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President's Message/Mot du Président

As I write this note, it's early morning. I'm sitting in my favourite chair in the living room, with a good cup of coffee at my elbow, drowsy, thoughtful, and content. It's quiet - a peaceful oasis before the start of another chaotic day just prior to the holidays. I realize how much I have to be grateful for - job, family, and friends.



Bruce Gossen
**CPS-SCP President/
Président**

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My job can be stressful and hectic, but after all these years I still feel that it is a privilege to work in science - an opportunity to make a difference (however small) that is open to only a few. I want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours success and happiness in 2007, and to encourage each of you to seize that opportunity and make a difference.

I'm pleased to report that the CPS Board is taking action to address the large annual budget deficit that has been projected for the next few years. First, the Treasurer (Dilantha Fernando) will work with our auditors to improve our financial reporting system. These changes will improve our ability to track expenses by project - we need to know what each major activity/project costs in order to plan effectively. Page charges for CJPP will increase by \$5

per page in 2007, and the Board will bring a proposal for a modest increase in membership fees to the annual meeting for discussion and (hopefully) approval by the membership. Several other small changes have been made or are under discussion that together should reduce this deficit in the coming years. Although we are still in a deficit position, we're moving in a positive direction.

One of the items from the Strategic Plan that has generated a lot of comment is electronic submission of manuscripts. The editorial board of CJPP is looking into an automated manuscript processing system (likely expensive!). However, the Senior Editor (Zamir Punja) has asked me to remind everyone that authors can save time by submitting manuscripts electronically (see current Instruction to Authors). One of the most important ways to speed up manuscript publication is for each of you to agree to act as a reviewer when asked, and to return the reviewed manuscript promptly. As with the rest of our society, CJPP functions because CPS members volunteer and make it happen.

I have attended a number of CPS regional meetings this fall, and have enjoyed seeing the diversity of activities and research that is going on across the country. Through its Strategic Plan, CPS is committed to continuing to build on the success of regional meetings. The Board wants to encourage the development and growth of our regional groups by providing support for special events such as guest speakers and symposia at regional meetings. Also, we hope that workshops to provide training opportunities (e.g., aimed at members from industry) will become a regular feature at regional and national

meetings. I encourage the organizers of upcoming meetings to contact the Treasurer with detailed requests for support of these functions.

To highlight the activities and successes of our regional groups, the CPS Board has asked the webmaster (Lakkhdar Lamari) to develop a template for a web page(s) for each regional group. The page should include meeting notices, minutes, proceedings, and pictures, but could also include notification of scholarships and bursaries, grant application forms and deadlines, information about localized disease outbreaks, etc. I'm looking forward to seeing several pages go up early in

2007, and hope that each regional group will have their own page by the end of the year.

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One of the positive characteristics of almost all of the meetings that I've attended this year (national and regional) has been the active involvement of graduate students. As an example, two students from Guelph have brought a proposal to the Board to pull together a student e-bulletin. They are currently looking for volunteer contributors and collators (see the description in this issue of CPS-SCP News). This is a terrific initiative, and I encourage students (and their supervisors) to get behind it and contribute to its success.

Scanned versions of historic volumes of the Canadian Plant Disease Survey have recently been made available on the website. At present, volumes going back to the 1960s have been uploaded, and more will be added as scanning is completed. This material is available as the result of co-operation between CPS and PMRA. In addition, Gayle Jespersen and Robin

Morrall have almost completed a detailed table of contents for CPDS that goes back to the 1940s. This will increase the accessibility of the information in these volumes.

Another item that will be soon be available on the CPS website is an archive of the Pest Management Research Report. This publication was nearly lost with the demise of CARC and the Expert Committee System that occurred in 2006. As a result of prompt action from the Science Policy Committee, CARC transferred the PMRR archives to CPS. The call letter for the PMRR was sent out in December 2006 under the auspices of CPS. The mandate of this small publication has been broadened substantially in recent years. I urge each member to submit an article to the 2006 edition, to contribute to the success of this publication.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the annual national CPS meeting, which will be held in conjunction with Plant Canada June 10 – 14, 2007 in Saskatoon. Details (registration fees, deadlines, formats, etc.) will be available on the Plant Canada website (accessed via a link on the CPS website) early in January.

