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President's Message/Mot du Président

I admit to reviewing past President's Messages before writing my own. This is useful because the past messages often remind me of items that should be mentioned in my current message. It is also interesting to note which issues were of note in the past. It gives a glimpse into how the society has or has not resolved certain issues. If you are interested in seeing for yourself some of the issues that the society has tried to deal with in the past, you could visit our website and



James Menzies
CPS-SCP President/Président

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review some of the past newsletters. You may find it an engaging adventure.

A recurring note of the June messages of past presidents appears to be how quickly time flies during their Presidential year. I will echo this sentiment. It seems that Bruce Gossen handed me the gavel as President of the Society a very short time ago, but now I will be handing the gavel to Mary Leggett in less than a month. I would like to thank the membership of the CPS for having given me the opportunity to serve the society as president. It has been an enjoyable experience. I would also like to thank the members of the executive board and the various committees for their support during the past year. They have made my job a lot easier and have been very patient with me. Some of the

members have also been very good at knowing when to push the president to get things done.

Bruce Gossen (Past President) and Randy Clear (Senior Director) will be finishing their terms on the executive board at the June meeting. I would like to acknowledge their efforts on behalf of all of us during their time on the board. It is greatly appreciated. I would also like to acknowledge all the members that will be finishing their terms on the various committees of the CPS. Committee work may seem like a thankless task at times, but it is appreciated and is important in the running of the society.

A major concern of the executive board has been the budget deficits that the

society had in 2005 and 2006 for various reasons. Although I have not seen the figures for 2007, I am confident that the board is getting the budget under control, and we are moving towards greater budget stability. Some of the measures that the executive board have taken over the last two years, and the efforts by Zamir Punja, Sarah Hambleton and André Levesque in working with NRC on the finances of the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology have certainly helped in this regard. The work of Karen Bailey and her LAC for Plant Canada 2007 will also be beneficial to the budget in 2008. They managed to close the books on this conference early this year. Despite all odds, they were able to turn a healthy profit from the meeting, which was shared with the participating societies. Through their hard work, the CPS was able to invoice Plant Canada 2007 for \$12,038.29. Well Done!

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Another item of interest for the board this year is a proposal from Taylor and Francis to replace NRC as the publisher of the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology. According to their literature, Taylor and Francis are one of the world's leading publishers of academic journals. They are dedicated to the dissemination of scholarly information, utilising skills and experience developed since they first began publishing learned journals in 1798. They now publish 1,240 scholarly journals in association with 340 societies and institutions. Zamir Punja has been the lead on this, and has provided some very good information to the board about the proposal. The board has also solicited some opinions on the proposal from the

members of the Journal Editorial Committee (JEC) as well as other members who have served on the

executive board or the JEC. Taylor and Francis are impressed with the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology, and would like to help improve the journal in a number of ways, including online publishing, global promotion of the journal and increasing our impact factor. The opinions that have been solicited by the executive board on the proposal have all been positive, although some issues have been raised that need further discussion with Taylor and Francis. I recognize that this may represent a change in the philosophy of what the journal represents to individual members. It does represent a move to try and make the journal more of an international presence than what it has been in the past. You may or may not be happy with this change. If you have strong feelings one way or the other on this issue, please make your feelings known to myself or one of the other members of the executive board. Your opinions are important to us, and we need to know

them to make decisions on your behalf. The board will be discussing the proposal during the executive board meetings on June 15th in Charlottetown.

The membership committee annual report has been submitted by Khalid Rashid, and you should be able to read it in this newsletter. Membership is down a bit from last year, and I am hoping that this is a reflection of people who have not had time to renew their membership this year. Like all societies, we do struggle with our membership. I am happy to see some new members this year. I would like to welcome the new regular members and student members to the society. I hope you will find membership in the CPS enjoyable and productive. I would also like to welcome our new sustaining associates to our society. They include Ag-Quest, BASF, Chemtura and SeCan. Thank you for your support of our society.

I am hoping to see a lot of you in Charlottetown. The two Ricks and their committee have worked hard to put together an interesting program which includes a session on Diagnostics in the Age of Genomics, and the Canadian Forum on Biological Control. Charlottetown and Prince Edward Island are beautiful, so be sure to include some holiday time in your plans.

The planning of our future meetings is also well underway. The local arrangements committee for the June 2009 CPS annual general meeting in Winnipeg is already organized and busy. The Delta Winnipeg hotel has been booked for June 22nd to 25th, and the program committee has been sifting through ideas for symposia. Look for more information on this meeting in the newsletter or on the website in the future. You should also know that Plant Canada 2011 in Halifax is well into the planning stages. I am happy to report that Paul Hildebrand and Gordon Braun have agreed to share duties on the local

arrangements committee on behalf of the CPS. I hope that everyone will help them with their tasks if and when approached.

