou encore vous pouvez visiter le site internet au <https://www.plantcanada2005.ca>. L'évènement s'annonce prometteur et il y a déjà un couple de « gros noms » au programme, entre autre David Suzuki (un des dix plus grands canadiens, si on en croit la CBC!). Il est encore temps d'ajouter des items à l'agenda, mais il faut faire vite. Contactez le comité organisateur si c'est le cas.

On est toujours en train de terminer les projets associés avec le 75^{ième} anniversaire, comme par exemple la mise à jour du livre sur l'histoire de la phytopathologie au Canada. Ce projet piloté par Denis Gaudet a besoin de votre apport et n'hésitez pas à répondre aux appels de Denis qui voudrait bien avoir du matériel de la part des membres.

De toute évidence, je ne suis pas doué pour écrire des textes courts et je pense bien que le record de Zamir est intact (je devrai pendre des leçons de lui!). En attendant, je souhaite à tous un joyeux Noël et une bonne année!

Richard C. Hamelin
Président
Société Canadienne de Phytopathologie

Regional Reports

Maritime Region CPS Meetings a Success!

After years of not meeting as a group, members of the CPS from the Maritime Region came together in Charlottetown with other colleagues to share in discussions of current research and fellowship. The meeting was held on December 2, 2004 at the Delta Prince Edward in Charlottetown. Twenty participants from government, university, and industry heard 10 oral presentations dealing with the biology and management of plant pathogenic bacteria, fungi and viruses. Our keynote speaker, Dr. David Patriquin from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, started the meeting off on an excellent note with a presentation entitled: "Managing nitrogen for control of pests and diseases". Other presenters included Xianzhou Nie (AAFC, NB), Huimin Xu (CFIA, PE), Robert Coffin (Cavendish Farms, PE), Gordon Braun (AAFC, NS), Solke De Boer (CFIA, PE), Mohsen Taghavi (CFIA, PE), Rick Peters (AAFC, PE), and Len Ward (CFIA, PE). Richard Martin (CPS, Past-President) was also in attendance. The best graduate student presentation was awarded to William (Billy) MacDonald, a Masters student at the University of Prince Edward Island, for his presentation entitled: Assessing the *in vitro* sensitivity of *Alternaria solani* and *A. alternata* isolates from Prince Edward Island to azoxystrobin. Billy is supervised by Robert Coffin (Cavendish Farms), Chris Lacroix (University of PEI), and Rick Peters (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Charlottetown).

Following the meeting, attendees had dinner at the Merchantman Pub and awards were presented to the keynote speaker and graduate student. Special

thanks to our financial sponsors, the CPS and the Prince Edward Island Dept. of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture (represented by Tony Sturz) for helping to make the meeting a success. Also, thanks to Tommy Gallant for co-ordination of the audio-visual technology.

Maritime CPS members unanimously agreed to hold this regional meeting on an annual basis, and to rotate the meeting site among the three Maritime provinces. We look forward to establishing the Maritime Region meeting as a regular component of CPS activities in Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Peters, CPS Maritime Region Rep



Dr. David Patriquin (Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS) is acknowledged by CPS, Maritime Region rep, Rick Peters, for his efforts as keynote speaker.

2004 Saskatchewan CPS Annual meeting

The Saskatchewan Regional group of the Canadian Phytopathological Society met in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Advisory Council on Crop Protection (SACCP) - Disease Sub-council on November 23 -24, 2004, at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Approximately 40 scientists, technicians, extension personnel, graduate students, and industry representatives attended the scientific meeting and enjoyed an interesting afternoon of diverse scientific presentations.

Subsequent to introductions, CPS vice-president Dr. Bruce Gossen gave a warm welcome and updates on the Society and Diseases and Pests of Vegetable Crops in Canada. Robin Morrall gave an update on Diseases of Field Crops in Canada, and progress of the French version Maladies des grandes cultures au Canada, which will be completed in December 2004.

Ten papers and six posters were presented throughout the afternoon. They covered a variety of subjects including detoxification of plant phytoalexins, identification of *Sclerotinia* resistance in canola and bean, presence of phytoplasmas in canola seed, molecular marker development and mapping of R genes, disease management practices, biocontrol potential of plant pathogens, and the commercialization process of biological products. The presentations encompassed research on plant pathogens such as *Pyrenophora tritici-repentis* and *Fusarium graminearum* on wheat, *Streptomyces scabies* and *Spongospora subterranea* on potato, and *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum* and *Leptosphaeria maculans* on canola. Potential biocontrol agents such as *Plectosporium alismatis* and *Phoma macrostoma* for control of weedy species, and *Microsphaeropsis ochracea* for control of apple scab were also discussed.

Many of the presenters submitted abstracts for publication in the March 2005 volume of the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology.