Although there are many more issues being addressed and actions being contemplated, this particular missive has gone on long enough. Once again, on behalf of the Board, I wish you all the best in 2007.

J'écris cette note à une heure matinale. Je suis assis dans mon fauteuil favori dans la salle de séjour, une bonne tasse de café à mes côtés, somnolent, pensif et satisfait. C'est calme – une oasis paisible qui précède le début d'une autre journée folle juste avant la période des Fêtes. Je réalise à quel point je suis choyé – par mon emploi, ma famille et mes amis. Il peut arriver que mon travail soit stressant et mouvementé, mais, après toutes ces années, je crois encore que c'est un privilège de travailler en sciences – c'est l'occasion de changer des choses (même petites); une chance que peu de gens ont. J'en profite pour vous souhaiter, ainsi qu'à vos proches, du succès et du bonheur en 2007, et pour encourager chacun de vous à saisir la chance de changer des choses.

Je suis heureux de vous informer que le Conseil d'administration de la SCP a pris des mesures pour s'attaquer à l'important déficit budgétaire qui a été annoncé pour les quelques prochaines années. D'abord, le trésorier (Dilantha Fernando) travaillera de concert avec nos vérificateurs pour améliorer notre système de rapports financiers. Ces changements faciliteront le suivi des dépenses par projet – nous avons besoin de savoir combien chaque activité ou projet coûte de façon à mieux planifier. Les frais de page du CJPP seront majorés de 5 \$ par page en 2007 et le Conseil soumettra à l'assemblée annuelle, pour discussion et approbation (je l'espère) par les membres, une proposition pour augmenter légèrement la cotisation. Plusieurs autres changements mineurs ont été faits ou font l'objet de discussions et devraient, ensemble, contribuer à réduire le déficit dans les années à venir. Même si nous sommes toujours déficitaires, nous allons dans la bonne direction.

La soumission électronique des manuscrits est un des éléments du Plan stratégique qui a soulevé le plus de commentaires. Le comité de rédaction du CJPP examine un système de traitement

automatique des manuscrits (vraisemblablement dispendieux!). Cependant, le Directeur scientifique (Zamir Punja) m'a demandé de rappeler à chacun que les auteurs peuvent épargner du temps en soumettant leurs manuscrits par voie électronique (voir les actuelles *Recommandations aux auteurs*). Un des plus importants moyens pour accélérer la publication d'un manuscrit, c'est d'accepter d'examiner un manuscrit lorsqu'on vous le demande et de le retourner sans tarder une fois révisé. Tout comme pour les autres activités de notre société, le CJPP fonctionne grâce au volontariat des membres.

Cet automne, j'ai assisté à quelques réunions régionales de la SCP, et c'est avec plaisir que j'ai constaté la diversité des activités et des recherches qui se déroulent à travers le pays. Par son Plan stratégique, la SCP s'est engagée à continuer à exploiter le succès des réunions régionales. Le Conseil désire encourager le développement et la croissance de nos groupes régionaux en leur fournissant un soutien pour des événements spéciaux lors de réunions régionales comme des présentations par des conférenciers invités et des colloques. De plus, nous espérons que des ateliers visant la formation pratique (p. ex., destinés aux membres provenant de l'industrie) deviendront une caractéristique des réunions régionales et nationales. J'encourage les organisateurs des réunions à prendre contact avec le trésorier et à soumettre des propositions détaillées en vue d'un soutien pour ces activités.

Afin de mettre en évidence les activités et les succès de nos groupes régionaux, le

Conseil de la SCP a demandé au webmestre (Lakkhdar Lamari) de développer un modèle pour une ou des pages Web pour chaque groupe régional. La page devrait inclure les avis de réunion, les procès-verbaux, les comptes rendus et des photos, et pourrait aussi inclure des annonces de bourses d'études, des formulaires de demande de subvention et les dates limites, des informations sur des épidémies locales, etc. J'espère que plusieurs pages verront le jour tôt en 2007 et que chaque groupe régional aura sa propre page avant la fin de l'année.

