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President's Message/Mot du Président

It seems too early to be thinking about the annual meeting of CPS (June 10-14 in Saskatoon), but summer is just around the corner. In this issue of CPS News, you'll find information about the annual meeting. Deadlines for submission of abstracts and early registration are approaching quickly. Also, opportunities for

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Bruce Gossen
CPS-SCP President/
Président

contributed papers (especially oral presentations) are limited, and the LAC will fill the slots as submissions come in. Once the spaces are full, that's it, so check the website, mark your calendars, and get your abstract(s) and registration in early.

Also in this issue of CPS News, you will find several notices of motion that will be discussed and voted on at the CPS business meeting, such as restructuring of CPS committees, a small change in the Glen Anderson Lectureship, and an increase in membership fees. In the last year, several members have inquired about the possibility of becoming a CPS member but not receiving the journal, for a reduced fee. The Board decided not to

pursue that option for 2008, because of our (somewhat dire) financial situation. However, we are interested to hear from you on this issue. If it is important to you, let us know.

When the CPS Board met by teleconference in January, the Treasurer (Dilantha Fernando) advised us that CPS had been experiencing a serious cash flow problem for most of 2006. He reported that this problem was associated primarily with long intervals between paying NRC for each edition of CJPP and receiving payment for page charges. The Board authorized Dilantha to cash a GIC to cover the shortfall. Hopefully this is a short-term problem. However, based on this report, I

anticipate that the financial report for 2006 will show

another large deficit. It appears that we haven't made as much headway on resolving the deficit as I had hoped, and further changes will be required.

One piece of good news is that we have (finally) received a brief report from APS on the 2006 joint meeting. I am pleased to report that the meeting made a profit, and that CPS will receive over \$5000 as our share of this profit. Although the CPS Board was not completely satisfied with the report (e.g., APS reported fewer than 100 CPS members in attendance, while our estimate was 160), we are pleased that the joint meeting was such a success, and look forward to starting to plan for the next joint meeting.

One initiative from the 2006 Strategic Plan was to ask potential employers to submit notifications of job openings to CPS News. These submissions are also posted on the CPS website, and (where applicable) in the Student E-Bulletin. The Board strongly supports this initiative. We

would like to see as many employers as possible take advantage of this free service, which will provide our members with information on employment opportunities across the country and around the world. There is also an opportunity for members seeking a position to post their information on this site. If you, your colleagues, or your employer have positions coming open, send that information to the editor of CPS News (Kelly Turkington).

Another initiative that was suggested in the 2006 Strategic Plan was to develop a list of senior pathologists within CPS who were willing to act as mentors, advisors or consultants. This list would include

information on skill sets, areas of interest, availability, etc. The Board has

asked the Education Committee to lead this initiative, starting by recruiting volunteers willing to serve as mentors for students and young scientists. If you are interested in serving as a mentor or interested in finding one, contact the chair of the Education Committee (Greg Boland).

By the time you receive this message, the first edition of the Student E-bulletin will have been circulated to plant pathology students across Canada and uploaded onto the CPS website. Congratulations to the editors, Angela Orshinsky and Alyson Prokop, for getting this project up and running. They are looking for contributors – if you believe that this is a worthwhile initiative, get involved.

The project to revise and expand the 'History of Plant Pathology in Canada' is moving ahead quickly, with almost all of the sections compiled and submitted for the first round of editing and revision. I know from my own experience that this is

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an important milestone, but that there is still a lot of work to do before the project is complete. On behalf of CPS, I thank Denis Gaudet, Ron Howard, and the rest of the editorial team for their contributions and continuing hard work. CPS is eager to see this project brought to completion, because it represents a legacy that we will pass on to future generations of pathologists in Canada.

CPS functions on the energy, enthusiasm and dedication of its members. I've had an opportunity to acknowledge a few of these individuals in this letter, but there are many more who make things work – thanks to all of you. Also, if you have comments or suggestions on how CPS could improve its service, visibility or accountability, we need to hear from you. Talk to your regional rep or a Board member and share your ideas. Thanks in advance for your suggestions – that's how the society moves forward.

