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President's Message/Mot du Président

As I walked in to work today, in the -36°C cold, it was hard to believe that spring is on its way but the days are getting longer and our plans for our summer field work are well underway. I am certain that most of you are like me and are so busy with putting the final finishing touches on last years reports while planning this



Mary Leggett
CPS-SCP President/Président

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summers research, that the thought of taking anything else on is daunting. Nevertheless, I am making a plea for everyone to consider becoming more involved in CPS either at the regional or national level. I can think of many benefits to becoming more involved. It looks good on your resume emphasizing all of those "soft skills" everyone is keen on. It is enjoyable; you meet many new interesting people, and get to know others better. It helps improve managerial skills, I learned a lot about strategic planning serving on Ron Howard's committee. It is a good way to increase your network of contacts. I have seen the benefits of these contacts as I start to do more plant pathology research and I have been able to access pathogen cultures and advice on techniques from researchers across the country. And, in true David Letterman style, the number one reason for

increasing your involvement in the CPS is that it is our society and it is only as good as we make it. So, when someone calls you to ask you to volunteer for a committee or board position please give it serious consideration.

Lakhdar Lamari is one of those people who "became involved" and greatly enriched our society. He has been our website editor for several years and introduced a new updated site. Lakhdar has resigned from this position and I would like to thank him on behalf of the CPS members for all his work and enthusiasm. Fouad Daayf is carrying on Lakhdar's work while we search for a new website editor. Another dedicated volunteer,

Kelly
Turkington
who has
been the
editor of
the
newsletter
since

2003, would also like to step down and so we are also looking for someone willing to take on this position. Thanks go to Kelly for putting out an excellent publication, on time, for the last 5 years. If anyone is interested in either of these positions please contact me at Mlgg@novozymes.com.

I would encourage all members to ensure that their memberships are renewed. I know this is easy to forget, and even some of our board members were delinquent. Khalid is good about sending reminder notices but we could make his job easier by sending in our renewals. Many of our colleagues who are not plant pathologists are working with pathologists on collaborative projects and I hope that everyone will encourage them to become members of the society. It is an inexpensive way to increase your network of contacts and possibly discover some new and interesting research ventures. I am also about to continue Jim Menzies's work

of approaching corporations about becoming sustaining associates. You can see our current sustaining associates on the CPS website. Please look at it and if you see any organizations that you think we should approach please send me an email with the company and ideally a contact name to the email above.

It is also the time of year to think about nominating deserving colleagues for our CPS awards. The society has a number of awards for which people can be nominated and they are a nice way of recognizing someone for a job well done. We also have two Graduate Student Travel Awards for students who would like some help in attending the meeting in

Winnipeg. If you supervise graduate students please make sure that they are aware of

these awards. They will have to be the senior author on a poster or presentation. The deadline for submission is April 6th.

This is a reminder to all committee chairs that annual reports on the activities of your committees should be submitted to the Newsletter for publication prior to the AGM in Winnipeg. It is a good time to take a look at your committee's mandate and make sure it is still relevant and that you are making progress.

I am looking forward to the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Delta Winnipeg Hotel June 22-25. They have some exciting things planned with workshops on seed pathology, and practical handling of root diseases, symposiums on signaling in plant and pathogen interactions and root rot complex pathogens and a graduate student activity. I hope everyone will put the meeting into their calendar and anyone with students please bring them

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to the meeting. This is where they start making the contacts that will last them throughout their career. I would like to see us have a very exciting competition for the best student paper and poster awards.

I hope everyone has a good spring and I am looking forward to a large turnout at the AGM in Winnipeg.

Comme je me rendais au travail ce matin, par -36 °C, j'éprouvais quelque difficulté à réaliser que le printemps est à nos portes. Par ailleurs, les jours rallongent et nos plans en ce qui a trait au travail à faire sur le terrain cet été sont bien amorcés. Je suis convaincu que, tout comme moi, la plupart d'entre vous sont tellement occupés à mettre la touche finale à leurs rapports de l'année dernière, tout en planifiant la recherche de l'été qui s'en vient, que la simple pensée de s'attaquer à de nouvelles tâches semble déconcertante. Néanmoins, je vous saurais tous gré d'envisager de vous investir davantage dans la Société canadienne de phytopathologie (SCP), que ce soit au niveau régional ou national, et ce, pour les bénéfices que cela procure, tout simplement. D'une part, toutes les « connaissances non techniques » que vous acquerez et que les employeurs apprécient feront bonne figure sur votre curriculum vitae. Par ailleurs, c'est agréable : vous rencontrez de nouvelles personnes intéressantes et vous avez l'occasion d'approfondir les relations que vous avez déjà établies. D'autre part, votre participation contribue à l'amélioration de vos compétences de gestionnaire. En ce qui me concerne, j'ai beaucoup appris sur la planification stratégique à titre de membre du comité de Ron Howard. C'est également une excellente façon de développer votre

réseau de contacts. J'ai pu vérifier l'importance de ce réseau lorsque je me suis mis à faire de plus en plus de recherche dans le domaine de la phytopathologie : il m'a effectivement permis d'obtenir des cultures d'agents pathogènes ainsi que des conseils relativement à certaines techniques, et ce, de chercheurs partout au pays. Finalement, pour calquer David Letterman, la principale raison qui vous poussera à vous investir dans la SCP est que c'est notre Société et que son évolution ne dépend que de nos aspirations. Alors, quand quelqu'un vous demandera de vous engager, bénévolement, à participer à un comité ou à siéger au conseil, pensez-y sérieusement.

Lakhdar Lamari est une de ces personnes qui s'est impliquée dans notre Société et qui a grandement contribué à son enrichissement. Il a été l'éditeur de notre site Web pendant plusieurs années et l'a mis à jour. Lakhdar a décidé de passer le flambeau à un autre et je tiens à le remercier de la part de tous les membres de la SCP pour l'excellent travail qu'il a accompli ainsi que pour l'enthousiasme qu'il a manifesté. C'est Fouad Daayf qui assure l'intérim jusqu'à ce que nous trouvions un remplaçant à Lakhdar comme nouvel éditeur du site. Kelly Turkington, un autre membre dévoué qui rédige le bulletin de la Société depuis 2003, a décidé également de se retirer. Nous sommes par conséquent à la recherche de quelqu'un qui serait prêt à le remplacer. Je remercie Kelly d'avoir assuré la réalisation de cette excellente publication, à temps, depuis cinq ans. Toute personne qui serait intéressée par l'un ou l'autre de ces postes n'a qu'à me joindre à l'adresse suivante : MIgg@novozymes.com.