In closing, I would like to thank the membership of the CPS once again for the opportunity to serve as president of the society. It is a job that I would highly recommend to everyone. We are very fortunate to have a society composed of such highly motivated, talented and friendly people. If you have the opportunity, get involved with the society.

See you in Charlottetown!

J'avoue passer en revue les Mots des ex-présidents avant d'écrire le mien. Cela m'est utile parce que ces Mots me rappellent souvent les points dont je devrais traiter dans celui que suis en train d'écrire. Il est également intéressant de constater quels étaient les sujets importants à l'époque. Cela permet d'entrevoir comment la Société a réglé, ou omis de régler, certains problèmes. Si vous souhaitez vous pencher sur certains des sujets que la Société a dû traiter par le passé, consultez notre site Web et révisez quelques-uns des anciens bulletins. Cela peut s'avérer passionnant.

S'il y a un point sur lequel les ex-présidents semblent s'entendre dans les numéros de juin, c'est la vitesse à laquelle le temps file durant un mandat présidentiel. Je vais faire écho à cette perception. Il me semble qu'il n'y a pas si longtemps Bruce Gossen me remettait le marteau du président de la Société. Mais bientôt, dans moins d'un mois en fait, je le passerai à Mary Legget. Je tiens à

remercier les membres de la Société canadienne de phytopathologie (SCP) de m'avoir donné l'occasion de servir la Société à titre de président. Ce fut une expérience des plus agréables. Je voudrais également remercier les membres du conseil d'administration et les divers comités pour le soutien qu'ils m'ont témoigné durant mon mandat. Ils ont fait preuve d'une patience exemplaire à mon égard et m'ont ainsi facilité la tâche, et de beaucoup. Certains des membres ont aussi excellé quand venait le temps d'« inciter » le président à activer les choses!

Bruce Gossen (ex-président) et Randy Clear (directeur principal) termineront leur mandat au conseil d'administration lors de la réunion de juin. Je voudrais souligner les efforts qu'ils ont consentis en notre nom

à tous durant leur passage au conseil. Ils ont été appréciés au plus haut point. Je tiens aussi à

saluer tous les membres des divers comités de la SCP qui termineront également leurs termes. Le travail accompli aux comités peut souvent paraître ingrat, mais sachez qu'il est fort apprécié et indispensable au bon fonctionnement de la Société.

Une des préoccupations majeures du conseil d'administration a été les déficits budgétaires, peu en importe la nature, avec lesquels la Société a dû composer en 2005-2006. Bien que je n'aie pas vu les chiffres pour 2007, j'ai confiance que le conseil a les rênes bien en main et que nous nous dirigeons vers une plus grande stabilité budgétaire. Quelques-unes des mesures que le conseil a mises en place dans le courant des deux dernières années ainsi que les efforts de Zamir Punja, Sarah Hambleton et André

Lévesque, conjugués à ceux du Conseil national de recherches du Canada (CNRC) relativement au redressement des finances de la Revue canadienne de phytopathologie (RCP), y ont sûrement contribué. Le budget 2008 bénéficiera également du travail de Karen Baley et de son comité national organisateur pour Plant Canada 2007. Ils ont réussi à solder les comptes du congrès rapidement cette année. Contre toute attente, ils ont été capables de réaliser un bénéfice substantiel qui a été partagé entre les sociétés participantes. Grâce à leur travail acharné, la SCP a pu facturer 12 038,29 \$ à Plant Canada 2007. Bravo!

La proposition faite par la maison Taylor & Francis dans le but de prendre la relève du CNRC à titre d'éditeur de la RCP

constitue un autre point d'intérêt pour le conseil. Selon l'information contenue

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dans les documents fournis par l'entreprise, Taylor & Francis est un des plus grands éditeurs de revues spécialisées au monde. Grâce aux compétences et à l'expérience qu'elle a acquises depuis qu'elle a commencé à publier des revues spécialisées en 1798, l'entreprise se consacre exclusivement à la diffusion d'information érudite. Elle publie à l'heure actuelle, en collaboration avec 340 sociétés et institutions, 1 240 revues spécialisées. Zamir Punja a joué un rôle de premier plan dans ce projet et a fourni de l'information essentielle au conseil en ce qui a trait à la proposition. Toujours à ce sujet, le conseil a également sollicité l'opinion des membres du comité de rédaction de la Revue (CRR) ainsi que de membres qui ont déjà siégé au conseil d'administration ou au CRR. La Revue canadienne de phytopathologie a fortement impressionné Taylor & Francis