Each year, the T.C. Vanterpool Prize in Plant Pathology (a University of Saskatchewan cash prize) is awarded to a U of S student who has made an outstanding effort in the field of plant pathology by his/her exceptional research, presentations at meetings or conferences, and/or involvement in plant pathology projects. The 2004 T.C. Vanterpool Prize went to co-winners Faye Dokken and Jie (Jerry) Feng. Faye is a Master's student in the Department of Applied Microbiology and Food Science, and is working on the mass production of potential bioherbicides for control of scentless chamomile under the supervision of Dr. Gary Peng. Jerry is a Ph.D. student with Dr. Geoff Hughes in the Department of Plant Sciences, and is studying the genetics of resistance to *Stagonospora nodurum* blotch in wheat. Congratulations to both Faye and Jerry!

The meeting concluded with an evening social at *Saskatoon Asian Restaurant*, where all participating gorged on a host of Vietnamese specialties. With tummies full of excellent food and heads full of engaging conversation, all went home satiated and smiling.

Coreen Franke
Saskatchewan Regional Representative

25th annual meeting of the Plant Pathology Society of Alberta

The 25th annual meeting of the Plant Pathology Society of Alberta was held in Lacombe, Alberta November 8-10, 2004. The meeting was well attended, with 47 people present, giving 13 oral presentations and 10 posters. Behzad Sorkhilalehloo was presented with the prize for the best student presentation,

while in a closely fought battle, the best presentation by a technician went to Michele Frick. This year's Dr. Terry Swanson Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to Ms Congli Wang, a Ph.D student at the University of California, Riverside who is studying the root-knot nematode and Fusarium wilt in cotton. To celebrate the 25th anniversary, Lu Piening gave an overview of how the society came into being and President Denise Orr compared the first meeting in 1979 to the present one. Those present at the meeting were treated to photos from past meetings, including 2 with no names attached. Some names were added, with Kan-Fa Chang identifying many, but we are still hopeful of more identifications. The banquet of Greek food, complete with belly dancer proved to be a popular evening. The 2005 meeting is being organized by in-coming president Ron Howard.

Submitted by D.D. Orr.

CPS Regional Meeting - 2004

British Columbia Region

The 2004 Annual Meeting of CPS-BC Region was held October 18 - 19th in Victoria at the Edelweiss Club, Niagara Street. The final days of planning for the meeting occurred during a period of uncertain labor negotiations with the potential for restricted access to Pacific Forestry Centre. Victoria is a city where suitable and affordable meeting space is limited, and difficult to locate. The organizers of the 2004 Meeting should be commended on their resourcefulness and astute planning in finding what turned out to be a great location, complete with accessible bar, inspiring decorations, and great music. Thanks to Simon Shamoun, Rona Sturrock, Mike Cruickshank and all members of the organizing committee for planning an excellent program and

meeting. The meeting was attended by participants from all over BC representing Private Industry, University, Provincial, and Federal Departments.

The meeting was officially opened and welcoming remarks were presented by Dr. Gary Hogan, Director, Forest Biology Research Program, Pacific Forestry Centre, Victoria, BC. The first presentation of the meeting was by Dr. Siva Sabaratnam, BC Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and titled: "An overview on the new and important plant diseases in British Columbia". This was a very interesting report of new disease issues, new directions in pest management, and disease updates. This was followed by Paper Session I which covered a range of topics including biological control of Fusarium root and stem rot in cucumbers, bioherdicides for the control of invasive species, diseases of Wasabi, American ginseng, transformation of carrots for disease resistance, and description of Root Rot Tracker system for evaluating/predicting the spread of root diseases. A poster session was held in the late afternoon. The evening of the first day began with a No-host bar, plus music. This was followed by the Banquet Dinner with a special guest speaker. Dr. Karen Bartlett, UBC, gave a presentation titled, "Is *Cryptococcus gattii* on Vancouver Island as temporary visitor or a landed immigrant?" This was an interesting and detailed presentation about the distribution on Vancouver Island of an exotic plant pest that has serious human health implications.

Day II of the meeting began with a special presentation by Dr. Matteo Garbelotto, University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Garbelotto's presentation was titled "Molecular detection tools: benefits and pitfalls of their use in the study and management of plant diseases." The power and potential of various molecular technologies were presented, as well as

cautions for use. Highlights including the mis-identification of pathogens due to non-specific detection of un-characterized but related pathogens, and erroneous conclusions based on the use of faulty or contaminated controls/standards. This was followed by Paper Session II. This was another interesting session of informative presentations covering a range of topics related to molecular characterization and identification of plant pathogens. Topics included; virus strain typing using real-time multiplex PCR with SYBR Green melting curve analysis, induction of disease resistance in rice using *Bacillus subtilis*, white pine blister rust hybrid, molecular cloning of pathogen/wound-inducible PR10 promoter from *Pinus monticola*, and *in vitro* germination of excised embryos from mature western white pine and Douglas fir.