J'encourage tous les membres à veiller au renouvellement de leur adhésion. Je sais que c'est facile à oublier, il arrive même à certains membres de notre conseil d'être en retard. Khalid excelle en ce qui a trait

à l'envoi de notes de rappel, mais nous pourrions tous lui faciliter la tâche en lui faisant parvenir nos cotisations. Plusieurs de nos collègues qui ne sont pas des phytopathologistes travaillent sur des projets en collaboration avec des phytopathologistes, et j'espère que tout un chacun encouragera ces collaborateurs à adhérer à la Société. C'est une façon bon marché de développer son réseau de contacts et, possiblement, de dénicher de nouveaux et fascinants projets de recherche.

Personnellement, je m'apprete à poursuivre le travail de Jim Menzies en ce qui a trait à convaincre des sociétés de devenir

membres bienfaiteurs. Vous trouverez les noms des membres bienfaiteurs actuels sur le site Web de la SCP. Jetez-y un coup d'œil et, si vous pensez à certaines sociétés qui seraient susceptibles de devenir membres bienfaiteurs, s'il vous plaît, envoyez-moi un courriel à l'adresse indiquée précédemment en spécifiant le nom de la ou des sociétés et, si possible, celui d'une personne à contacter au sein de ces dernières afin que je puisse établir un contact.

Le temps est également venu de penser à proposer, parmi nos collègues, des candidats qui mériteraient de recevoir un des prix de la SCP. La Société a un certain nombre de prix à décerner pour lesquels les gens peuvent être proposés, prix qui soulignent de façon sympathique le travail bien fait. Nous décernons également deux allocations de voyage aux étudiants diplômés qui désireraient obtenir un peu d'aide pour assister à la réunion générale qui se tiendra cette année à Winnipeg. Si vous supervisez des étudiants diplômés, s'il vous plaît assurez-vous qu'ils sont au courant de ces allocations. Les candidats devront figurer à titre d'auteurs

principaux d'une affiche ou d'une communication. La date butoir pour soumettre les candidatures est le 6 avril.

Je profite de l'occasion pour rappeler à tous les présidents de comités que vos rapports d'activité doivent être transmis au bulletin afin que celui-ci soit publié avant la réunion générale annuelle de Winnipeg. Cela constitue une excellente occasion de réviser votre mandat, de vous assurer qu'il est toujours pertinent et que

vous progressez.

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C'est avec impatience que j'attends la réunion générale annuelle

qui cette année se tiendra à l'hôtel Delta de Winnipeg, du 22 au 25 juin. Le comité organisateur a planifié des activités des plus intéressantes, dont des ateliers traitant de la pathologie des semences et de la gestion pratique des maladies racinaires; des symposiums sur la signalisation relative aux interactions plantes-agents pathogènes et sur le complexe pathogène du pourridié; ainsi qu'une activité s'adressant aux étudiants diplômés. J'espère que tous inscriront la réunion dans leur agenda et que ceux qui ont des étudiants sous leur responsabilité les amèneront. C'est là qu'ils établissent les premiers contacts qui leur seront utiles tout au long de leur carrière. J'aimerais que l'on assiste à une compétition captivante quant au concours des meilleures affiches et communications présentées par des étudiants.

Je vous souhaite à tous un excellent printemps et j'espère que vous viendrez en grand nombre à la réunion générale annuelle de Winnipeg.

Regional Meetings

Manitoba CPS regional Meeting minutes
December 04, 2008

The 2008 Manitoba Regional Meeting of the Canadian Phytopathological Society was held on the 4th of December at the Cereal Research Centre (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada), Winnipeg Manitoba. Twenty-three people attended the event.

Registration started at 8:30 am, with coffee and donuts. Disease updates were presented starting at 9:00 am, by Drs. Tom Fetch, Brent McCallum, Jim Menzies, Randy Clear, Andy Tekauz, Steve Haber, and Khalid Rashid. These covered different cereals diseases including stem and leaf rusts, smuts, Fusarium Head Blight, and viral diseases. Dr. Rashid covered different diseases on sunflower and flax.

Student presentations consisted of two talks: "Interplay of Plant Defense Signaling Pathways" authored by Holly Taylor and Fouad Daayf, and "Defense Signaling Pathways Activated by *Verticillium dahliae* in *Helianthus annuus*" authored by Zhen Yao and Fouad Daayf.

After the morning coffee break, five presentations were made by scientists as follows: (1) Update on recent changes to the national *Fusarium graminearum* population by R. Clear; (2) Prequel to breeding for resistance to fusarium head blight of oat for western Canada: assessing disease impact and characteristics by A. Tekauz, J.W. Mitchell Fetch, B.G. Rossnagel, and M.E. Savard; (3) Sunflower Rust epidemic in 2008 and update on prevalent races, by K.Y. Rashid; (4) Stem rust: A wheat killer of global proportions by T. Fetch Jr.; and (5) Using variations in response to infection with wheat streak mosaic virus (WSMV) to identify resistance to fusarium head blight

(FHB) in germplasm considered susceptible by S. Haber, J. Gilbert and S. Golkari.

After lunch, which was served onsite, the participating students were presented with awards. Holly Taylor (supervisor: F. Daayf) won the runner-up place and Zhen Yao (supervisors: F. Daayf and K. Rashid) won the first place.

A short business meeting followed at 1:45 pm. Dr. J. Menzies presented an update from the CPS board, as well as from the local arrangement committee of the 2009 CPS meeting to be held in Winnipeg June 22-25. Support for foreign scientist and the content of the regional website were the two other items discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Special thanks to the Cereal Research Centre for allowing the access to the meeting facilities, Drs. Jim Menzies and Tom Fetch for room and audiovisual arrangements, Mr. Lorne Adam and Dr. A. El Hadrami for helping with the registration, food and coffee preparation, and to the CPS for their annual contribution.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Fouad Daayf
CPS MB Regional Representative

Committee and Other Reports

Financial Advisory Committee Report

June 2008

Members present: Bruce Gossen (Chair), Jim Menzies, Mary Leggett, Richard Bèlanger, Sarah Hambleton, Paul Hildebrand, Ron Howard

Regrets: Rona Sturrock, Zamir Punja

The Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) met on June 14 in Charlottetown, PEI to review the financial statements for CPS, the implementation of the strategic plan, and the budget forecasts taking into consideration the strategic plan.

1) Budget and Forecast

At every meeting and conference call in 2007-2008, the CPS Executive Board discussed ways to deal with the budget deficits that have battered the society in recent years. In 2007, membership fees were increased and CPS News was moved on-line to reduce costs. In 2008, page charges were implemented for CPDS to make it self-supporting, page charges were increased for CJPP, and the CPS Directory was moved on-line to reduce costs. However, there is still a budget deficit predicted for each year unless further changes are made (see summary of financial statement and forecast, below). In the past, the proceeds of annual meetings and sales of our books have helped to balance the society's expenses. The FAC recommends increasing membership fees, reassessing our approach to publishing CJPP to ensure that it becomes a steady source of income for the society, and structuring annual meetings to ensure that they make a profit for the society. Moreover, the Board will need to critically evaluate the

business plan for publication of books. The current plan is to publish (hard-copy or on-line) several books within the next five years, including a reprinting of *Disease of Field Crops in Canada*, an on-line edition of *Plant Pathology in Canada*, and the first book in a series that will replace *Diseases and Pests of Vegetable Crops in Canada* (a greenhouse crop volume). Each of these items will be of long-term value to the society, but will place substantial stresses on cash-flow in the short term. The attached forecast takes these publications into consideration.