qui aimerait contribuer à son amélioration de diverses façons, par exemple, par la diffusion en ligne, la promotion à l'échelle mondiale et l'accroissement du facteur d'impact. Les opinions qui ont été transmises au conseil d'administration au sujet de la proposition ont toutes été favorables bien que certains points soulevés demandent à être discutés avec Taylor & Francis. Je reconnais que ceci représente un changement de philosophie relativement à ce que représente, à titre personnel, la Revue pour les membres. Par ailleurs, l'objectif est d'essayer d'en augmenter la visibilité à l'échelle internationale, ce dont elle n'a pas vraiment bénéficié jusqu'à aujourd'hui. Vous pouvez vous réjouir ou non de ce changement. Si cette affaire vous tient à cœur, que vous soyez pour ou contre, s'il vous plaît faites-nous part de vos commentaires, à moi ou aux autres membres du conseil d'administration. Vos opinions nous importent et nous en avons besoin pour prendre des décisions éclairées en votre nom. Le conseil discutera la proposition durant les réunions du conseil d'administration à Charlottetown, le 15 juin.

Khalid Rashid a présenté le rapport annuel du comité d'adhésion et vous devriez pouvoir en prendre connaissance dans ce bulletin. Le nombre de membres a chuté légèrement par rapport à l'année dernière et j'espère qu'il n'est qu'un reflet des adhésions qui n'ont pas encore été renouvelées, faute de temps de la part des membres. Comme toutes les sociétés, nous éprouvons des difficultés à maintenir le nombre de nos adhérents. Je suis heureux de voir quelques nouveaux membres cette année. Aussi, je voudrais leur souhaiter la bienvenue, à eux ainsi qu'aux stagiaires. J'espère que votre participation à la SCP sera des plus agréables et des plus fructueuses. J'aimerais également souhaiter la bienvenue à nos nouveaux associés bienfaiteurs, notamment Ag-Quest, BASF, Chemtura et SeCan. Merci du soutien que

vous apportez à notre Société.

J'espère voir plusieurs d'entre vous à Charlottetown. Les deux Rick et leur comité ont travaillé d'arrache-pied pour préparer un programme intéressant qui inclut une session traitant des méthodes diagnostiques à l'âge de la génomique ainsi que le Forum canadien sur la lutte biologique. Charlottetown et l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard sont des endroits splendides alors n'oubliez pas de réserver un peu de temps dans votre horaire pour profiter de ce qu'elles ont à offrir.

La planification des réunions à venir va aussi bon train. Le comité national organisateur de la réunion générale annuelle de la SCP de Winnipeg, en 2009, a déjà été formé et est très actif. L'hôtel Delta de Winnipeg a été réservé du 22 au 25 juin, et le comité des programmes passe déjà en revue les suggestions de symposiums. L'information relative à cet événement sera diffusée dans un prochain bulletin et, bien sûr, sur le site de la Société. Dans le même ordre d'idées, la planification de Plant Canada 2011, à Halifax, a été amorcée. J'ai le plaisir de vous annoncer que Paul Hildebrand et Gordon Braun ont accepté de se partager les responsabilités au comité national organisateur au nom de la SCP. J'espère que, si besoin est, tous contribueront à soutenir leurs démarches.

En terminant, j'aimerais de nouveau remercier les membres de la SCP pour l'occasion qu'ils m'ont donnée d'agir à titre de président. C'est une fonction que je recommanderais vivement à tous. Nous avons de la chance d'avoir une Société composée de personnes si fabuleusement motivées, douées et sympathiques. Si vous en avez l'occasion, engagez-vous dans la Société.

À bientôt à Charlottetown!

Committee and Other Reports

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR, CANADIAN PLANT DISEASE SURVEY - DISEASE HIGHLIGHTS

COMPTE RENDU DU COORDINATEUR NATIONAL, L'INVENTAIRE DES MALADIES DES PLANTES AU CANADA - APERÇU DES MALADIES

Volume 88 of the Canadian Plant Disease Survey (CPDS), reporting mainly on disease highlights in 2007, was posted at the end of March on the CPS-SCP website (www.cps-scp.ca/cpds). Forty-nine reports were published filling 135 pages. The distribution among sections was: cereals (28 reports); oilseeds and special crops (14); diagnostic labs (4); vegetables (1); forest trees (2). Four reports were in French and 45 in English. Regrettably no reports were received this year in the sections on forages and on fruits, nuts and berries, ornamentals and turfgrass. The journal is dominated by reports from the western provinces on cereals, oilseeds and special crops and it is difficult to attract reports for other sections, especially from the east. CPS members are again reminded that even informal anecdotal reports are useful in documenting the occurrence of diseases in Canada.

Thanks to the section editors (Marilyn Dykstra, Andy Tekauz, Bruce Gossen, Robin Morrall, Jill Thomson, Paul Hildebrand and Pierre DesRochers) for attempting to solicit reports and for their editorial work. There were no changes this year in section editors. However, Dr. Pierre DesRochers indicated he wished to step down before papers are solicited for

Volume 89; Dr. Jean Bérubé has agreed to replace him as section editor for forest trees. Thanks also to Angie O'Shea (compiler) for her help in completing the job of publication. Comments about the format, editing or publication of CPDS are welcome.