Il peut sembler un peu tôt pour penser à la réunion annuelle de la SCP (du 10 au 14 juin à Saskatoon), mais l'été est déjà à nos portes. Dans ce numéro du *CPS-SCP News*, vous trouverez de l'information sur cette réunion. Les dates d'échéance pour la soumission des résumés et pour l'inscription hâtive approchent à grands pas. De plus, les disponibilités pour les communications (particulièrement les présentations orales) sont limitées, et le Comité local d'organisation complètera l'horaire à mesure que les soumissions seront reçues. Une fois l'horaire complété, il sera trop tard; alors, vérifiez sur le site Web, prenez note des dates d'échéance et envoyez votre ou vos résumés ainsi que votre inscription le plus tôt possible.

Dans ce numéro du *CPS-SCP News*, vous trouverez aussi plusieurs avis de motion

qui seront discutés et qui seront mis au vote lors de la réunion d'affaires, tels que la restructuration des comités de la SCP, un léger changement au Fonds de conférences Glen Anderson et une augmentation des cotisations. L'an passé, plusieurs membres ont demandé s'il était possible d'être membre de la SCP, sans recevoir la Revue, et ainsi payer une cotisation moindre. Le Conseil a décidé de ne pas offrir cette option en 2008, à cause de notre situation financière plutôt inquiétante. Nous aimerions cependant connaître votre opinion à ce sujet. Si cette question est importante pour vous, faites-le nous savoir.

En janvier, lors d'une conférence téléphonique entre les membres du Conseil de la SCP, le trésorier (Dilantha Fernando) nous a informé du sérieux problème de liquidité de la SCP pendant presque toute l'année 2006. Selon lui, le problème est relié à un trop long délai entre le paiement au CNRC des sommes dues pour chaque numéro du CJPP et la réception des frais de page. Le Conseil a autorisé Dilantha à liquider un bon de capitalisation afin de couvrir le montant qui manque. Il est à souhaiter que le problème ne soit que temporaire. Cependant, sur la foi de ce rapport, je soupçonne que le rapport financier de l'année 2006 indiquera un autre déficit important. Il semble que nous n'ayons pas fait autant de progrès que je l'aurais espéré dans la résolution de ce problème de déficit; de nouveaux changements devront être apportés.

Par contre, nous avons reçu une très bonne nouvelle avec le rapport de l'APS sur le congrès conjoint de 2006. Je suis heureux de vous annoncer que le congrès a réalisé un profit et que la SCP recevra sa part, soit plus de 5000 \$. Même si ce rapport ne satisfait pas complètement le Conseil de la SCP (ex. l'APS signale que moins de 100 membres de la SCP ont assisté au congrès alors que nous en attendions 160), nous sommes heureux

que le congrès conjoint fut un succès et nous sommes anxieux de planifier le prochain

Une des initiatives du Plan stratégique de 2006 était de demander aux employeurs potentiels de soumettre des avis d'offre d'emploi à publier dans le *CPS-SCP News*. Ces avis sont aussi publiés sur le site Web de la SCP et (s'il y a lieu) dans le Student E-Bulletin. Le Conseil soutient fortement cette initiative. Nous aimerions qu'un maximum d'employeurs profitent de ce service qui fournit à nos membres de l'information sur les occasions d'emploi au pays et partout dans le monde. Il est aussi possible pour un membre qui cherche un poste de publier sa requête sur le site. Si vous-même, vos collègues ou votre employeur avez des postes à combler bientôt, envoyez l'information au rédacteur du *CPS-SCP News* (Kelly Turkington).

Une autre initiative proposée dans le Plan stratégique de 2006 était le développement d'une liste de phytopathologistes seniors, membres de la SCP, prêts à agir comme mentors, conseillers ou consultants. Cette liste inclurait de l'information sur les compétences, les domaines d'intérêt, la disponibilité, etc. Le Conseil a demandé au Comité d'éducation de prendre en charge cette initiative en commençant à recruter des volontaires intéressés au mentorat auprès d'étudiants et de jeunes scientifiques. Si vous êtes intéressés à servir de mentor ou si vous en cherchez un, prenez contact avec le président du Comité d'éducation (Greg Boland).