2) Strategic Plan 2006-2011

The FAC reviewed progress made on goals in the second year of the Strategic Plan, and a summary of the review is available as Annex 2 of the strategic plan (see <http://www.cps-scp.ca/members.htm>). Overall, 43 goals have been achieved, 14 were in progress, and there were 22 goals suggested by the Strategic Planning Committee that had not been addressed or where the Board has decided that no action will be taken. The major activities have been to improve the website to make it even more useful for communication within the society, increase support for regional groups, revitalize several important committees, and to reach out to industry, technical assistants and graduate students and get them more involved in the society. The FAC commends the Strategic Planning Committee (led by Ron Howard) for developing the plan, and the CPS Board for the progress that has already been made towards achieving these goals.

CPS Budget - 5 year forecast									
Revenues	2005	2006	2007	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
General Operations									
Membership Dues (Sum of Dues)	13,542	15,460	16,000	20,282	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	22,000
Interest/Investment Income or loss	4,325	5,132	4,000	-3,488	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Profit from Annual Meeting	-2,415	6,117	9,000	12,599	1,000	7,000	5,000	3,000	5,000
Subtotal - Revenue (General Operations)	15,452	26,709	29,000	29,393	25,000	31,000	29,000	27,000	30,000
Can. J. Plant Pathol. (CJPP)									
Membership Dues	12,955	15,025	15,000	12,845	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
Subscriptions (multi- users)	29,196	29,170	38,000	13,106	24,000	25,000	26,000	27,000	28,000
Page charges, reprints & abstracts	43,610	55,132	70,000	62,137	65,000	66,000	67,000	67,000	67,000
Subtotal - Revenue (CJPP)	85,761	99,327	123,000	88,088	102,000	104,000	106,000	107,000	108,000
Information Products									
MGCC (DFCC French)	0	2,744	5,000	830	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
DFCC Sales 3rd Edition - English	45,876	11,523	7,000	10,566	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
CPDS - Page charges	0	0	0	0	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
DPVCC/MRCLC	1,453	1,161	1,000	134	500	500	0	0	0
Plant Pathology in Canada	1,500	0	0	0	0	2,000	500	500	500
DPVCC revision	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,000	10,000	15,000
Subtotal - Revenue (Information Products)	48,829	15,428	13,000	11,530	9,000	11,000	24,000	19,000	24,000
Grand Total - Revenues	150,042	141,464	165,000	129,011	136,000	146,000	159,000	153,000	162,000
Expenditures									
General Operations (GO)									
Regional meetings	755	1,602	2,500	750	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Awards - minting and framing	1,115	1,750	1,000	1,177	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Professional Services (auditors)	8,271	11,827	10,000	9,746	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
Society Newsletter (CPS News)	4,298	2,780	2,500	1,712	800	800	800	800	800
Travel	7,747	7,712	7,000	3,451	6,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
General/Miscellaneous	19,273	18,085	16,400	12,969	14,700	11,200	10,700	10,700	10,700
GO Subtotal - Expenditures	42,050	43,756	42,300	34,372	34,700	32,200	31,700	31,700	31,700
GO Subtotal - Revenues	15,452	26,709	29,000	29,393	25,000	31,000	29,000	27,000	30,000
GO Net	-26,598	-17,047	-13,300	-4,979	-9,700	-1,200	-2,700	-4,700	-1,700
Can. J. Plant Pathol.									
Printing, Mailing, Reprints	108,651	170,926	113,000	92,241	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000
Salaries, Translation, Office Costs	10,850	9,580	12,000	9,590	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
CJPP Subtotal - Expenditures	119,501	180,506	125,000	101,831	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000
CJPP Subtotal - Revenue	85,761	99,327	123,000	88,088	102,000	104,000	106,000	107,000	108,000
CJPP - Net (R - E)	-33,740	-81,179	-2,000	-13,743	-3,000	-1,000	1,000	2,000	3,000
Information Products (print & market)									
MGCC (DFCC - French)	29,476	519	500	94	100	100	100	100	100
DFCC 3rd ed.	1,815	2,725	2,500	1,185	1,600	36,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
DPVCC/MRCLC	443	379	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plant Pathology in Canada	0	0	0	0	1,000	3,000	0	0	0
DPVCC revision	0	0	0	0	0	1,500	21,000	2,000	22,000
IP Subtotal - Expenditures	31,734	4,407	4,500	3,630	4,200	42,700	24,200	5,200	25,200
IP Subtotal - Revenues	48,829	15,428	13,000	11,530	9,000	11,000	24,000	19,000	24,000
IP Subtotal Net (R-E)	14,968	11,021	8,500	7,900	4,800	-31,700	-200	13,800	-1,200
Grand Total - Expenditures	195,412	228,669	171,800	139,834	143,900	179,900	160,900	141,900	161,900
Grand Total - Revenues	150,042	141,464	165,000	134,432	136,000	146,000	159,000	153,000	162,000
Grand Net (R - E)	-45,370	-87,205	-6,800	-5,402	-7,900	-33,900	-1,900	11,100	100

Plant Canada Update

The next Plant Canada meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 18-22, 2011 at St. Mary's University in Halifax, NS. The meeting will be co-hosted by the Canadian Society of Agronomy and the Canadian Society for Horticultural Science. The CPS representatives on the local arrangements committee are Paul Hildebrand and Gordon Braun.

Between meetings, activities for Plant Canada generally occur at a slow pace. One issue that stimulated intense discussion was a suggestion to change the formula for sharing losses that arise at a Plant Canada meeting. For the small societies that make up Plant Canada, sharing profits is easy compared to sharing losses. In the end, the Plant Canada Board opted for the status quo – profits and losses will be divided among the societies that make up Plant Canada based on the number of members of each society that attend the meeting. However, the Executive Board is working to ensure that Plant Canada has a contingency fund to cover small losses, and that the LACs are given the resources and support to ensure that losses do not occur. In addition, one organization that works with Plant Canada has gone through interesting changes recently. The Canadian Federation of Biological Societies recently closed its doors due to a lack of funds. Plant Canada has decided not to be part of proposed attempts to revive this organization, but the CPS and other societies are free to participate if they wish.