An important aspect of the regional meeting is that it provides an opportunity to support and encourage students to persevere in spite of the many challenges of research. Also, it provides a platform for them to present their data and discuss results. All students are recognized and applauded for their efforts but due to limited resources only 2 awards were possible in this meeting. The winners of the student presentations were Georgina Rodriguez, SFU/Biological Sciences (1st place winner), and Syama Chatterton, SFU/Biological Sciences (2nd place winner).

The organizers scheduled the business meeting during lunch. This was a wise move since it meant a hungry but captive audience. We were fortunate to have in attendance the President of CPS, Dr. Richard Hamelin, who was able to share his vision for the society with the group. Also, the BC region is fortunate to have several distinguished members of CPS who were present at the meeting, including Dr. Zamir Punja, Editor-in-Chief (CJPP) and Past President (CPS), and Gayle Jespersion, Membership Secretary

(CPS). Gayle gave an update on membership, encouraged all to renew or join, and highlighted the benefits of membership. Dr. Punja gave an update on CJPP, available in both hard copy and online, and described the growing prestige of CJPP. Several distinguished retirees in attendance were recognized during the course of the business meeting; Dr. Jack Sutherland, Dr. Michele Heath, and Dr. Ronald Wall.

The 2005 Annual Meeting of CPS-BC Region will be held in Abbotsford. Thanks to Dr. Siva Sabaratnam and his colleagues for stepping up to the challenge.

Submitted by D. James, BC Regional Representative.

Announcements

2005 Membership Fees are Due

Forms for 2005 CPS membership renewals were mailed out in November. Please return your form by January 31, 2005. Membership forms are also available on the CPS website in PDF format. These forms may be filled out on the screen and printed for mailing or faxing. Please note, emeritus members who do not get the journal must also return the form (no payment required) to indicate that you wish to remain an active member and receive the newsletter.

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Submission Deadline for the March issue of CPS - SCP News

PLEASE NOTE: The submission deadline for the **March issue** of CPS - SCP News is **February 16, 2005**. Please have your reports and submissions to the Editor by this date.

Maladies des grandes cultures au Canada

Après plus d'un an d'efforts soutenus, l'équipe de traduction et de révision de la troisième édition de *Diseases of Field Crops in Canada* a terminé son travail. Les éditeurs scientifiques se sont tous impliqués à leur façon dans ce projet. Tout en produisant cet ouvrage, d'une qualité aussi remarquable que l'édition anglaise, les éditeurs en ont profité pour corriger certaines erreurs originales, mettre à jour certaines informations et même en ajouter de nouvelles. Le glossaire a aussi été particulièrement soigné et enrichi de termes supplémentaires, tous avec leur équivalent anglais, pour le bénéfice des lecteurs. Donc en un sens, la première édition de *Maladies des grandes cultures au*

Canada est plus complète et plus à jour que la troisième édition de *Diseases of Field Crops in Canada*. La traduction initiale a été produite par les Traductions scientifiques PaRi.

Le lancement officiel du livre s'est fait le 12 janvier 2005 à Saint-Hyacinthe, à l'occasion du Salon de l'Agriculture. Le livre est vendu au bas prix de 35\$ et son distributeur exclusif est le CRAAQ (Centre de référence en agriculture et agroalimentaire) (<http://www.craaq.qc.ca>). Les membres de la Société Canadienne de Phytopathologie ont droit à un prix escompté de 15 %.

Référence:

Maladies des grandes cultures au Canada, 1^{re} édition. 2004. Éditeurs scientifiques: K.L. Bailey, L. Couture, B.D. Gossen, R.K. Gugel et R.A.A. Morrall. Société canadienne de phytopathologie. 318 pages

Pest Management Research Report

Pest Management Research Report: A call letter has been issued for submitting research reports for publication in 2004 Pest Management Research Report. The deadline for submitting the reports to the appropriate Section and Section Editors is January, 16, 2005. The Pest Management Research Report is compiled for The Expert Committee on Integrated Pest Management (ECIPM), by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

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North Eastern Forest Pathology Workshop

Drs. Richard Wilson of The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Anthony Hopkin of Canadian Forest Service in Sault Ste. Marie, ON, co-hosted the 45th Northeast Forest Pathology Workshop jointly with the 53rd North Central Forest Pest Workshop, in Niagara Falls Ontario June 8-11. About 60 forest pathologists and forest entomologists attended the meeting from the North Eastern United States and eastern Canada. The meeting included presentations on Red pine root rot problems, Beech Bark Disease, Sudden Oak Death and other diseases of oak as well as presentations on invasive insects such as the emerald ash borer and Asian Longhorned beetle. The meeting included a field tour of red pine plantation problems, beech bark disease, and was capped off with a wine tour in the beautiful Niagara wine region.