Au moment où vous lirez le présent message, le premier numéro du Student E-bulletin aura circulé parmi les

étudiants en phytopathologie du Canada et aura été téléversé sur le site Web de la SCP. Félicitations aux rédactrices en chef, Angela Orshinsky et Alyson Prokop, pour avoir réalisé ce projet. Elles sont à la recherche de collaborateurs – si vous croyez que cette initiative est valable, impliquez-vous.

La révision, y compris des additions, de *History of Plant Pathology in Canada* progresse rapidement; presque toutes les sections ont été compilées et soumises pour la première ronde d'édition et de révision. Je sais par expérience que c'est une étape importante, mais il reste beaucoup de travail à faire pour compléter le projet. Au nom de la SCP, je remercie Denis Gaudet, Ron Howard et le reste de

l'équipe éditoriale pour leur contribution et leurs efforts soutenus. La SCP a

hâte de voir le résultat de ce projet parce qu'il représente un héritage pour les futures générations de phytopathologistes au Canada.

La SCP fonctionne grâce à l'énergie, l'enthousiasme et le dévouement de ses membres. J'ai eu l'occasion d'en remercier quelques-uns ci-dessus, mais il y en a bien d'autres grâce à qui tout fonctionne – je les remercie tous. De plus, si vous avez des commentaires ou des suggestions à faire pour améliorer les services, la visibilité ou la responsabilité financière, nous aimerions les connaître. Parlez à votre représentant régional ou à un membre du Conseil et faites-nous part de vos idées. Merci à l'avance pour vos suggestions – c'est ainsi que la Société progresse.

Regional Meetings

Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Ontario Region of the Canadian Phytopathological Society

The Southwestern Ontario Region of the Canadian Phytopathological Society (SORA-CPS) will meet on Friday, May 11, 2007 at the Guelph Turfgrass Institute, Victoria Road, Guelph, ON. The theme of this year's conference is "Plant defences to disease". Several interesting speakers have been invited to discuss various aspects of this theme, which will address plant defences to fungi, bacteria and viruses and systemic acquired resistance. There will also be a session featuring short updates on new and re-emerging diseases, including cucumber downy mildew.

Registration will begin at 12:30 and the speaker program at 1:00 p.m. Following the speaker and poster sessions there will be a buffet dinner and social time. For more information and updates, check the regional association section of the CPS web site, <http://cps-scp.ca/SORA-CPS.htm>.

The meeting will also include a student poster competition with cash prizes. Students and other researchers are encouraged to submit abstracts for posters showing new work, and also to bring posters that were presented at other recent meetings. Posters that feature research, emerging diseases or teaching methods are all welcome. Abstracts for publication in the *Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology* should be prepared following the guidelines for publication in the CJPP, which can be found on the CPS web site at http://www.cps-scp.ca/Abstract_CPS2006.htm. Poster abstracts and registration forms should be submitted to Melody Melzer (melodyme@uoguelph.ca) by April 12. For more information, contact Mary Ruth

McDonald (mrmcdona@uoguelph.ca). For information on registration and to add your name to the circulation list, contact Greg Boland (gboland@uoguelph.ca).

Submitted by Mary Ruth McDonald, Chair, Southwestern Ontario Region – CPS.

2006 Maritime Region CPS Meeting held in Kentville

Members of the CPS from the Maritime Region came together in Kentville, Nova Scotia with other colleagues to share in discussions of current research and fellowship. The meeting was held on November 23, 2006 at the AAFC Atlantic Food and Horticulture Research Centre. Registered participants from government, university, and industry heard 10 oral presentations (one poster presentation) on various topics in phytopathology during the afternoon. We were pleased and honoured to welcome Dr. Verna Higgins, Emeritus Professor, Department of Cell and Systems Biology (formerly Botany), University of Toronto, ON, as our keynote speaker. Dr. Higgins is renowned for her work on host-pathogen interactions and has contributed to many outstanding achievements in her field of research. Her presentation was entitled: "**Understanding disease resistance: Has it helped in the field?**".

We were also pleased to welcome Dr. Bruce Gossen, current president of CPS, and would like to thank him for taking the time to attend our regional meeting. Maintaining this connection with our national society is an important aspect of our own development as a regional group. Following the meeting, attendees had dinner at Rosie's Restaurant and Paddy's Pub in Kentville and awards were presented to the keynote speaker and CPS president.