Bruce Gossen and Jim Menzies
CPS representatives to Plant Canada

Report to the Executive Board of the Canadian Phytopathological Society

From the Journal Publication Committee

Re: A review of the options available to the CPS for the publication of the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology

Committee members: James Menzies (Chair), Zamir Punja (Editor-in-chief, CJPP), Richard Bélanger, Sarah Hambleton, André Levesque.

Background:

The Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology has been published in collaboration with NRC research press since 1999. The current contract will expire in December, 2009. Dr. Punja received a proposal from Taylor and Francis Group (TF) for publication of CJPP in the fall of 2007. The proposal was very different from the current contract the CPS has with the NRC research press, and indicated a number of ways in which the journal and the finances of the journal could be improved. Taylor and Francis Group was very interested in becoming a partner with the CPS for publishing CJPP, and hoped to start in January 2009.

The ad hoc Journal publication committee was established June, 2009, at the outgoing board meeting of the CPS executive in Charlottetown, P.E.I. Its mandate was to solicit proposals from different organizations for publication of the CJPP, and along with the Taylor and Francis Group proposal, make a recommendation to the executive board on the future publication partner of the CJPP. Jim Menzies was appointed chair, as past president of the executive board, and the following were asked to serve on the committee; Zamir Punja, as Editor-in-

Chief, CJPP, Richard Bélanger as President Elect, Sarah Hambleton, as treasurer of the CPS, and André Levesque, as a member at large.

The committee developed a solicitation letter to be sent to perspective publishers (Appendix A), with a list of items to be addressed in each proposal. Proposals were invited from NRC research press, Springer Publishing Company (Springer) and Elsevier.

Comparison of Proposals:

Notification of interest and proposals were received from NRC Research Press and Springer, as well as the proposal from TF. Elsevier responded by indicating no interest in developing a proposal. Zamir developed a comparisons table for the three proposals, as well as our current NRC contract (see Appendix B).

Current contract:

We have been publishing in partnership with the NRC since 1999. In general, this contract has served CJPP and CPS well. Our journal has increased in impact factor, and is an attractive journal. There have been a few problems with the NRC, but in general, their service in the publishing arena has been good. Their marketing is poor, however, and it is likely that our impact factor has risen as high as it is going to go as long as we publish with NRC. CJPP is also not making any money for the CPS, and NRC has done little to help overcome this problem.

NRC Proposal:

The new NRC proposal is very similar to the current contract. It is essentially a fee for service operation. This means that CJPP is ours to do with as we please, but any improvements must come from the society. They mentioned access to electronic submission software (Osprey) through NRC, which would be useful. At

one point they mention that the use of Osprey would be free, but later on in the proposal, they mention fees for using Osprey. They are the only group that supply technical editing (at cost). We did not see any improvements in the marketing of CJPP in the NRC proposal. In the current contract, marketing of CJPP is mentioned, but in reality, we do not see any marketing of the journal happening. Recently, it has been announced that NRC press will become a not-for-profit corporate entity over the next year. One cannot foresee what this will mean as far as changes at NRC press, but certainly, changes are likely to happen.

The TF and Springer proposals are very similar.

Taylor and Francis:

The proposed contract is for 7 years. This proposal would likely move the journal towards making money for CPS. There would be a signing bonus of \$30,000.00, as well as \$8,000.00 per year for the editor's office (we currently pay \$6,500.00 per year), \$2,000.00 per year for editorial board meetings, and \$1,000.00 per year as an award (likely becoming known as the TF award) for the best student paper. They would also take care of any copy-editing, printing, binding, mailing, distribution and storage of journal costs (currently cost CPS about \$25K per issue), with any losses covered by TF. Any overprints are property of TF. Authors would receive 50 free reprints, a PDF file and a free issue of the journal. Members would receive a hard copy of the journal as well as electronic access, with the rate frozen for the first 3 years. There would be 16 free, colour pages/year in the journal, after which we must charge for the colour pages. We would have access to their online manuscript submission (Manuscript Central) at no cost. We would also have one journal provided to members from TF inventory. Page charges are up to us, and

we keep the money. CJPP hosted on their website. TF would like to sell back copies of the journal, but are open to open access to the journal after 5 years. TF have no issue with French manuscripts or publishing meeting abstracts. TF will pay a minimum of \$15,000.00 per year for multisubscription sales, with more if sales are good. They would increase multi-use subscriber fees to \$300.00 per year. There is no technical editing, but perhaps we use the page charges to pay for Technical editing. There will be some advertising in the journal, but generally the advertising is science related and in good taste. In the sample journals TF sent us, there was very little advertising. TF want the page numbers to increase.

Generally, the committee thought this was a very good proposal.

Springer:

The proposed contract is for 10 years. This proposal would also likely move the journal towards making money for the CPS. There would be a signing bonus of \$30K, paid over 18 months, as well as \$8K per year for the editor's office. They would also take care of any copy-editing, printing, binding, mailing, distribution and storage of journal costs (currently cost CPS about \$25K per issue), with any losses covered by Springer. Any overprints are property of Springer. Authors would receive 25 free reprints. Members would receive the journal electronically; hard copies would cost \$45.00 plus shipping and handling (Springer did not appear keen on hard copies of the journal). Rates would be frozen for the first three years. Members would also have access to other Springer journals, but we aren't completely sure what that means. There would be 16 free colour pages/year in the journal, after which we must charge for the colour pages. We would have access to their online manuscript submission at no cost. Page charges are up to us, and we keep

the money. CJPP hosted on their website. Springer would like to sell back copies of the journal. French is not an issue in the journal. No details given on publishing meeting abstracts. Springer will pay \$15,000.00 per year for multisubscription sales, less any discounts offered from Springer. They would increase multi-use subscriber fees to \$300.00 per year. There is no technical editing, but perhaps we use the page charges to pay for Technical editing. There will be some advertising in the journal, but generally the advertising is science related and in good taste.

Generally, the committee thought that this was a good proposal.

Recommendations:

- 1) The committee recommends pursuing a publishing contract with Taylor and Francis Group. Although the TF and Springer proposals are very similar, the committee felt that many members prefer to receive hard copies of the journal. The TF proposal was superior to the Springer proposal in this regard. The committee also felt that a 10 year contract was too long and favoured the seven year contract of TF. TF also appears to be the more advantageous proposal to CPS on a financial basis. The NRC proposal was inferior to TF and Springer, and possible major changes at NRC as they move towards becoming a not-for-profit corporate entity may be a concern. It is also hoped that a contract with companies such as TF and Springer will raise the impact factor and profile of CJPP.
- 2) The committee felt that before any contract is signed, the CPS should have a lawyer review the contract on behalf of the CPS.
- 3) The CPS should also pursue an option for open access PDF's (to be paid by authors who want this

option) with whoever they decide to partner with in publishing CJPP.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Menzies (Chair)
For the Journal Publications Committee
(Zamir Punja, Richard Bélanger, Sarah Hambleton, André Levesque).

