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President's Message

The warmer spring weather has arrived here on the Prairies and it is a nice relief from winter. Hope you are enjoying some good weather as well. Preparations are heating up for the 2016 CPS



Brent McCallum
CPS-SCP President/président

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meeting in Moncton this June. Our CPS website editor Melanie Kalischuk and assistant editor Michael Holtz have been busy helping to design an online registration page for the CPS website. This page will facilitate registration this year, but can also be used into the future for registration to upcoming CPS meetings. Melanie and Michael have been working along with the website committee and David Joly and his local arrangements committee to post information for the meeting and develop this online registration capacity. Hopefully you will have time to check out the symposia, workshops and other new features of the meeting posted as they come up. This is part of the effort underway to make our CPS website more useful and functional to our members. Suggestions for improvement are always welcome to the CPS board and the website committee. We hope many of you will register for the 2016 CPS meeting in Moncton. David and his committee have worked hard to assemble an excellent program and the Maritimes is always a great place for a CPS family reunion.

Thanks to many of you who have renewed your CPS registration for 2016. Our membership secretary Vikram Bisht has been diligently keeping track of all the renewals and sending reminders to renew on behalf of the CPS, thanks Vikram for your efforts. For those who have not renewed yet, I would urge you to do so and continue to be a part of this great society. We are a relatively small society so we notice if members have not renewed, we don't want to lose you from our CPS family and hope you will renew soon.

The CPS Board will shortly review the proposed 4th strategic plan for the CPS, developed by Mary Leggett and her hard working committee. It is a big undertaking and Mary's committee has tackled it with determined professionalism. The strategic plans help us stay focussed on some of the longer term goals of the CPS such as; advocacy and public awareness, membership reach, member engagement, and member services and resources. We do this through the various communication avenues we have such as our publications, the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology and the Canadian Plant Disease Survey, as well as the many books that CPS sells, our regional and national annual meetings whether they are stand alone or joint meetings, our participation in Plant Canada and international organizations, our CPS website, the *CPS News*, and direct communication to our members and to the public at large.

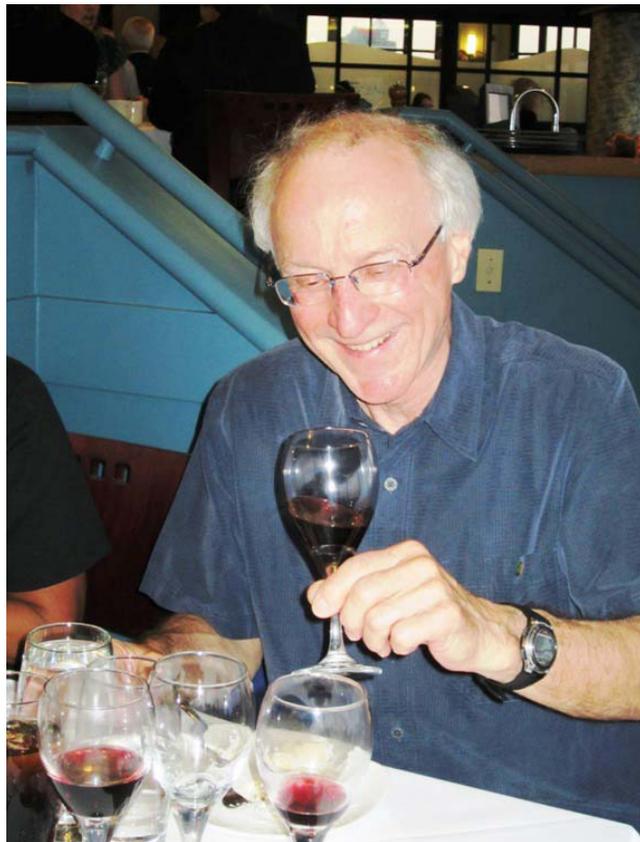
Renewal is an important part of every dynamic society. Our nominating committee under the leadership of past-president Deena Errampalli has found new volunteers to fill vacancies on the various CPS committees for the upcoming 2016-2017 year. Thanks to Deena and her committee for their efforts in identifying these volunteers and preparing their nominating committee report in this issue of the CPS News. Thanks also to these gracious volunteers who are willing to devote their time and effort to the various committees of the CPS.

One long-term volunteer for the CPS that I would like to thank is Andy Tekauz. Andy is stepping down after 20 dedicated years as the Cereals section editor for The Canadian Plant Disease Survey. Andy is an excellent editor and was very diligent in asking people for their survey reports over the years. The strong legacy of the information stored in the CPDS reports is due in large part to editors such as Andy and Robin Morrall. Andy of course was also a CPS president and recently was part of Mary Leggett's 4th strategic plan committee, and he is actively involved in helping to organize the 2017 CPS meeting in Winnipeg. Andy and Jeannie Gilbert

were instrumental in establishing the Canadian Workshop on Fusarium Head Blight (CWFHB), which will hold its 8th meeting this year in

November in Ottawa (hope to see many of you there). Andy was also the Chair of the Prairie Grain Recommending Committee (PGDC) and

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Dr. Andy Tekauz, long-term volunteer for the CPS

contributed to that committee over many years. I was fortunate to do my post-doc with Andy and learned about research and writing, but also about contribution to plant pathology in Canada through the CPS, the CWFHB, the PGDC and other venues such as the Western Forum on Plant Disease. Oh, and I learned a few things about wine as well (life is not all work after all). Canada is a big country and we are spread thin across it as plant pathologists, organizations such as the CPS bring us together and make us much stronger as a united group. So thanks to Andy Tekauz and all the volunteers who make the CPS so vital for plant pathology in Canada.