Un des bons côtés de presque toutes les réunions auxquelles j'ai assisté cette année (nationale et régionales) fut l'implication des étudiants diplômés. Par exemple, deux étudiants de Guelph ont acheminé

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une proposition au Conseil lui demandant de se joindre à eux pour mettre sur pied un e-bulletin étudiant. Ils sont actuellement à la recherche de collaborateurs volontaires (voir la description dans le présent numéro du *CPS-SCP News*). C'est une initiative formidable; j'encourage les étudiants (et leurs superviseurs) à partager cette idée et à contribuer à sa réussite.

Depuis peu, une version numérisée des anciens volumes de *l'Inventaire des maladies des plantes au Canada* est disponible sur notre site Web. Actuellement, les volumes allant jusqu'aux années 1960 ont été téléversés et d'autres seront ajoutés à mesure que la numérisation sera complétée. Ce matériel est disponible grâce à la coopération entre la SCP et l'ARLA. De plus, Gayle Jesperson et Robin Morrall ont presque complété une table des matières

détaillée du CPDS qui recule jusqu'aux années 1940. Elle augmentera l'accessibilité de l'information contenue dans ces volumes.

Un autre produit sera bientôt disponible sur le site de la SCP; ce sont les numéros archivés du *Pest Management Research Report*. Cette publication fut presque perdue à la suite de la fermeture, en 2006, du CRAC et de son système de comités d'experts. Grâce à la réaction rapide du Comité de la politique scientifique, le CRAC a transféré à la SCP les archives du *PMRR*. La lettre d'appel pour le *PMRR* fut envoyée en décembre 2006 sous les auspices de la SCP. Le mandat de cette petite publication a été considérablement élargi ces dernières années. J'exhorte chaque membre à soumettre un article pour l'édition de 2006, afin de contribuer au succès de cette publication.

N'oubliez pas d'inscrire à votre agenda la réunion annuelle nationale de la SCP qui sera tenue conjointement avec Plant Canada du 10 au 14 juin 2007 à Saskatoon. Les détails (frais d'enregistrement, échéances, formats, etc.) seront disponibles sur le site Web de Plant Canada (accessible via un hyperlien sur le site Web de la SCP) tôt en janvier.

Même s'il y a eu plusieurs autres questions abordées et actions envisagées, la présente missive est suffisamment longue et je m'arrête ici. Encore une fois, au nom du Conseil, je souhaite à tous une bonne année 2007.

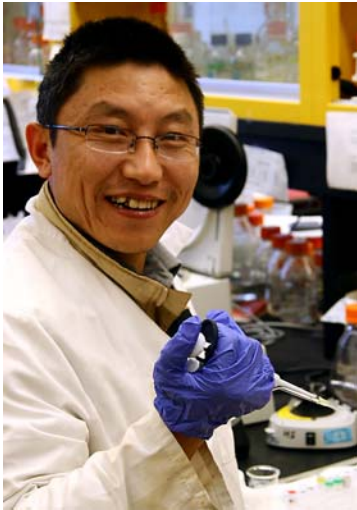
Regional Meetings

CPS British Columbia Regional Meeting Report 2006

The BC regional meeting was held at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Pacific Agriculture Research Centre, Summerland on October 23-24. There were over 50 attendees with a total of 20 talks and eight posters covering topics on genomics, varietal resistance, bio-control, chemical control, fungi, viruses, yeast and nematodes. We had a very competitive student paper competition, with awards going to Geoff M. White, Faculty of Land and Food Systems, University of British Columbia (supervisor Dr. D. Rochon), for his talk entitled, "Does 14-3-3 assist in the infection cycle of cucumber necrosis virus?" (3rd place = \$50); Syama Chatterton, Dept. of Biological Sciences, Simon Fraser University (supervisor Dr. Z. Punja), for her talk entitled, "Mechanisms of biological control of Fusarium root and stem rot on greenhouse cucumber by *Gliocladium catenulatum*." (2nd place = \$75); and Guangzhi Zhang, Dept. of Botany, University of British Columbia (supervisor Dr. H. Sanfaçon) for his talk entitled, "Evidence that the X2 protein of tomato ringspot virus is a membrane anchor for the viral replication complex." (1st place = \$100). Awards were made possible by a \$150 contribution from the Canadian Phytopathological Society, supplemented by \$75 from attendees' registration fees.