Change of By-law

Notice of Motion

The governing Board of the CPS wishes to bring forward a motion at the Annual General Meeting of the Society to be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba in June 2009, to approve the following amendments of CPS By-Laws V and IX.

V. EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, CANADIAN JOURNAL OF PLANT PATHOLOGY

General Responsibilities

9. The Editor-in-Chief shall be required to attend and participate in all meetings of the Governing Board as a non-voting member.

IX. AWARDS

Current By Law

8. Graduate Student Travel Award

- a) The award is intended to provide outstanding graduate students in plant pathology funds to attend an Annual General Meeting and present an abstract of their research work.
- b) there shall be a maximum of 2 awards presented annually, depending on the availability of suitable applicants, each valued at \$500.

- c) The student must be enrolled in a Master's level or Doctorate level program in any area of plant pathology.
- d) The selected awardees do not have to be CPS members at the time the award is given.

Proposed change

8. Graduate Student Travel Award

- a) The award is intended to provide financial assistance to outstanding students to attend and present their research at a CPS Annual General Meeting.
- b) The student must be the senior author on the presentation of this research work
- c) The number of awards presented annually shall depend on the income from the trust fund account and availability of suitable applicants, with at least one award presented each year.
- d) The student must be enrolled in a Master or Doctorate level program in an area related to plant pathology.
- e) The awardee(s) does not have to be a CPS member at the time that the award is given.

AWARDS TRUST FUND

All cash awards will be a fixed amount. This amount shall be set by the Board; it may be adjusted at intervals and in accordance with the prestigious nature of the award.

Awards

CPS Awards Nominations due by April 6, 2009

Please take time to consider and discuss with your CPS colleagues worthy candidates for the awards listed below. Awards will be presented at the CPS Annual Meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Nominations must be received by the CPS Awards Committee Chairperson by April , 2009. Nominations can be sent to Sabine Banniza, CPS Awards Committee Chair at sabine.banniza@usask.ca

There are several types of awards sponsored by CPS. These Awards represent an important means of acknowledging the contributions of our members to our society, to the science of plant pathology and to the community in which we live.

1. Honorary Member

The nominee can be any person who has rendered eminent service to plant pathology and shall normally not be a member of the Society.

2. Fellow

Nominees shall be regular members of the Society who have rendered outstanding service to the Society and to the profession of plant pathology.

3. Award for Outstanding Research

This award is intended to recognize outstanding research in plant pathology in Canada. As the Society's most prestigious award, consideration is given to research involving new concepts, the discovery of new phenomena, or principles in plant pathology or novel application of existing principles.

4. Outstanding Young Scientist Award

The award is intended to recognize the contribution of a junior scientist, judged to have had a major impact on plant pathology in Canada.

5. Graduate Student Travel Award

The purpose of this award is to provide reimbursement to selected graduate students to attend the Annual Meeting of the CPS. Two travel awards are presented annually by the CPS, each for a value of \$500 per student.

6. Achievements in Plant Disease Management

The award is intended to recognize the contributions by industry, or not-for-profit agencies, for innovative research, development of products and technologies, and/or transfer of information for the benefit of disease management in Canada.

A full description of each award, criteria and guidelines on nominating a colleague for a CPS Award or for students to apply for the Graduate Student Travel Award can be found on the CPS Website at <http://www.cps-scp.ca/awards.htm>

Prem D. Kharbanda, Ph.D. Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame

On September 26, 2008, Dr. Prem Kharbanda was inducted into the Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame for his distinguished services to the Province of Alberta and Canada. Every two years, Alberta's Agriculture Hall of Fame recognizes up to three individuals whose leadership, innovation and business practices have made significant contribution to Alberta's Agriculture and Agri-food Industry. Induction into the Hall of Fame is the highest honour granted by Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development.

Dr. Kharbanda has been an outstanding contributor to the field of plant pathology for over 37 years, excelling in his research on economically important diseases on a variety of crops.

Dr. Kharbanda graduated from the University of Illinois in 1971 where he earned his Ph.D. under the guidance of Dr. J.B. Sinclair. He obtained an M.Sc. in Plant Pathology under the supervision of Dr. Y.L. Nene at the G.B. Pant University of Agriculture, Pant Nagar, (Nainital), India. He joined the Alberta Research Council (ARC) in 1979 where he retired as



Dr. Prem Kharbanda (m) and his wife Devi (l) Receiving the Hall of Fame Plaque from the Honorable George Groeneveld (r), Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Government of Alberta

a Senior Research Scientist on March 31, 2008.

Dr. Kharbanda started his career as a research associate with Dr. Claude Bernier at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, in 1973 where he worked on seed and soil-borne diseases of fababeans and reported on management of a new powdery mildew, *Microsphaera maculans* var. *ludens*, and Ascochyta blight on fababeans.

In 1983, Dr. Kharbanda discovered blackleg disease on canola in Alberta. Since then, he has been instrumental in preventing the spread of blackleg disease in Alberta, using innovative strategies that involved a combination of cultural, chemical and biological methods, disease monitoring, seed testing, producer education and awareness as well as technology development.

As part of the Alberta Blackleg Response Committee, he made a significant contribution to getting the virulent strain of the blackleg fungus, *Leptosphaeria maculans*, named as a pest under the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act in 1984. This allowed the use of legislative authority by agricultural fieldmen in enforcing the implementation of the disease control measures.

It's estimated his efforts fighting blackleg alone saved producers over \$400 million between 1983 and 1999 in Alberta and along with the combined efforts of fellow plant pathologists across the prairie region, and both public and private sector breeding programs

prevented total annihilation of the Canadian canola industry. In 2007, a team of British and Chinese scientists used Dr. Kharbanda's data to highlight the threat to Chinese agriculture from blackleg.

In 2000, he was awarded the prestigious AVAC/ASTech Innovations in Agricultural Science prize by the Alberta Science and Technology Leadership Awards Foundation in recognition of his outstanding achievements towards the prevention of blackleg of canola.

He has also been very active in his work with the province's greenhouse industry. In 1979-81 he concluded the first in-depth study of the epidemiology of the fungal diseases in greenhouse cucumbers. He recently identified a new fungus, *Fusarium lactis*, on greenhouse peppers.

As leader of the crop disease biocontrol program at the Alberta Research Council since 1994, he discovered and patented

Paenibacillus polymyxa PKPB1, a biocontrol bacterium for use against several plant diseases and fairy rings in lawns.

He has authored over 250 publications including scientific research papers, manuals, book chapters, research reports and newspaper articles. His manual, entitled *Blackleg of Canola in Alberta: Investigations on Biology, Epidemiology and Management*, is a well-used reference for scientists and the canola industry.