This is the 12th year that CPDS was published electronically and the 5th that it is the exclusive responsibility of CPS. In June 2007 the CPS-SCP Board decided to institute a publication charge of \$35.00 per report in CPDS, starting with Volume 88. This decision was made after a survey of section editors and primary authors suggested that a modest charge would not reduce submission of reports. As well as being web-based, CPDS is still printed for about 35 libraries that prefer hard copy for archival purposes. This year the libraries were informed that they will have to pay \$15.00 to receive hard copies in future and that copies will be printed and bound only if there is sufficient demand to cover the cost.

A searchable index for the CPDS was added to the CPS-SCP website in 2007. It currently covers the years 1954 to 2007. Additional years will be added as the indexing is completed. This keyword index lists all pathogens, diseases and disorders reported in each published paper, as well as hosts, location, authors, article titles and volume and page numbers. The CPDS searchable index is bundled with companion software, programmed by Lakhdar Lamari, which assists with searches and can be used to retrieve specific papers from the website with the click of a button. The entire collection of the CPDS back to 1929 is now stored on the CPS-SCP website in a searchable PDF format. Visit the CPDS section of the CPS-SCP website (www.cps-scp.ca/cpds) to learn more about the index and to download the software and database. Many thanks to Lakhdar and to Gayle Jespersen for seeing this project to fruition.

Respectfully submitted, May 15, 2008
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CPS Information Products Report June 2008

Diseases of Field Crops in Canada

From January to December 31, 2007, there were 375 DFCC books sold through the ULearn inventory; the inventory count at the end of the year was 958 books. Sales were down from the previous year when 615 sold. However, 2008 winter sales were brisker than normal with 274 books being sold from January 1 to May 8, 2008. This means our current inventory is at 684 books. There are approximately 200 books on consignment with our members. It is projected that the Society will need to budget for reprinting copies in the spring/summer of 2009 in order to maintain a constant inventory. The editors will meet this year to prepare a recommendation to the Board.

Maladies des grandes cultures au Canada

Brisk sales in 2005 immediately after publication of the book have been followed by sluggish demand. In 2006 59 copies were sold and in 2006 only 33 copies. Thirty-three copies generates only about \$800 income for the Society. It is hoped that the publication of the glossaries of both Diseases of Field Crops in Canada and Maladies des grandes cultures au Canada on the CPS website will increase visibility of both books.

Diseases and Pests of Vegetable Crops in Canada

The editorial group for revision of DPVCC (B.D. Gossen, M.R. McDonald, R.J. Howard) have concluded that all of the original pictures from DPVCC have been irretrievably lost. We are asking all CPS members to assess their photo collections for potential contributions to the revised volumes, and to take new photos whenever the opportunity arises. Work on the new series of books is expected to pick up speed this summer. Authors are being selected for the first volume (root vegetables), and the editorial group for the second volume (greenhouse vegetables) will be finalized shortly. A draft business plan for the series has been approved by the CPS Board, but will need to be updated as we get closer to a completion date for the first book (currently projected for late 2009).

Respectfully Submitted by,
 Karen Bailey, Robin Morrall, Bruce Gossen

Canadian Phytopathological Society Membership Committee Annual Report - 2008

2008 Membership (as of May 20, 2008): **352**

Regular members:	257
Emeritus members:	57
Student members:	25
Sustaining Associates:	13

The number of members renewed by May 10, 2008 is approximately 10% lower than the number renewed last year at the same date. It is expected that late membership renewals and additional new members will bring the total up to 400 by the year end since there are many 2007 and 2006 members who have not renewed their 2008 membership yet.

Membership numbers have been fairly constant over the last several years with a slight decrease in 2008. Total membership has varied between 395 and 432 members in the period between 2000 and 2007.

CPS Membership Totals 2000 - 2007:

Year	Total
2008 Prel.	352
2007	413
2006	432
2005	395
2004	401
2003	409
2002	418
2001	405
2000	406

2007 Membership by Geographic Region:
Canada: 294; US: 42; International: 16

Number of Canadian Members by Province:

ON – 74; BC – 53; MB – 45; AB – 32; SK – 39; QC – 27; PE – 8; NB – 9; NS – 5; NL – 2

CJPP – Members Journal Selections:

Popularity of the on-line edition of the CJPP continues to increase. In 2008, 32% of members choose electronic access to the Journal, 38% choose Paper copy, and 17% choose both forms of the Journal. Some emeritus members did not apply for the Journal.