We were fortunate to have exceptional talks presented by our two guest speakers, on modelling systems for global climate change (Dr. Denise Neilsen) and new techniques in tree fruit pathology (Dr. Bob Spotts). For those who attended the banquet and heard Bob Spotts's talk on Alaskan grizzlies in Katmai National Park, don't forget to book your adventure vacation this year!

Many thanks to Dan O’Gorman, who chaired the Summerland organizing committee. Dan would like to thank everyone who helped in putting the meeting together, with very special thanks to Sarah Stokes and Paula Haag who kept things moving along smoothly.



Guangzhi Zhang, Dept. of Botany, University of British Columbia, 1st place student paper competition, CPS BC regional meeting

At the business meeting on Oct. 23, we were delighted to welcome Dr. Bruce Gossen, CPS President, who explained the challenges and opportunities facing our society in the coming years, including the reason for minor increases in publication and membership fees. Dr. Gossen outlined the goals of the new 5-Year Strategic Plan, including development of a Canadian “Plant Health Network”. Discussion of the use of BC CPS Regional investment funds was tabled until the 2007 meeting when more members are expected to be present. A “2010 Committee” chaired by Tom Forge, with assistance from Karen Bedford and Gayle Jespersion was struck to begin planning for the National CPS Meeting in BC in 2010.

Dr. Zamir Punja could not be present but conveyed an invitation to host the next

regional meeting at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby in October, 2007, which was unanimously accepted.

Report submitted by: J. Elmhirst, CPS BC Regional Representative and D. O’Gorman, 2006 BC Regional Meeting Chair

2006 Annual Meeting of the Plant Pathology Society of Alberta

The 27th Annual Meeting of the Plant Pathology Society of Alberta (PPSA) was held from November 7-9, 2006 at the Lister Conference Centre, University of Alberta, in Edmonton. A total of 53 research, industry and extension personnel from throughout Alberta registered for the meeting, as did several out-of-province plant pathologists, including Dr. Mary Ruth McDonald (University of Guelph, Guelph, ON) and Dr. Bruce Gossen (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Saskatoon, SK). In addition to presenting a research poster, Dr. Gossen attended the meeting in his capacity as President/Président of the Canadian Phytopathological Society/La Société Canadienne de Phytopathologie, and provided an update on CPS/SCP activities during the plenary session.

The registered participants received in-depth information on the latest research and disease survey findings through 16 oral presentations and 16 posters. A total of 6 oral papers and 7 posters were presented by students from the University of Alberta, the University of Lethbridge, and Winston Churchill High School/AAFC Lethbridge. These were judged by a panel consisting of Mary Ruth McDonald, Bruce Gossen and Mike Harding in order to choose winners of the Best Student Oral Presentation and Best Student Poster Awards. The Best Oral Presentation Award was won by Ms. Kelley Dunfield, for

her oral paper entitled *Characterization of PR 10.4 transgenic Brassica napus* (supervisor: Dr. N. Kav, University of Alberta). The winner of the Best Poster Award was Mr. Yue Liang, for his poster entitled *Proteome-level changes in Brassica napus infected by Sclerotinia sclerotiorum* (supervisors: Drs. N. Kav and S.E. Strelkov, University of Alberta). An honourable mention was given to Mr. Brent Puchalski, for his poster *Fungal proteins involved in the interaction between wheat and the snow mold fungus* (supervisor: Dr. A. Laroche, AAFC Lethbridge). In addition, Mr. Yong Min Kim was awarded the PPSA Graduate Student Scholarship in recognition of academic excellence at the University of Alberta. These awards were presented at the annual meeting banquet.

A highlight of the business meeting included the selection of Denise Orr, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Lacombe, as an honorary life member of the PPSA, based on her long-standing service to the Society since its inception. The 2007 annual meeting will be held in Lethbridge and the new officers of the Society will be: Denis Gaudet - President; Jian Yang - Vice-President; Andre Laroche - Secretary/Treasurer; Julie Bernier - Director, Northern Region; Shauna Kotschorek - Director, Central Region, and Mike Harding - Director Southern Region.