45th Northeast Forest Pathology Workshop attendees

December issue of the ISPP newsletter

The December issue of the ISPP newsletter is now available at www.isppweb.org/nldec04.asp.

Please let your society members know, because there may be items of interest to them, or forthcoming events that they might want to attend.

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Awards

Maritime Region CPS Meeting

Best graduate student presentation, CPS, Maritime Regional Meeting



William (Billy) MacDonald (M.Sc., University of Prince Edward Island) receives the award for best graduate student presentation from CPS, Maritime Region rep, Rick Peters.

Annual Meeting of the Taiwan Phytopathological Society

Henry Huang received two awards at the annual meeting of the Taiwan Phytopathological Society, December, 4-5, 2004, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan. The first was for “Outstanding Contributions to Plant Pathology”, while the second was for “Outstanding Contributions in Scientific Publications.”

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Plant Pathology Society of Alberta meeting

Behzad Sorkhilalehloo, University of Alberta, Ph.D. student under the supervision of Dr. J.P. Tewari, was presented with the prize for the best student presentation, while in a closely fought battle, the best presentation by a technician went to Michele Frick, Lethbridge Research Centre, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

Greg J. Boland Receives Plague

It was with some surprise that I read in the last issue of CPS News (September 2004, Vol. 48(3):62) that I had been presented with a “plague” by CPS for my past contributions as Editor of the CPS website! Given our common interest in disease, perhaps this is a somewhat appropriate, tongue-in-cheek approach to awarding “plaques” to CPS members!

I would like to thank Katherine Dobinson and Robin Morrall for expressing their heartfelt condolences on the receipt of my “plague”, but am pleased to report that I am feeling much better now. Meanwhile, my “plague” hangs on my office wall...

Greg J. Boland

Editors note: “There was a fair bit of discussion amongst the CPS-SCP Editors and Website Editor regarding this typo as the September issue was about to go to the printers. After much thought and consultation with the award recipient we decided to leave the typo as is. Jim and I are glad to hear that Greg has recovered from receiving the “plague”.

People and Travel

Henry Huang

Henry Huang was invited to attend the following meetings in Taiwan in December, 2004.

International Symposium on Biodiversity and its Application in Biotechnology, December 3-4, 2004, National Pingtung University of Science and Technology, Pingtung, Taiwan. Henry presented a paper entitled "Impact of Plant Disease on Biodiversity".

International Symposium on Tropical Agriculture and Agro-biotechnology, December 6-9, 2004, National Pingtung University of Science and Technology, Pingtung, Taiwan. Henry presented a paper entitled "Sustainable Management of Plant Diseases in Different Climatic Regions"

Annual Meeting of the Taiwan Phytopathological Society, December, 4-5, 2004, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan. Henry gave a speech at the Plenary Session.

Rich Hunt

Rich Hunt, who started working in forest pathology as a summer student in 1965, officially retires from the Canadian Forestry Service on December 20, 2004. He will be joining retiree Dunc Morrison in a government program that permits retirees to work 1/3 time. Rich will continue working with BC Forest Service geneticists in screening crosses of western white pine selected for blister rust resistance.

Employment

Career Opportunity – Research Associate

Pest Management Specialist – Field and greenhouse trials

Ag-Quest Inc, a leader in contract research services for the agricultural industry since 1983, requires an individual to conduct field research trials.

Qualifications: The successful candidate should have an M.Sc. in Agriculture (Plant pathology) or a B.Sc. with pathology and entomology field trial experience.

Description: The successful candidate will be responsible for procuring and propagating plant diseases and insects required for efficacy trials. The position will also include assisting research teams in inoculating and evaluating plant disease and insect control trials in the field and greenhouse as well as some related projects. Extended work hours will be required during peak seasons. Some travel may be required.

Location: The position will be based at the Ag-Quest research station located at Minto, Manitoba. For more information, visit our company website at www.agquest.com, or contact us at the address listed below.

Start date is March 1, 2005.

Salary will be dependent on relevant experience and education. Benefit plan available.

Candidates should provide references, and outline their work experience and research skills in the resume or cover letter. Please state salary expectations.

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Only those candidates under consideration will be contacted. The deadline for receiving applications is January 31, 2005.

Associate in Research position in Molecular Diagnostics

An Associate in Research position in Molecular Diagnostics is available immediately for 1 year and renewable depending on funding. The salary is commensurate with experience. A Masters in Plant Pathology, Entomology, Nematology or related field is desirable. Basic knowledge in Molecular Biology and Molecular techniques is required.

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Correction

Minutes of the 2004 AGM

In the Minutes of the 2004 AGM published in the September 2004 issue of the CPS News 48(3):65 and 48(3):69, the name of a deceased member was shown incorrectly. The correct name is John Hoes. A correction has been made to the on-line PDF version of the September 2004 issue and it has been re-posted.

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