Dr. Kharbanda has been a CPS member since 1974. He was also the President of the Plant Pathology Society of Alberta (PPSA) in 1986-87 and for his dedicated services, was granted Honorary life membership in PPSA in November 2008. He was appointed as Scientist Emeritus at the Alberta Research Council upon his retirement in April 2008.

**Commémoration du centenaire
Société de protection des plantes du
Québec
Prix Excellence
Prix Hommage
Hommages
Le mercredi 19 novembre 2008
Musée national des beaux-arts du
Québec**

**Hommage René-Pomerleau
Pionnier et Force vive en pathologie
forestière et moléculaire
Louis Bernier, Richard Hamelin et André
Lévesque**

Louis Bernier

« Dr. Bernier is an inspiration for new and established forest pathologists alike and is one of the most visible and recognized

forest pathologists in Canada. » Société canadienne de phytopathologie (2002)

Louis Bernier est bachelier en sciences forestières de l'Université Laval. Il obtient par la suite des diplômes de maîtrise et de doctorat de l'Université de Toronto où il se spécialise en pathologie forestière. Après un stage postdoctoral en biologie moléculaire à l'Université de Bath (Angleterre), il revient au Québec où il entreprend, en 1990, sa carrière de professeur à l'Université Laval. Il met rapidement en place un programme de recherche en pathologie forestière. Ce programme fait une large place à l'utilisation des techniques génétiques et moléculaires, jusque-là encore très peu utilisées par les pathologistes forestiers. L'étude des champignons responsables de la maladie hollandaise de l'orme, que le Dr Bernier avait entreprise lorsqu'il étudiait à Toronto, deviendra et demeure encore aujourd'hui un thème de recherche privilégié. Les travaux exécutés initialement à l'aide d'approches génétiques ponctuelles ont depuis évolué vers des approches à grande échelle permettant une analyse plus globale du génome. En parallèle, le Dr Bernier s'intéresse à l'étude des populations de champignons phytopathogènes, au développement de moyens de lutte biologique, ainsi qu'à la biotechnologie des champignons. Au fil des ans, le Dr Bernier a dirigé ou codirigé 15 étudiants à la maîtrise, 12 doctorants et quatre postdoctorants dans ces domaines. Il a en outre développé des collaborations fructueuses avec plusieurs collègues au Québec, au Canada et ailleurs dans le monde. Il est l'auteur ou le co-auteur de près de nombreux articles de recherche dans des revues internationales et est régulièrement invité à présenter des conférences à l'étranger. Le professeur Bernier a été rédacteur associé à la revue *Phytoprotection* de 1996 à 2002 et s'acquitte d'une tâche similaire à la *Revue canadienne de recherche forestière* depuis 2000. Il a été président de la

Société de protection des plantes du Québec (SPPQ) en 1997-98 et a dirigé le Centre de recherche en biologie forestière (CRBF) de 2001 à 2003. Il est co-directeur du Réseau Ligniculture Québec depuis 2001. Il a en outre été impliqué dans la gestion du 24 Réseau Biocontrôle, de 2001 à 2006. Il a été récipiendaire, en 2002, du Prix Gordon J. Green décerné par la Société canadienne de phytopathologie à un jeune chercheur émérite. Désormais «jeune quinquagénaire», le professeur Bernier est toujours enthousiasmé par la recherche en milieu universitaire et par la formation de la relève scientifique en pathologie forestière.

Richard Hamelin

Richard Hamelin a obtenu un baccalauréat en agronomie de l'Université McGill et une maîtrise de l'Université Simon Fraser (Vancouver) dans le programme Pest Management. Il complète par la suite un doctorat en phytopathologie à l'Université du Kentucky et poursuit comme chercheur post-doctoral au Service des forêts du United States Department of Agriculture au Mississippi, puis à l'Université Laval à Québec. En 1992, il décroche un poste de chercheur en phytopathologie au Centre de foresterie des Laurentides du Service canadien des forêts (SCF) à Québec. Professeur associé à la Faculté de foresterie et de géomatique de l'Université Laval et à la Faculty of Forestry de l'Université de Colombie-Britannique, il a dirigé et co-dirigé plusieurs étudiants à la maîtrise et au doctorat. Le Dr Hamelin a été un des premiers chercheurs au Québec à utiliser des outils moléculaires pour étudier la biologie et l'épidémiologie d'agents pathogènes des forêts. Il a ainsi contribué à développer le domaine de l'épidémiologie moléculaire. Ses travaux portent entre autres sur l'identification et la caractérisation de gènes de pathogénicité et de reconnaissance des hôtes. L'acquisition de telles connaissances

permet d'améliorer le suivi et la prévision de la migration de ces agents pathogènes et aide à la prise de décision. Il est auteur de nombreux articles scientifiques, chapitres de livres et a été conférencier invité à plusieurs occasions. Le Dr Hamelin a été président de la Société (1998-1999) et de la Société canadienne de phytopathologie, et rédacteur associé de la Revue canadienne de recherche forestière. Il est présentement directeur de la section pathologie forestière de la Revue canadienne de phytopathologie, de même que rédacteur principal de *Phytopathology*. Il a également participé à plusieurs comités, dont le comité de sélection des subventions du CRSNG, les comités d'évaluation d'unités de recherche de l'Institut national de la recherche agronomique de Nancy et du Centre de Recherche en Agriculture et Développement de Montpellier. Il fait présentement partie du comité consultatif de Genome British Columbia en foresterie. On lui a décerné le Prix de reconnaissance de l'Agence canadienne d'inspection des aliments, la 25^e Prime au mérite du SCF et le Prix RNCAN de Ressources naturelles Canada pour la créativité et l'innovation.

André Lévesque

« Dr. C. André Lévesque is one of the most successful and influential young plant pathologists in Canada today ... has become a world authority on the molecular taxonomy and diagnostics of *Pythium*. »

Société canadienne de phytopathologie (1999)

André Lévesque détient un baccalauréat en agronomie de l'Université McGill, une maîtrise professionnelle en lutte intégrée de l'université Simon Fraser de la Colombie-Britannique, ainsi qu'un doctorat à cette même université. En 1993, le Dr Lévesque a été engagé à Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada

(AAC). Il a occupé un poste de chercheur en phytopathologie au Centre de recherches agroalimentaires du Pacifique en Colombie-Britannique, d'abord à la station de Vancouver puis à la station de Summerland. En l'an 2000, il s'est rapproché du Québec en rejoignant l'équipe de biosystématique du Centre de recherches de l'Est sur les céréales et les oléagineux à Ottawa, comme spécialiste des champignons produisant des zoospores (Oomycètes et Chytridiomycètes). Son travail de recherche au doctorat a mené à des publications qui sont encore aujourd'hui et plus que jamais des références importantes pour les études d'impact du glyphosate sur les maladies racinaires et la flore fongique du sol. Mentionnons qu'il utilisait déjà à ce moment-là (fin des années 80) diverses techniques d'ADN recombinant pour étudier les populations de *Pythium*. Dans le cadre de ses emplois, il développa le premier système de détection par biopuces en phytopathologie et en mycologie, approche qui a été adaptée par la suite pour la bactériologie, la nématologie et la virologie et qui est maintenant utilisée commercialement au Canada et en Europe. Il a publié une phylogénie complète des espèces de *Pythium* qui est devenue la principale référence moléculaire pour la taxinomie de ce genre important en phytopathologie. Il a été le premier à développer pour l'écologie moléculaire une biopuce pour un genre complet de champignon, le genre *Pythium* qui compte plus de 100 espèces. Le Dr Lévesque travaille en étroite collaboration avec plusieurs laboratoires au Canada, aux États-Unis et en Europe pour développer de meilleurs outils de génomique et bioinformatique pour le dépistage d'agents phytopathogènes de quarantaine à haut risque, tant en agriculture qu'en foresterie. Il codirige une initiative nationale pour la création d'un organisme qui encadrerait, appuierait et aiderait à développer les principales soucheothèques canadiennes. Le Dr Lévesque est professeur associé à

l'Université Carleton. Il est l'auteur ou le co-auteur de nombreux articles scientifiques incluant deux invitations pour l'Annual Review of Phytopathology et prononce régulièrement des conférences sur invitation tant au niveau national qu'international. Le Dr Lévesque a été président de la Société canadienne de phytopathologie (SCP) en 2005-2006. Il a organisé de nombreux colloques dont le congrès du 75e anniversaire de la SCP en 2004. Il a fait partie de nombreux comités au sein de diverses sociétés scientifiques. Il a été l'un des évaluateurs des dossiers de candidature aux bourses du centenaire et étudiante de la SPPQ en 2008. Le Dr Lévesque a été honoré à plusieurs reprises. Il a reçu, entre autres, le prix du jeune chercheur émérite Gordon J. Green de la SCP en 1999. À l'occasion de la commémoration de son centenaire (1908-2008), la Société de protection des plantes du Québec est fière de présenter l'Hommage René-Pomerleau 1 - Pionnier et Force vive en pathologie forestière et moléculaire - aux chercheurs Louis Bernier, Richard Hamelin et André Lévesque, en gage de sa plus profonde gratitude pour leur contribution inestimable au rayonnement de la mycologie, de la pathologie forestière et moléculaire et de la Société.

Announcements



Canadian Forum for Biological Control Forum Canadien pour la Lutte Biologique

CANADIAN FORUM FOR BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

We need your help!

The Canadian Forum for Biological Control (CFBC) is a national, non-profit organization with a mandate to study, advance and promote/advocate biological control in Canada. To raise the profile of biological control within the broader research community, the CFBC sponsors symposia on biological control each year at national scientific meetings. You can view the program for the 2008 symposium, held in Charlottetown in June on the web. The CFBC relies on annual membership dues of \$15 to support this activity.

If you have an interest in biological control [of arthropods, diseases or weeds] and would like to become a member of this national group, or are already a member but have not paid your dues for this year, please contact CFBC secretary James Coupland (couplandj@hotmail.com) to obtain a membership/dues payment form. Your dues will directly support the next biological control symposium planned for the Entomological Society of Canada meeting in Winnipeg, October 2009. See you there!

FORUM CANADIEN POUR LA LUTTE BIOLOGIQUE

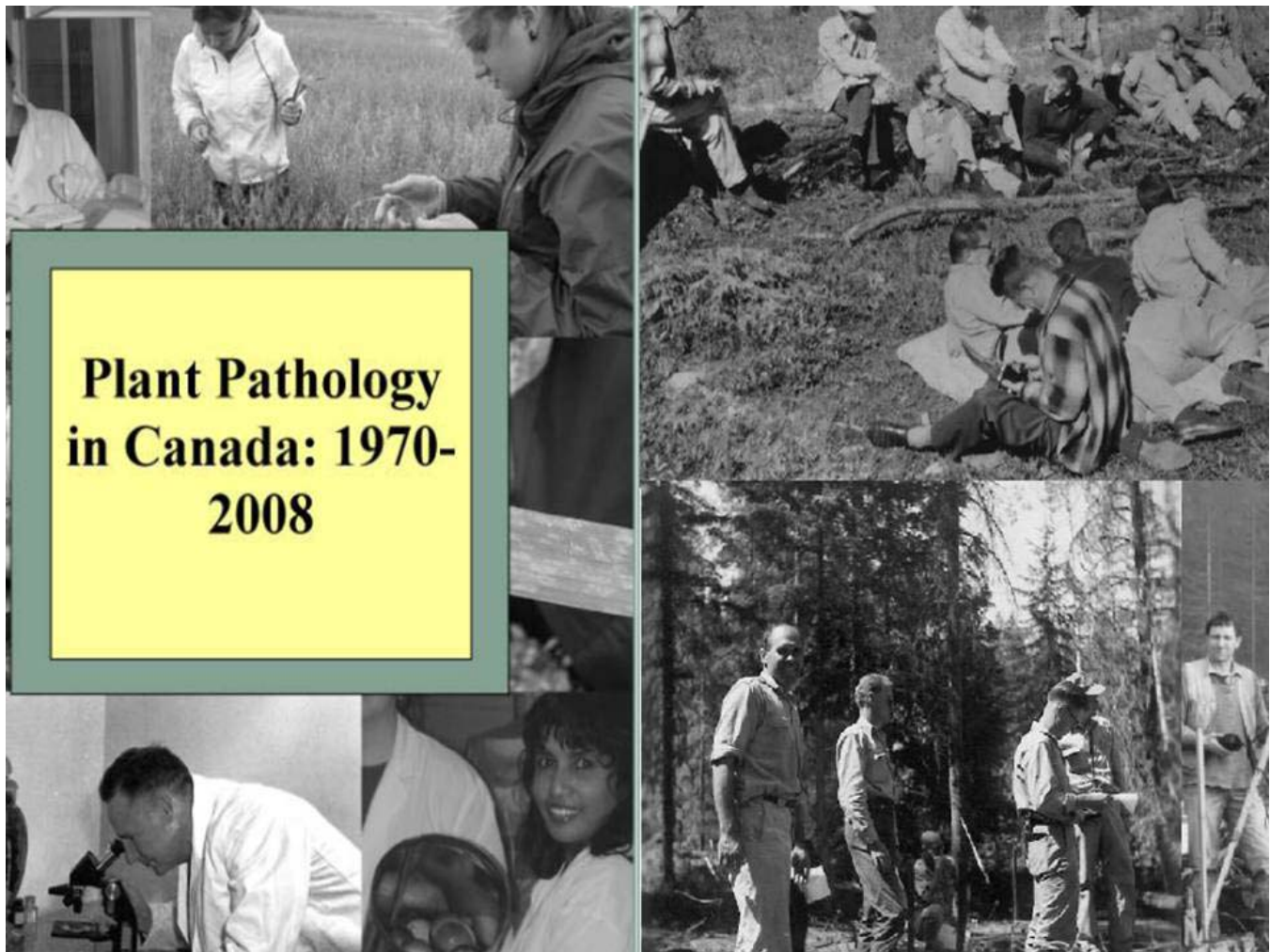
Nous avons besoin de votre aide!