Special thanks to the CPS for financial contributions. Also, many thanks go to Gordon Braun (AAFC, Kentville) for organizing and hosting the meeting. We look forward to the Maritime Region meetings of 2007 to be held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Peters, CPS Maritime Region Rep.

Committee Reports

Committee on International Cooperation – plans for the coming year

There are many activities that our committee would like to undertake but due to budget constraints we'll be concentrating on the following for the next year:

- Increase awareness of CPS and its activities in the international plant pathology community. To this end we need to update our database on international plant pathology societies.
- Seek membership in foreign plant pathology societies, and offer them a one-year free membership in CPS.
- Cover publishing costs for scientists in developing countries whose manuscripts have been accepted for publication in CJPP.
- Continue publishing articles in the "International Corner" of CPS News on trips and/or projects abroad that our members might have undertaken, or on research that CPS members from other countries are conducting.

In order to achieve these goals we need your collaboration:

- Do you have up-to-date contacts with the various international plant pathology societies, especially in developing countries?
- Do you know of a scientist in a developing country who would like to publish his/her research in CJPP but cannot afford to?
- Have you recently visited, or are you involved with, a research project or scientists abroad, and are willing to write an article on your international activities for the "International Corner"? If you are a foreign CPS member, are you willing to write an article about your research program?
- Do you have any suggestions for activities that our society can undertake this year and into the future?

You can contact us either by phone or e-mail at the addresses below.

We thank you very much for your help, and look forward to hearing from you.

For the International Cooperation Committee:

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CPS History Project Committee - Update

Yes, life is teeming in our project to update IL Conners book 'History of Plant Pathology in Canada'. As many will recall, this book was initiated as a 75th Anniversary project of the CPS to produce a supplemental volume to Conner's book. The text will document the history of the Society and Canadian Plant Pathologists from 1970 to present. Presently, the Committee composed of Jack Sutherland, Dick Stace-Smith, Ron Wall, Roy Whitney, Lu Piening, Denis Gaudet, Verna Higgins,

Guil Ouellette, and Bud Platt, are working tirelessly to write and coordinate their respective sections and regions. Many other former and current CPS members have also been recruited for their contributions. We anticipate this book going out for a general review in the spring of 2007 with final publication in the spring of 2008. While we are at a fairly advanced stage, we are always willing to accept bios from individuals who have not yet submitted them. Please direct inquiries and completed bios to D. Gaudet (gaudetd@agr.gc.ca). The Committee will be contacting some of you for additional contributions as we endeavour to make this book as interesting and topical as possible. Thank you for your continued support!!

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Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
P.O. 3000, 5403-1st Ave. South
Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada T1J 4B1.

Splitting of the Education and Public Awareness Committee

The Strategic Plan for 2006-2011 made a recommendation that the Education and Public Awareness Committee be split to provide a higher profile and better focus for these two important areas. Greg Boland from the University of Guelph will Chair the Education Committee. The other members of this committee are Penny Pearse (Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food), Katerina Jordan (Guelph), Kelly Turkington (AAFC-Lacombe), Mary Ruth McDonald (Guelph) and Mary Leggett (Philom Bios - Saskatoon). Albert Tenuta of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) will chair the Public Awareness Committee with Mike Celetti (OMAFRA), Marleen Clark (PEI Department of Agriculture & Forestry), and Sue Boyetchko (AAFC Saskatoon) as members of the committee.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Leggett.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Proposed slate of candidates for 2007-2008

As per the constitutional amendment adopted last year (see CPS-SCP News, March 2006, 50:8-9), we are presenting the nomination list of proposed candidates for the board and the standing committees in the March issue of CPS-SCP News to give enough time for an election prior to the annual meeting should there be more than one candidate for each committee position. This will not be necessary this year. The deadline for nominations for any office from the Society at large was February 1st as per the amended Article VI section 3 of the constitution.

The names of proposed candidates for the Board and Standing Committees are highlighted in bold. The remaining members are continuing or completing their terms as specified by the Society By-Laws.