New Members

CPS has 14 new members as of May 20, 2008. On behalf of CPS, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new sustaining associate members, regular and student members:

New Sustaining Associate Members

Ag-Quest
BASF
Chemtura
SeCan

New Regular Members:

Dyer, Alan
El-Mougy, Nehal
Li, Xiang (Sean)
Wang, Aiming

New Student members:

Abd Elrahman, Taha
Cowan, Joshua
Kalpana, K C
Parker, Monica
Sansregret, Raphael
Yao, Zhen

The Canadian Phytopathological Society would like to graciously thank the following for their support and donations.

The following **Sustaining Associates** have generously supported the CPS for 2008:

- Ag-Quest Inc.
- Agricultural Certification Services Inc.
- BASF Canada.
- Busch Agricultural Resources Inc.
- Chemtura
- Dow Agrosiences Canada Inc.
- E.I. Dupont Canada.
- Monsanto Canada Inc.
- Novozyme BioAg. Inc.
- Phyto Diagnostics Co. Ltd.
- Pioneer Hi-Bred Production Limited
- SeCan
- Syngenta Crop Protection Canada Inc.

I would also like to thank our many members who generously support CPS with donations (\$5715.00 in 2008) to the various awards funds. The following individuals have supported CPS awards in 2008:

Tom G. ATKINSON, Karen L. BAILEY,
Karen K. BEDFORD, Robin K. CAMERON,

Randall M. CLEAR, R. (Bob) J. COPEMAN, Katherine F. DOBINSON, Daniel DOSTALER, Ralph H. ESTEY, Denis A. GAUDET, Bruce D. GOSSSEN, Steve M. HABER, Richard (Dick) I. HAMILTON, Don E. HARDER, Ronald J. HOWARD, Lawrence M. KAWCHUK, H. Randy KUTCHER, George LAZAROVITS, Mary E. LEGGET, C. André LÉVESQUE, John W. MARTENS, Mary Ruth MCDONALD, Colin D. MCKEEN, James G. MENZIES, Robin A. A. MORRALL, Knud MORTENSEN, Chrystel OLIVIER, Denise ORR, Eric A. PEDERSEN, Gary PENG, Stéphan POULEUR, David PUNTER, Khalid Y. RASHID, D'Ann M. ROCHON, W. Lloyd SEAMAN, Denis A. SHAH, Peter L. SHOLBERG, Richard STACE-SMITH, Andy TEKAUZ, James A. TRAQUAIR, Peter F. WALSH, and Edmund W. B. WARD

This is my second year as CPS Membership Secretary and Chair of the Membership Committee; I will be trying hard to get members to renew membership on time and to recruit new members by sending reminder emails, so please realize that keeping an active Membership is very important for the Society. Please feel free to contact me at 204-822-7220, or by email at Krashid@agr.gc.ca.

Membership Committee members:

Khalid Y. Rashid, Chair
 Sarah Hambleton, Treasurer
 Rick Peters, Reg. Rep, Maritimes
 Russell Tweddell, Reg. Rep. Quebec.
 Bernard Vigier, Reg. Rep. Eastern Ontario.
 Ken Conn, Reg. Rep. Western Ontario.
 Fouad Daayf, Reg. Rep. Manitoba
 Godfrey Chongo, Reg. Rep. Saskatchewan.
 Denis Gaudet, Reg. Rep. Alberta.
 Janice Elmhirst, Reg. Rep. B.C.

Respectfully submitted on May 20, 2008
 Khalid Y. Rashid
 CPS Membership Secretary/Committee

CPS-SCP News Editors Report

Publication of the CPS-SCP News is progressing well and we look forward to working with you and gratefully welcome any submissions, suggestions, comments, and corrections that you may have. Our main limitations in terms of newsletter preparation and distribution are the timely submission of material for each issue and the tardiness of the CPS-SCP News Editor. Members are encouraged to submit material for future issues of CPS-SCP News by the deadline indicated in each issue, while the CPS-SCP News Editor will do his best to prepare and distribute the newsletter in a timely fashion.

French submissions for the various newsletter sections are also encouraged by the CPS-SCP News Editors.

The CPS-SCP has moved to the distribution of an electronic-only copy of the newsletter, while distributing hard copy versions for those members that request a printed version. Currently, we have 16 hard copies that are distributed to members that have requested a hard copy or where they do not have an email address.

The current CPS-SCP News Editor has been looking after assembly and publication of the newsletter since September 2003 and is looking to step down from these duties in the next 1 to 2 years. Send the Editor an email if you are interested in the fast-paced world of scientific society newsletter publishing and he can outline the work that is involved in assembling and publishing the quarterly newsletter.