Le Forum canadien pour la lutte biologique (FCLB) est un organisme national, à but non lucratif, dont le mandat est d'étudier, de faire progresser, de promouvoir et de défendre la lutte biologique au Canada. Afin d'accroître la visibilité de la lutte biologique au sein de la communauté scientifique, le FCLB parraine chaque année des symposiums sur la lutte biologique lors de réunions scientifiques d'envergure nationale. Le programme du symposium 2008, tenu en juin à Charlottetown, peut être consulté sur Internet. Le FCLB finance ce type d'activité à même les cotisations annuelles de ses membres (soit 15 \$ par membre). Si la lutte biologique [arthropodes, maladies ou plantes nuisibles] vous intéresse et que vous souhaitez devenir membre de ce groupe national, ou si vous êtes déjà membre, mais n'avez pas encore payé votre cotisation cette année, veuillez communiquer avec le secrétaire du FCLB, James Coupland (couplandj@hotmail.com), afin d'obtenir un formulaire de cotisation. Cette dernière permettra de financer directement le prochain symposium sur la lutte biologique, qui se tiendra lors de la réunion de la Société d'entomologie du Canada, à Winnipeg, en octobre 2009. En espérant vous y voir!

History of Plant Pathology in Canada nears completion

Since 2004, the Steering Committee of Verna Higgins, Lu Piening, Bud Platt, Dick Stace-Smith, Guillemont Ouellette, Roy Whitney, Jack Sutherland, Ron Wall, and Denis Gaudet, have been working very hard to complete the history of Plant

foundations of plant pathology in Canada and world-wide, but have also had a significant impact in shaping the social fabric of Canadian society. At last the end is in sight. We anticipate that CPS members will be able to view the finished product and order their copies during the CPS Meetings in Winnipeg, during June 22-25, 2009. These are our stories and all



Pathology in Canada; 1970-2008. In a sequel to I.L Connors' Plant Pathology in Canada, we have assembled and written the histories and reminiscences of over 500 plant pathologists who have made a significant impact on agricultural and forest plant pathology in Canada from 1970 to the present. Through a presentation of their professional and personal lives, we come to realize that our colleagues have not only helped shape the

of you have been involved in writing this history! We invite you to join in on the excitement and anticipation of the completion of this project.

Respectfully, Denis Gaudet

Sixth Canadian Workshop on Fusarium Head Blight

First announcement (le texte français suit)

The **6TH CANADIAN WORKSHOP ON FUSARIUM HEAD BLIGHT** will take place at the **Marriott Ottawa on November 1-4, 2009.**

This event provides the opportunity to exchange scientific ideas and progress on Fusarium head blight (FHB) research in Canada. An evening reception and registration will be held on November 1st, followed by speaker and poster sessions on Nov. 2-4th.

We invite your participation in the planning process, and hope that your schedule will permit attendance. Please view the list of proposed speaker session themes shown below and email us (**CWFHB-2009@agr.gc.ca**) your thoughts or suggestions of alternate themes for timely and important topics. We would also greatly appreciate community nomination of colleagues doing leading-edge and innovative FHB research that should be considered for speakers and session chairs to encourage lively scientific presentations, discussions and debate.

Proposed sessions:

1. Plenary session
2. Breeding & Markers
3. Biology of the Disease
4. Toxicology & Safety
5. Disease Management

The registration fee of \$300 will include a copy of the Proceedings, an opening reception, three continental breakfasts, two lunches, and a banquet over the course of this event. Hotel

accommodations are available at the Marriott Ottawa and a block of rooms has been reserved for workshop attendees.

Please forward this message to those who would be interested and look for updated announcements on the new Canadian Workshop on Fusarium Head Blight website at: **<http://www.cwfhb.org>**

Best regards,

Linda Harris,
Chair, 6th CWFHB,
Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada, Ottawa, ON

Sixième Colloque Canadien sur la Fusariose

Première annonce

Le **6^{ième} COLLOQUE SUR LA FUSARIOSE** se tiendra au **Marriott Ottawa du 1-4 Novembre, 2009.**

Ce colloque permettra d'échanger des idées à caractère scientifique et sur les progrès de la recherche sur la Fusariose de l'épi au Canada.

Une réception d'ouverture aura lieu en soirée, le 1^{er} novembre, suivie de sessions de présentations et d'affiches du 2 au 4 novembre.

« Nous vous invitons à participer à la planification de cet événement et espérons que vous pourrez y assister. Veuillez prendre connaissance des thèmes ci-joints qui seront abordés et nous faire parvenir vos commentaires (**CWFHB-2009@agr.gc.ca**) ou suggestions sur d'autres thèmes opportuns et importants. Nous vous serions très obligés de nous suggérer certains de vos collègues qui font de la recherche de pointe et de l'innovation dans le domaine de la Fusariose de l'épi des céréales et qui

devraient être considérés comme conférencier(e) ou président(e) de session afin de procurer une animation énergisante des présentations, de stimuler les discussions et les débats.

Les sessions proposées sont les suivantes :

1. Plénière
2. Amélioration génétique & Marqueurs
3. Biologie de la maladie
4. Toxicologie & Sécurité
5. Régie de la maladie

Les frais d'inscription seront de \$300 incluant une copie des Résumés de communication, une réception d'ouverture, trois petits-déjeuners style continental, deux repas du midi et un banquet en soirée durant cet événement. L'Hôtel du Marriott Ottawa aura des chambres disponibles à un tarif de groupe qui devront être réservées par les participants.

Veillez faire suivre ce message aux personnes qui seraient intéressées. Nous vous invitons à suivre les prochaines annonces affichées sur le nouveau site internet du Colloque Canadien sur la Fusariose à [http://: www.cwfhb.org](http://www.cwfhb.org)

Au plaisir!

Linda Harris
Présidente du 6^{ième} CCF
Agriculture et Agro-alimentaire Canada,
Ottawa, ON

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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PLANT HEALTH ARTICLES:

- 1) First Report of *Chalara fraxinea* in Hungary
- 2) First Report of *Phytophthora ramorum* on *Rhododendron* sp. in Serbia
- 3) First Report of *Tilletia pulcherrima* Bunt on Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*) in Texas
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