CPS-SCP Board 2007-2008

President: Jim Menzies
President Elect: Mary Leggett
Vice President: Richard Bélanger
Past President: Bruce Gossen
Secretary: Anthony Hopkin
Treasurer: Sarah Hambleton
Membership Secretary: Khalid Rashid
Senior Director: Randy Clear
Junior Director: Rick Peters

CPS-SCP Standing Committees 2007-2008

Nominations:

Bruce Gossen (Chair)
André Lévesque
Vicky Toussaint
Philip Northover
Ken Conn

Awards Committee:

Mike Celetti (Chair)
Sabine Banniza
Jill Thompson
Steven Strelkov
Odile Carisse

Future Meetings:

Bernard Vigier (Chair)
Tom Fetch
Peter Sholberg

Resolutions:

Godfrey Chongo
Rick Peters
Jeannie Gilbert

Financial Advisory:

Bruce Gossen (Chair)
Jim Menzies (President)
Mary Leggett (President Elect)
Richard Bélanger (Vice President)
Sarah Hambleton (Treasurer)
Zamir Punja (CJPP Editor)
Ron Howard
Richard Martin
Paul Hildebrand
Rona Sturrock

Membership committee:

Khalid Rashid, Chair: Membership Secretary
Sarah Hambleton, Treasurer
Rick Peters, Regional rep. Maritimes
Russell Tweddell, Regional rep. Quebec
Bernard Vigier, Regional rep. Eastern Ontario
Mary Ruth McDonald, Regional rep. Western Ontario
Fouad Daayf, Regional rep. Manitoba
Godfrey Chongo, Regional rep. Saskatchewan
Denis Gaudet, Regional rep. Alberta (PPSA)
Janice Elmhirst, Regional rep. B.C.

Science Policy

(only if the proposed amendment for this committee mentioned in this newsletter is not accepted, see pages 12-13 of this issue of CPS-SCP News)

Jim Menzies
D'Ann Rochon
Claudia Goyer
Luc Couture
André Lévesque

Respectfully submitted:

André Lévesque (chair), Richard Hamelin, Mary Leggett, Vicky Toussaint and Philip Northover

Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws 2007

Notice of Motion

“The governing Board of the Canadian Phytopathological Society wished to bring forward a motion at the Annual General meeting of the Society to be held in Saskatoon, SK on June 13, 2007, to approve the attached amendments of the CPS By-Laws, in accordance with By-Law XVII, Section 1. Members are notified that they may vote in favour of or against adopting each of the proposed amendments at the AGM.”

The proposed change to the CPS By-Laws is as follows:

III. FEES

1. Annual fees shall be \$90.00 with electronic journal, \$100 with print journal and \$110 with both electronic and print journal for Regular Members, including Fellows; \$40.00 with electronic journal, \$50 with print journal and \$60 with both electronic and print journal for Student and Emeritus members. Honorary Members and Emeritus Members who receive only CPS-NEWS shall be exempt from fees”.
3. Sustaining Associate status with the Society requires an annual

contribution of at least \$190.00 with electronic journal, \$200 with print journal and \$210 with both electronic and print journal. A list of Sustaining Associates shall be published in each issue of the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology.

Current by-laws reads as follows:

III. FEES

1. Annual fees shall be \$85.00 for Regular Members, including Fellows, and \$35.00 for Student Members and Emeritus Members who wish to receive the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology. Honorary Members and Emeritus Members who receive only CPS-NEWS shall be exempt from fees.
3. Sustaining Associate status with the Society requires an annual contribution of at least \$175.00. A list of Sustaining Associates shall be published in each issue of the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology.

Amendements proposés aux règlements en 2007

Avis de motion

« Conformément au Règlement XVII, Section 1, le Conseil d'administration de la Société Canadienne de Phytopathologie présentera une motion à l'Assemblée générale annuelle de la Société qui se tiendra à Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, le 13 juin 2007, pour faire approuver les amendements aux Statuts de la SCP ci-joints. Les membres sont avisés qu'ils peuvent voter pour ou contre l'adoption de chacun des amendements proposés à l'Assemblée générale annuelle. »

Les modifications proposées aux Statuts de la SCP sont les suivantes :