Submitted by: Steve Strelkov (Past-President)

CPS - Saskatchewan Regional Meeting

The Canadian Phytopathological Society-Saskatchewan Regional Meeting was held on December 4, 2006 from 1-5pm. There were approximately 50 people in attendance. We had 12 oral and 8 poster presentations. In addition, the current CPS President (Dr. Bruce Gossen) gave a 10 min presentation about issues related to the Society in general. Five students entered the Best Student Oral Competition and three students competed for Best Student Poster. Ms. Faye Dokken received the award for Best Student Oral presentation. Faye is just completing her MSc degree in the Department of Applied Microbiology at the University of Saskatchewan under the supervision of Dr. Louise Nelson and co-supervised by Dr. Garry Peng of AAFC, Saskatoon Research Center. The title of her presentation was "Occurrence of *Ascochyta pisi* on field pea in Saskatchewan: by F.L. Dokken, S. Banniza, T. Warkentin, and R.A.A. Morrall." The Best Student Poster was given to Ms. Sally Vail, a PhD student in the Department of Plant Sciences at the University of Saskatchewan under the supervision of Dr. Bert Vandenberg. Sally's poster was titled "Development of a clonal propagation method to screen for resistance to *Colletotrichum truncatum* in *Lens* species: by S. Vail, S. Banniza and A. Vandenberg".

We look forward to another promising year!

Submitted by

Godfrey Chongo
CPS-Saskatchewan Regional
Representative

Manitoba CPS regional meeting minutes (December 04, 2006)

The 2006 Manitoba Regional Meeting of the Canadian Phytopathological Society was held on December 04, 2006, at the Cereal Research Centre (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada), Winnipeg Manitoba. Thirty-four people attended the event.

The meeting started at 9:00am with registration, coffee and donuts.

In this meeting, scientists first provided disease updates in Manitoba as follows:

- Brent McCallum: Leaf and strip rusts.
- Tom Fetch: Wheat/barley stem rust,
- Jeannie Gilbert: Fusarium head blight and leaf spot
- Jeannie Gilbert on behalf of Andy Tekauz: Winter wheat, oat, barley,
- James Chong: Crown rusts,
- Steve Haber: Viral diseases,
- Khalid Rashid: Flax and sunflower

Then the program proceeded with 13 oral presentations, of which 8 were presented by graduate students.

In the student presentation competition:

- Mr. X.W. GUO (supervisor: Dr. D. Fernando, Dept. Plant Science, University of Manitoba) won the first prize. He got a free CPS membership and a \$50 check. His presentation was: Chemotype Diversity of *Fusarium graminearum* Isolates in Manitoba.
- Ms. Kate BERGEN (supervisor: Dr. Neil Holiday, Dept. Entomology, University of Manitoba) won the second place. She got a free CPS membership and a copy of "Diseases of Field Crops in Canada". Her presentation was titled: Effects of Induced Systemic Resistance on Insect Pests of Canola.
- Ms. Carrie SELIN (supervisor Dr. T. de Kievit, Dept. of Microbiology, University of

Manitoba) won the third place. She got a free CPS membership. The title of her presentation was: *Pseudomonas chlororaphis* PA23 biocontrol is dependent upon a novel transcriptional regulator called PtrA.

At the business meeting, after presentation of the financial report, discussion was initiated on items included in the CPS strategic plan, in order to see how these could be approached. These items included:

- Meeting with other societies or CPS sections: next year, the MB section will try to meet with the MB society of Biologists, and in a few years with the Western Forum on Pest Management and associated Western Committee on Plant Disease.
- Website for the regional section. Dr. Steve Haber was nominated to take the lead on website arrangements.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm. Special thanks to the CPS for their annual contribution, The Cereal Research Centre for allowing the access to the meeting facilities, Dr. Tom Fetch for room and audiovisual arrangements, and Mr. Lorne Adam, Dr. A. El Hadrami, Mrs. Maria Antonia Henriquez, and Mrs. Hassna Alkher for helping with the registration, food and coffee arrangements.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Fouad Daayf
CPS MB Regional Representative

International Meetings

First International *Ascochyta* Workshop on Grain Legumes July 2-6, 2006, Le Tronchet, France

The first international *Ascochyta* workshop on grain legumes took place July 2-6, 2006 in Le Tronchet, France, a village between Rennes and Saint Malo on the eastern edge of Brittany. It was held at L'Hostellerie Abbatiale, a picturesque converted monastery now used as a hotel and location to hold retreats. The conversions include a swimming pool, en-suite bathrooms and an extremely well serviced dining room, but not air conditioning! Brittany has not traditionally been thought of as a place where air conditioning is needed, so the daily 30°+ temperatures reminded workshop participants that global warming is taking place.