Respectfully,

Kelly Turkington, Editor, CPS-SCP News
 Jim Menzies, Associate Editor, CPS-SCP News

Announcements

Eastern Ontario Regional Meeting, 2008

A Scientific Regional Meeting is scheduled for October 24th at the K.W. Neatby Building of Agriculture Canada, 960 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario. The meeting will be an opportunity for graduate students and local scientists to present short presentations or posters related to plant diseases. Short abstracts of presentations will be published for a \$35 fee in the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology.

For further information contact Eastern Ontario CPS Regional Rep., Dr. Bernard Vigier at vigierbj@agr.gc.ca

Please check for a more detailed announcement in the September 2008 issue of CPS-SCP News.

Société de protection des plantes du Québec

Quebec Society for the Protection of Plants

La Société de protection des plantes du Québec (SPPQ) et la Société d'entomologie du Québec (SEQ) vous invitent à leur réunion annuelle 2008 qui se tiendra à Québec les 20 et 21 novembre prochain à l'Hôtel Château Laurier. Ce congrès regroupera des présentations scientifiques et un symposium ayant pour thème :

La phytoprotection, 100 ans de découvertes : un tremplin vers l'avenir!

De plus, la Société de protection des plantes du Québec (SPPQ) célèbre son centenaire d'existence. Pour souligner l'événement, une Commémoration du Centenaire de la SPPQ se tiendra le 19 novembre 2008 au Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, à Québec.

Réservez dès maintenant ces dates à votre agenda : 19, 20 et 21 novembre 2008!

Des informations supplémentaires sur ces deux événements (conférenciers invités, mode d'inscription, hébergement, date de soumission des résumés, etc.) seront diffusées au cours des prochains mois. Surveillez les sites Web de la SPPQ (www.sppq.qc.ca) et de la SEQ (www.seq.qc.ca) pour plus de détails.

You are invited to the Quebec Society for Plant Protection (SPPQ) and the Quebec Society of Entomology (SEQ) 2008 Annual meeting in Quebec City, from November 19 to 21.

Many lectures and displays will show the evolution of research during those 100 years

On November 19, 2008, the SPPQ will hold a Centennial Forum at the Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec. Keynote speakers will highlight the SPPQ's major contributions since 1908 and talk about how agriculture and forestry influenced the work of its members.

On November 20 and 21, 2008, a Symposium will be held at the Hotel Château Laurier Québec. You will be presented with the most recent research findings in entomology, botany, phytopathology, weed science, nematology, agronomy and forestry.

Please visit our web sites regularly (www.sppq.qc.ca and www.seq.qc.ca) for updates on information concerning:

The programs of the Centennial and the Symposium;
The agenda and the inscription form for the SPPQ-SEQ joint meeting;
The procedure for room reservation at the Hotel Château Laurier Québec.

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**June issue of the International Society
for Plant Pathology (ISPP) Newsletter**

Dear ISPP Colleague:

The June 2008 issue of the ISPP
Newsletter is now at [http://
www.isppweb.org/nljun08.asp](http://www.isppweb.org/nljun08.asp).

The newsletter carries a message for ISPP
Subject Matter Committees in the lead-up
to the Congress in Turin, so please pass it
to people with special interests in any of
these Committees.

There is also information about changes to
displays about Associated Societies on the
ISPP web-site. This is for National and
Regional Plant Pathology Societies
associated with ISPP.

Regards,

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**4th International Symposium on
Rhizoctonia**

The International Society of Plant
Pathology, Rhizoctonia Subject Matter
Committee and the German Rhizoctonia
Symposium Organizing Committee

cordially invite you to participate in the
4th International Symposium on
Rhizoctonia, which will be held in Berlin,
Germany, from 20 to 22 August 2008. We
look forward to welcoming you to an
exciting meeting that only occurs every 5
years and has been timed to take place
immediately before the International
Society of Plant Pathology Congress in
Torino, Italy.

The program in Berlin will focus on
genomics, plant pathogen interactions,
pathogen detection, disease control,
molecular technologies, and innovative
new findings. These topics will be
addressed in lectures and poster sessions
attended by leaders in research and
industry. Time will be reserved for
interpersonal interactions to foster
collaborations. The Symposium will provide
a platform for university researchers and
teachers as well as government and
industry researchers and extension
personnel to share information on the
latest issues in Rhizoctonia.

Details of the meeting can be found on the
Rhizoctonia Subject Matter Committee
web page at <http://rhizoctonia.org/> or by
contacting the local organizing committee
chair Rita Grosch [Grosch@igzev.de].

***Phytophthora capsici* isolates needed**

Lina Quesada, a PhD student in Michigan
State University is requesting help to
obtain *Phytophthora capsici* isolates from
different regions in the world and hosts to
study the genetic diversity of the
pathogen. The required permits to import
the pathogen to the United States are
ready and shipment costs will be covered
by Michigan State University.

For more information please contact Lina
Quesada at quesadal@msu.edu.