III. COTISATIONS

1. La cotisation annuelle pour les membres réguliers, y compris les membres associés, sera de 90,00 \$ pour inclure la version électronique de la revue, de 100 \$ pour inclure la version imprimée et de 110 \$ pour inclure les deux versions; elle sera de 40,00 \$ pour les membres étudiants et les membres émérites qui désirent recevoir la version électronique de la revue, de 50 \$ pour la version imprimée et de 60 \$ pour les deux versions. Les membres honoraires et émérites qui reçoivent seulement le bulletin de nouvelles de la Société seront exemptés de la cotisation.
3. Le statut de membre bienfaiteur de la Société exige une contribution annuelle d'au moins 190 \$ avec abonnement à la version électronique de la revue, 200 \$ avec abonnement à la version imprimée et 210 \$ avec abonnement aux deux versions. La liste des membres bienfaiteurs sera publiée dans chaque numéro de la Revue canadienne de phytopathologie.

Voici les termes des règlements actuels :

III. COTISATIONS

1. La cotisation annuelle pour les membres réguliers, y compris les membres associés, sera de 85,00 \$ et de 35,00 \$ pour les membres étudiants et les membres émérites qui désirent recevoir la Revue canadienne de phytopathologie. Les membres honoraires et émérites qui reçoivent seulement le bulletin de nouvelles de la Société seront exemptés de la cotisation.

3. Le statut de membre bienfaiteur de la Société exige une contribution annuelle d'au moins 175,00 \$. La liste des membres bienfaiteurs sera publiée dans chaque numéro de la Revue canadienne de phytopathologie.

Proposed amendment to CPS bylaws

The existing section is as follows:

6. Glenn Anderson Lectureship on World Food Security

To commemorate the contributions of an outstanding, internationally recognized plant scientist toward the security of world food supply. The award will sponsor lectures either at joint meetings of the Canadian and American Phytopathological Societies, at the International Congress of Plant Pathology, or to support lecture tours to third world countries, as circumstances permit.

Selections of the lecturer(s) will be the responsibility of the organizing committee of the joint meetings or one of its subcommittees or the organizing committee of the International Congress of Plant Pathology. The fund is intended to be used for travel expenses and honoraria. The terms of reference of the lectureship and the use of fund interest earnings will be reviewed at least every five years by the Board of both Societies.

The CPS Executive Board recommends the following changes:

- replace 'or to support lecture tours to third world countries' with 'or other special events as agreed to by both the Canadian and American Phytopathological Societies', and
- replace 'joint meetings or one of its subcommittees or the organizing committee of the International Congress

of Plant Pathology' with 'of the meeting or event'.

Amendements proposés aux règlements de la SCP

Voici les termes de la section actuelle :

6. Fonds de conférence Glenn Anderson sur la sécurité alimentaire dans le monde.

Pour commémorer un phytopathologiste de renommée internationale dont la contribution exceptionnelle visait le maintien des réserves alimentaires au niveau mondial. Ce prix sera utilisé pour parrainer des conférences aux réunions des Sociétés canadienne et américaine de phytopathologie, lors des congrès internationaux en phytopathologie ou à défrayer les frais de tournée de conférences dans les pays en voie de développement, si les circonstances le permettent.

La sélection des candidats sera sous la responsabilité du comité organisateur des réunions de l'une ou l'autre des Sociétés ou d'un de leurs sous-comités ou d'un comité organisateur d'un congrès international en phytopathologie. Les fonds doivent servir à couvrir les frais de voyage et les honoraires.

Les Conseils d'administration des deux Sociétés doivent réviser les critères pour la remise de cette bourse de conférence ainsi que l'utilisation qu'on fait des intérêts accumulés dans ce fonds, au moins à tous les cinq ans.

Le Conseil d'administration de la SCP propose les modifications suivantes :

- remplacer « ou à défrayer les frais de tournée de conférences dans les pays en voie de développement » par « ou lors d'autres événements spéciaux après entente entre les Sociétés canadienne et américaine de phytopathologie », et

- remplacer « des réunions de l'une ou l'autre des sociétés ou d'un de leurs sous-comités ou d'un comité organisateur d'un congrès international en phytopathologie » par « de la réunion ou de l'évènement ».