Just over 60 scientists from 18 countries attended the workshop, which included oral sessions and posters on pathogen biology, host resistance, epidemiology and integrated disease management. Each oral session was initiated by a keynote address in which the speaker gave a wide-ranging comparative review of legume *Ascochyta* spp. These reviews, plus a few other oral presentations, will be published

in the European Journal of Plant Pathology later in 2007, thus providing a very useful service to people working on *Ascochyta*.

Canada was well represented at the workshop with eight participants, a number exceeded only by France (16) and Australia (11). All eight from Canada (Sabine Banniza, Lone Buchwaldt, Bruce Gossen, Randy Kutcher, Robin Morrall, Bunyamin Tar'an, Abebe Tullu and Tom Warkentin) were from Saskatchewan. This is no surprise since Saskatchewan has about 85% of all pulse crop acres in

the country and is also the world's largest exporter of lentils!

Kudos to our hosts, the local organizing committee (Alain Baranger, Christophe Le May, Caroline Onfroy, Anne Schneider, Alexandra Schoeny and Bernard Tivoli), for the fabulous job they did in arranging the workshop. They chose a location

isolated from the bright lights of the city to make sure that we concentrated on our work, but they did not neglect the social and gastronomic side. The workshop included a half day excursion to the Mont St. Michel and Saint Malo, three splendid meals a day, a seemingly unending supply of wines and cider, and a wind-up banquet with a group of traditional Breton musicians and folk dancers.

Our hosts are also to be thanked and congratulated for seeing the workshop to completion under very trying conditions. Sadly one participant, Bob Henson from North Dakota State University, died of a



Enjoying the First International *Ascochyta* Workshop on Grain Legumes. Around the table, from left to right: Alain Baranger, Anne Constance, Randy Kutcher, Robin Morrall, Barb Morrall, Susan Gossen, Bruce Gossen

heart attack during the very first presentation on July 3. Needless to say, dealing with the formalities of such an event and maintaining the momentum of the workshop placed a huge additional burden on our hosts and required considerable fortitude.

Robin Morrall

Announcements

Call for Student Newsletter Volunteers

We are currently attempting to establish a student network within CPS-SCP and are recruiting volunteers for participation in the development of a student e-bulletin. The e-bulletin will consist of a newsletter, which will be e-mailed to CPS-SCP students in pdf format on a quarterly basis. The goal of this project is to encourage conversation amongst student members of the society by providing a more student-friendly forum to do so. The newsletter will also contain quarterly updates on hot topics in plant pathology, information regarding scholarship, graduate, and job opportunities, and information on upcoming events.

If you are interested in volunteering or have ideas for the newsletter, please contact Angela Orshinsky at aorshins@uoguelph.ca or Alyson Prokop at mprokop@uoguelph.ca.

Société de protection des plantes du Québec

CONGRÈS 2007

La Société de protection des plantes du Québec (SPPQ) tiendra son prochain congrès annuel les 31 mai et 1^{er} juin 2007 à Rivière-du-Loup. Le thème du symposium est « Du laboratoire à l'application, du rêve à la réalité / From the laboratory to marketing, when the dream becomes a reality » Pour information voir le site <http://www.sppq.qc.ca/congres.htm> ou communiquez à l'adresse suivante : congres2007@sppq.qc.ca

CPS takes on hosting the Pest Management Research Reports

The Pest Management Research Report (PMRR) is a periodical published to facilitate the rapid exchange of information on Integrated Pest Management (IPM), among those involved in research and advisory services on IPM, of plant diseases and insect pests in the agri-food sector of Canada. The PMRR represents all aspects of pest management, including cultivar reaction, management responses, and pesticide efficacy. They are often used to support the registration of pest control methods and products.