Science Scan, a new publication produced by Science Strategies Directorate.

For the past several years, the Plant Health Risk Assessment Unit (PHRA) biologists have been routinely scanning the recently published scientific (and other) literature for any new plant pest (pathogen, insect, weed, etc.) information that might be of possible regulatory significance or interest to Canada's national Plant Health staff. The "Science Intelligence Report" (SIR) was developed in 2004 as a mechanism to highlight and share within CFIA any significant new pest-related information/publications relative to current or potential quarantine pests for Canada.

As a result of the positive feedback the report received over the years, a decision was made to broaden the scope of that report. The "Science Scan" will now replace the Scientific Intelligence Report, building and expanding upon the Plant health focus and elements of the SIR to now also include issues related to other areas of the CFIA mandate, in particular animal health.

Thank you

Ci-joint, vous trouverez la première édition du Compte rendu scientifique, une nouvelle publication produite par la Direction des stratégies scientifiques.

Au cours des dernières années, les biologistes du Service de l'évaluation des risques phytosanitaires (SERP) analysent régulièrement les ouvrages scientifiques récemment publiés (entre autres) afin d'y relever tout renseignement sur les nouveaux phytoravageurs (pathogènes, insectes, mauvaises herbes, etc.) qui pourrait être utile sur le plan de la réglementation ou intéresser le personnel chargé de la protection des végétaux à l'échelle nationale. Le rapport sur les renseignements scientifiques (RRS) est un mécanisme qui avait été créé en 2004

pour signaler et diffuser au sein de l'ACIA toute nouvelle information ou publication pertinente sur des ravageurs actuellement ou potentiellement justiciables de quarantaine au Canada.

Étant donné les commentaires positifs qu'a suscités le rapport au fil des ans, on a décidé d'élargir la portée de ce dernier. Le Compte rendu scientifique remplacera dorénavant le rapport sur les renseignements scientifiques, qui donnera encore plus de renseignements sur la Protection des végétaux que le RRS, mais aussi des renseignements sur d'autres domaines relevant du mandat de l'ACIA, plus particulièrement la santé des animaux.

Merci

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Science Scan 02-2008, April 21, 2008
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PLANT HEALTH ARTICLES:

- 1) Undescribed *Phytophthora* Species (MN14d) Previously Found in Minnesota Nursery May Not Be European *Phytophthora alni* subsp. *alni*.
- 2) *Phytophthora alni* Confirmed in the Czech Republic
- 3) *Phytophthora ramorum* Eradicated from the Czech Republic
- 4) Tree Heartwood Extracts May Help in the Control of the Sudden Oak Death Pathogen, *Phytophthora ramorum*
- 5) Update on Bleeding Canker of Horse Chestnut (UK & Europe)
- 6) *Streptosolen jamesonii* 'Yellow', a New Host Plant of Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid

- 7) First Report of Potato Wart (*Synchytrium endobioticum*) in Bulgaria
- 8) First Report of Chrysanthemum White Rust (*Puccinia horiana*) in Turkey
- 9) Update on the Light Brown Apple Moth in California
- 10) Michigan Approves Tree-äge™, a New Insecticide for Emerald Ash Borer Control

Compte rendu scientifique 02-2008, 21 avril 2008

Publié par la Direction des stratégies scientifiques, Agence canadienne d'inspection des aliments

ARTICLES SUR LA PROTECTION DES VÉGÉTAUX :

- 1) L'espèce non décrite de *Phytophthora* (MN14d) trouvée dans une pépinière au Minnesota pourrait ne pas être le *Phytophthora alni* subsp. *alni* d'origine européenne
- 2) Confirmation de la présence de *Phytophthora alni* dans la République tchèque
- 3) Le *Phytophthora ramorum* est éradiqué de la République tchèque
- 4) Des extraits du duramen de certains arbres pourraient aider à combattre le *Phytophthora ramorum*, agent de l'encre des chênes rouges
- 5) Le point sur le chancre suintant du marronnier (Royaume-Uni et Europe)
- 6) *Streptosolen jamesonii* 'yellow', une nouvelle plante hôte du viroïde de la filiosité de la pomme de terre
- 7) Premier cas de gale verruqueuse (*Synchytrium endobioticum*) signalé en Bulgarie
- 8) Première détection de la rouille blanche du chrysanthème (*Puccinia horiana*) en Turquie
- 9) Le point sur la pyrale brun pâle de la pomme en Californie
- 10) Le Michigan approuve Tree-äge^{MC}, un nouvel insecticide contre l'agrile du frêne

Science Scan 03-2008, May 20, 2008
Published by the Science Strategies Directorate, Canadian Food Inspection Agency

PLANT HEALTH ARTICLES:

- 1) A New Viral Disease of Vegetable Crops in Yunnan, China
- 2) Epidemiology of *Phytophthora ramorum* in Oregon Tanoak Forests
- 3) Update on *Phytophthora ramorum* Situation in the United States
- 4) Estimating the Susceptibility of Ornamental Plants to *Phytophthora ramorum*
- 5) First Report of the Ash Dieback Pathogen *Chalara fraxinea* on *Fraxinus excelsior* in Austria
- 6) Potato Cyst Nematodes - New Hosts
- 7) Trap Cropping for Potato Cyst Nematodes (UK)
- 8) Macroarray Detection of Eleven Potato-Infecting Viruses and Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid
- 9) Asian Longhorned Beetle Eradicated in Illinois
- 10) Phoebe Oil Significantly Better than Manuka Oil for Monitoring Field Populations of the Emerald Ash Borer
- 11) Neem-based Insecticide, TreeAzin™, Approved for Emerald Ash Borer Control in Ontario
- 12) *Diploseustis perieresalis*, a New Threat to the Greenhouse Industry?

Compte rendu scientifique 03-2008, 20 mai 2008

Publié par la Direction des stratégies scientifiques, Agence canadienne d'inspection des aliments

ARTICLES SUR LA PROTECTION DES VÉGÉTAUX :

- 1) Apparition d'une nouvelle maladie virale dans des cultures maraîchères du Yunnan en Chine

- 2) Épidémiologie de *Phytophthora ramorum* dans des forêts de chênes à tan de l'Oregon
- 3) Le point sur la situation du *Phytophthora ramorum* aux États-Unis
- 4) Évaluation de la sensibilité de plantes ornementales à *Phytophthora ramorum*
- 5) Première mention du *Chalara fraxinea*, agent du dépérissement des frênes, sur le *Fraxinus excelsior*, en Autriche
- 6) Nématodes à kystes de la pomme de terre – nouveaux hôtes
- 7) Culture-appât pour les nématodes à kystes de la pomme de terre (R.-U.)
- 8) Microréseau permettant la détection de onze virus s'attaquant à la pomme de terre ainsi que du viroïde de la filosité des tubercules de la pomme de terre
- 9) Éradication du longicorne étoilé en Illinois
- 10) L'huile de phoebe, plus efficace que l'huile de manuka pour la surveillance des populations de l'agrile du frêne
- 11) Approbation du TreeAzin^{MD}, insecticide à base de neem, pour la lutte contre l'agrile du frêne en Ontario
- 12) *Diplopseustis perieresalis*, une nouvelle menace pour l'industrie serricole?

Submission Deadline for the September 2008 issue of CPS - SCP News

PLEASE NOTE: The submission deadline for the **September issue** of CPS - SCP News is **September 30, 2008**. **The deadline is later than normal as the Editor will be out of the country from mid August to early October. 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

Mark McLean

The Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada plant pathology laboratory at the Lacombe Research Centre in Lacombe, Alberta is hosting Australian Ph.D. student **Mark McLean** for three months during the summer of 2008. Mark works with Dr. Grant Hollaway, Department of Primary Industries, Victoria, Australia, and is doing a Ph.D. at Melbourne University. Mark's project is titled "The epidemiology and control of spot form of net blotch caused by *Pyrenophora teres* f. *maculata*". While at Lacombe Mark's objectives are: 1) To identify novel sources of resistance in barley to the spot form of net blotch; 2) Assess and compare the virulence of pathogen populations from Canada and Australia on a range of potential sources of resistance to spot form net blotch; and 3) Enhance knowledge of pathogen population genetic and pathogenic structure, especially in relation to Australian isolates versus Canadian isolates of the spot form of net blotch. Mark will be working with Drs. Kelly Turkington and Kequan Xi at Lacombe, but plans on visiting other barley pathology and breeding colleagues in Saskatoon, SK, Brandon, MB, and Winnipeg, MB. Mark is accompanied by his fiancée Bronwyn Bant and during their visit they plan on taking in as much of the Canadian Prairies and Rocky Mountains as possible.

Employment

GRADUATE STUDENT POSITION IN PLANT MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

A position is available for an MSc or PhD student who wishes to pursue graduate studies in the area of Plant Molecular

Biology. The research will discover the molecular defense mechanisms in cereal crops. Particular attention will be focused on the involvement of key components in disease resistance pathways. Wheat will be used to exploit the extensive genetic resources and genome sequence data. Molecular genetics, genomics, and proteomics approaches will be routinely involved in this project. The research will be conducted in the laboratory of Dr. Tim Xing (Carleton University, Ottawa) with close co-supervision by Dr. Andre Laroche and Dr. Denis Gaudet (Lethbridge Research Centre, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada) and courses will be taken at the campuses of Carleton University and the University of Ottawa. Applicants must receive acceptance to the Ottawa-Carleton School of Graduate Studies for consideration.

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