Proposed By-Law change

Under the By-Laws, Section 9, which deals with the Science Policy Committee, the following is written:

“a) The committee shall consist of five members, including the Chairperson and four members elected by the membership-at-large. Normally, the Chairperson shall be the President-Elect. The four elected members shall serve four year terms with the senior member rotating off the committee at the end of their term. Normally, the senior elected member of the committee shall be the Vice-Chairperson.

b) The committee is responsible for identifying areas of concern to the Society as they relate to the conduct of science in Canada. This may involve issues relating to federal or provincial legislation, priorities in education or science funding, or public awareness as they affect the science and practice of plant pathology and constituent disciplines in Canada. “

The Executive Board of the CPS/SCP recommends the following changes to the By-Laws in Section 9:

“a) The committee shall consist of the four elected persons in the presidential stream of the Executive Board; the Past President, the President, the President Elect and the Vice President. Normally, the committee Chairperson shall be the President-Elect and the Vice-Chairperson will be the Vice-President.

b) The committee is responsible for identifying areas of concern to the Society as these relate to the conduct of science in Canada. This may involve issues relating to federal or provincial legislation, priorities in education or science funding, or public awareness as this affects the science and practice of plant pathology and constituent disciplines in Canada. Once an issue of interest is identified, the Science Policy Committee shall appoint an ad hoc committee of persons with the appropriate expertise and interest. The committee shall address the issue, as directed by the Science Policy Committee, and submit a final report to the Executive Board. Once the final report is approved by the Executive Board, the ad hoc committee will be dissolved.”

Amendement proposé aux règlements

Voici les termes des règlements actuels, Section 9, à propos du Comité de la politique scientifique :

a) Le comité est composé de cinq membres dont le président désigné de la Société qui, normalement, préside le comité et quatre membres élus par les membres de la Société. Les quatre membres élus sont nommés pour un mandat de quatre ans. Le membre possédant le plus d'ancienneté agit comme vice-président pour ensuite être remplacé l'année suivante par celui qui possède le plus d'ancienneté.

b) Le comité est mandaté pour identifier des sujets d'intérêt pour la Société en ce qui concerne les affaires qui traitent de la conduite de la science au Canada. Ceci pourrait toucher les sujets suivants :

- la législation fédérale ou provinciale;
- les priorités en matière d'éducation et de financement de la science;
- la perception du public quant à la science et la pratique de la phytopathologie et ses disciplines connexes au Canada.

Le Conseil d'administration de la CPS/SCP propose les modifications suivantes aux règlements à la Section 9 :

- a) Le comité est composé des quatre personnes élues de la succession présidentielle du Conseil d'administration : le président sortant, le président, le président désigné et le vice-président. Le président désigné préside normalement le comité; le vice-président agit comme vice-président du comité.
- b) Le comité est mandaté pour identifier des sujets d'intérêt pour la Société en ce qui concerne les affaires qui traitent de la conduite de la science au Canada. Ceci pourrait toucher les sujets suivants :
- la législation fédérale ou provinciale;
 - les priorités en matière d'éducation et de financement de la science;
 - la perception du public quant à la science et la pratique de la phytopathologie et ses disciplines connexes au Canada.
- Une fois qu'un sujet d'intérêt a été identifié, le Comité de la politique scientifique doit former un comité ad hoc de personnes intéressées avec les compétences pertinentes. Le comité doit étudier le sujet, avec le cadre de références déterminé par le Comité de la politique scientifique, et soumettre un rapport final au Conseil d'administration. Une fois le rapport final approuvé par le Conseil d'administration, le comité ad hoc est dissout.

Announcements

CPS Awards / Recompense SCP

This is a reminder to submit your nominations for the CPS awards in time for the 2007 Annual Meeting of CPS-SCP, which will be held with Plant Canada from June 10 - 14, 2007, in Saskatoon,

Saskatchewan. Descriptions of the awards can be found on the CPS website at <http://www.cps-scp.ca/awards.htm>. Awards offered through the CPS-SCP are Honorary Member, Fellow, Outstanding Research, Outstanding Young Scientist Award, Achievements in Plant Disease Management, and two Student Travel Awards. Please consider nominating your worthy colleagues for these awards.

Nominations can be sent to Antonet Svircev (Chair, Awards Committee), at svirceva@agr.gc.ca.