In the past, the reports were focused primarily on pesticides, but the aim is now broader based. In the coming year we will work to encourage a broader base of reports on IPM, especially submissions on non-pesticide aspects of IPM. We will also investigate the potential of adding sections of interest to the forestry sector. With the assistance of the CPS membership, this publication can become an even more useful resource.

The PMRR was originally published by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and then the Canadian Agricultural Research Council's Expert Committee on Pest Management. With the recent closure of CARC, the CPS has taken up the publication of the PMRR, in conjunction with the Entomological Society of Canada. The PMRR will continue to be published annually, in electronic format, with reports in either English or French, according to author preference.

The Pest Management Research Reports, since 1991, can be downloaded through a new addition to the publication section of CPS website (<http://www.cps-scp.ca/publications.htm>).

If you have not received the call letter for the 2006 PMRR please contact the Editor in Chief of the PMRR, Andrea Labaj at labaja@agr.gc.ca or the CPS editor for the PMRR, Richard Martin at martinra@agr.gc.ca. The deadline for submission to the PMRR section editors is January 25th, 2007. For this year the format will be as in past years. However, we will investigate refinements to the format to reflect the broad nature of IPM studies that the reports should represent.

Information on the occurrence and severity of plant disease in Canada and on the assessment of losses from diseases will continue to be published in the Canadian Plant Disease Survey, with Robin Morrall as the national coordinator. There is however a section in the PMRR relating to surveys and outbreaks of insects and mites to fill the historical information gap left by the loss of the Canadian Agricultural Insect Pest Review.

Submitted
Richard Martin

CPS Membership Renewal and fees are due by January 31, 2007.

Letters with membership renewal forms were mailed to all present members in mid November. The forms are also available at the CPS website: <http://www.cps-scp.ca/membershipapplication.htm>. Please renew your membership for 2007 promptly by filling the renewal form and send your cheque or money order payable to Canadian Phytopathological Society, or include your credit card type and number on the form. This will ensure that we get your current address and information, and that you receive the CPS Newsletter and CJPP journal on time. Renewal after January 31, 2007 will be assessed a late fee of \$15.00. Please encourage your colleagues and students to renew their membership or apply for new membership. Emeritus Members please send the form with your current address to ensure that you continue receiving the CPS-SCP newsletter.

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Join us in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan for Plant Canada 2007

Important Dates

Conference Dates: JUNE 10-14, 2007

Abstract Submissions: BY APRIL 5, 2007

Early Registration: BY APRIL 5, 2007

Free Night Contest: BY APRIL 5, 2007

Accommodations Deadline: BY APRIL 30, 2007

The conference website with detailed information will be posted in mid January 2007 on www.plantcanada.ca.

Conference planning is well in hand. The scientific program is now finalized and has some great topics and excellent speakers. In addition, the social program is sure to delight.

Be sure to check out the meeting!

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Jack R. Sutherland

Jack R. Sutherland, retired forest nursery pathologist with the Canadian Forestry Service, Victoria, was recently recognized for his long-standing work with the International Forest Research Organization (IUFRO) by being awarded with their Distinguished Service Award. Jack will accept the award at an IUFRO meeting in 2007.

Dilantha Fernando

Dr. Dilantha Fernando, Professor, Department of Plant Science University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba is the recipient of two major awards recently. Dilantha was awarded a **2006 University of Manitoba Outreach Award** on November 27th, for his scholarly and exemplary contributions to the broader community. The university recognized his dedicated service to mentoring high school students, extension work with the growers, commodity groups, industry and government, contributions to grower organized workshops and professional societies such as CPS and APS. This is the first time a plant pathologist has won this award at the University of Manitoba.

Dilantha was also the recipient of the USA/Sri Lanka Foundation **2006 Lifetime Achievement Award** for his exceptional scientific contributions to the world of science, the highest honor given to a scientist by the Foundation, based in Los Angeles, California. Dilantha was honored with this award on November 11th in Los Angeles, California. This is the first time an agricultural scientist has won this award.

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