Important Information and Deadlines For Plant Canada 2007

Conference Dates: JUNE 10 - 14, 2007
Abstract Submissions: APRIL 5, 2007
Early Registration: APRIL 5, 2007
Free Night Contest: APRIL 5, 2007
Accommodations Deadline: APRIL 30, 2007

<http://www.plantcanada.ca/2007.htm>

**Western International Forest Disease
Work Conference (WIFDWC)
WIFDWC 2007: October 15-19
Sedona, Arizona**

The WIFDWC will be held this year in beautiful Sedona, Arizona, October 15-19, 2007.

Jim Worrall is the program chair (970-642-1166, jworrall@fs.fed.us). Please contact him with ideas for papers you would like to contribute. A formal solicitation for papers and posters will follow.

MaryLou Fairweather is taking care of local arrangements, and has secured nice conference facilities in Sedona at the Radisson Poco Diablo Resort (<http://www.radisson.com/sedonaaz>).

Please note the dates, and make plans to join us for an interesting meeting that will keep us on the forefront of forest pathology in the west.

Information on the program, registration, and local arrangements will be available on the WIFDWC website:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/technology/wif/>

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**XIV INTERNATIONAL BOTRYTIS
SYMPOSIUM**

VISIT THE XIV INTERNATIONAL BOTRYTIS SYMPOSIUM, 2007 CAPE TOWN WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST UPDATE AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS.

Deadline for Submission of Abstracts is 1 June 2007. Registration details and the latest update on the symposium will be placed on the website in May 2007. Please

visit the website <http://academic.sun.ac.za/botrytis2007> for further details.

For more information on the Symposium, please contact the Conference Secretariat at conf@conferencesetal.co.za

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Course Announcement:

**Introduction to Food- and Air-Borne
Fungi, 18-22 June 2007, Ottawa, Canada**

More than 100 mould and yeast species common in indoor air and on food will be examined, including important species of *Penicillium*, *Aspergillus*, *Fusarium*, *Trichoderma*, *Stachybotrys*, *Cladosporium*, *Mucor*, *Rhizopus*, *Alternaria* and *Scopulariopsis*. This 5 day course is appropriate for those interested in food spoilage, indoor air quality, industrial hygiene, mycotoxins, pharmaceuticals, biodeterioration, etc.

Instructors: Robert A. Samson and Jos Houbraken, Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures, Keith A. Seifert and John Bissett, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

For more information, please contact Keith A. Seifert, Biodiversity Theme (Mycology & Botany), Eastern Cereal and Oilseed Research Centre, 960 Carling Ave., Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C6 CANADA. Phone: 613-759-1378. Fax: 613-759-1701. Email: seifertk@agr.gc.ca or visit the course web site at <http://www.indoormold.org>.

Submission Deadline for the June issue of CPS - SCP News

PLEASE NOTE: The submission deadline for the **June issue** of CPS - SCP News is **May 1, 2007**. Please have your reports and submissions to the Editor by this date so that the June issue of CPS-SCP News can be prepared and distributed to members prior to the annual meeting in Saskatoon, 10-14 June 2007. **If you send photographs for publication in the CPS-SCP News please ensure that you indicate that all individuals appearing in the photographs have given permission for their photographs to appear in the newsletter. Photographs will not be published if permission has not been obtained from the individuals involved.**

People and Travel

Abul K. M. Ekramoddoullah

Abul Ekramoddoullah will give an invited Plenary lecture: "Proteomic approach to study forest tree-pathogen interaction" at a conference on "Promotion of Biotechnology in Bangladesh: National and International Perspectives" to be held on April 6-8, 2007 Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Abul Ekramoddoullah will attend "XIII International Congress of Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions 2007" to be held on July 21- 27, 2007, Sorrento, Italy and present a paper on "Characterization of WRKY gene superfamily in western white pine" by Abul K. M. Ekramoddoullah and Jun-Jun Liu.

Employment

Postdoctoral fellowship, Graduate assistantship and workshop

Positions, one postdoctoral fellowship (\$28-30, 000 depending on experience) and one Ph. D./M. Sc. (\$14, 000/year), are available to conduct research on Metabolomics of resistance in barley against Fusarium head blight. For more information please visit 'Positions available' at: <http://www.mcgill.ca/plant/faculty>

For one day workshop on 'Metabolomics: a cutting edge biochemical tool for biological studies' please visit: <http://www.mcgill.ca/plant/faculty/kushalappa>

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