Message du président

Avec le printemps, le temps plus doux est arrivé sur les Prairies et, après l'hiver, cela fait du bien. J'espère que vous en profitez également. Les préparatifs pour la réunion annuelle de la Société canadienne de phytopathologie (SCP) qui, cette année, se tiendra à Moncton en juin, vont bon train. L'éditrice du site Web de la Société, Melanie Kalischuck, et son éditeur adjoint, Michael Holtz, ont été occupés à concevoir une page dédiée à l'inscription en ligne. Cette page permettra de s'inscrire non seulement à la réunion annuelle de cette année, mais aussi aux réunions subséquentes. Melanie et Michael ont travaillé de concert avec le comité du site Web ainsi qu'avec David Joly et son comité national organisateur afin d'y afficher l'information relative à la réunion et de développer cette fonction d'inscription en ligne. J'espère que vous prendrez le temps de consulter l'information relative aux symposiums, aux ateliers et aux autres nouveautés qu'offriront la réunion à mesure qu'elle sera publiée. Cela fait partie de l'effort déployé pour accroître, pour nos membres, l'efficacité et la convivialité de notre site. Le conseil de la SCP et le comité du site Web continuent d'accueillir favorablement les suggestions qui contribuent à son amélioration. J'espère que plusieurs d'entre vous s'inscriront à la réunion de 2016 à Moncton. David et les membres de son comité ont travaillé d'arrache-pied pour élaborer un programme de premier ordre,

et les Maritimes offrent toujours un cadre propice à la réunion de notre famille.

Merci à tous ceux et celles qui ont renouvelé leur adhésion à la SCP pour 2016. C'est avec diligence que notre secrétaire aux adhésions, Vikram Bisht, suit tous les renouvellements et envoie des rappels au nom de la SCP. Pour tous tes efforts, merci, Vikram! Pour ceux qui n'ont pas encore renouvelé leur adhésion, je ne saurais trop vous conseiller de le faire pour ainsi continuer d'être membre de cette grande communauté scientifique. Notre société est relativement petite et la baisse de l'effectif nous touche directement. Nous ne voulons pas vous perdre et nous espérons que vous renouvelerez bientôt votre adhésion.

Le conseil révisera d'ici peu le projet de 4^e Plan stratégique de la SCP, élaboré par Mary Leggett et les membres dévoués de son comité. Il s'agit d'une entreprise colossale et le comité de Mary s'y est attaqué avec un professionnalisme exemplaire. Les plans stratégiques nous aident à nous concentrer sur certains des objectifs à plus long terme de la Société tels que la représentation et la sensibilisation du public, l'attraction et l'engagement des membres ainsi que les ressources et les services offerts aux membres. Nous faisons cela grâce aux divers outils de communication dont nous disposons comme nos

publications, la *Revue canadienne de phytopathologie* et l'Enquête phytosanitaire nationale (EPN) ainsi que par l'entremise des nombreux livres que vend la SCP, de nos réunions régionales et annuelles, qu'elles soient autonomes ou tenues de concert avec d'autres organismes, de notre participation à Plant Canada et à des organisations internationales, de notre site Web, du *CPS/SCP News* et des communications qui s'adressent directement à nos membres ou au grand public.

Le renouveau est primordial pour toute société dynamique. Notre comité des nominations, sous la direction de la présidente sortante Deena Errampalli, a trouvé de nouveaux bénévoles pour remplir les postes

vacants dans les divers comités pour l'année 2016-2017. Merci à Deena et à son comité pour les efforts déployés dans

la recherche de ces bénévoles et dans la préparation de leur rapport annuel qui est publié dans ce numéro de *CPS/SCP News*. Merci également à tous ces dévoués bénévoles qui consacrent temps et efforts aux différents comités dont ils font partie.

Pour poursuivre sur cette note, je voudrais remercier un bénévole de longue date : Andy Tekauz. Andy se retire après 20 années travaillées comme rédacteur de la section sur les céréales pour l'Enquête phytosanitaire nationale. Andy est un excellent rédacteur et, au cours des années, il s'est appliqué à obtenir des gens leurs rapports

d'enquête. Le riche legs d'information contenue dans les rapports de l'EPN est en grande partie dû au travail de rédacteurs comme Andy et Robin Morrall. Bien sûr, Andy a également été président de la SCP et, plus récemment, a été membre du comité du 4^e Plan stratégique de la SCP. De plus, il est activement impliqué dans l'organisation de la réunion annuelle de 2017 qui se tiendra à Winnipeg. Andy et Jeannie Gilbert ont joué un rôle clé dans la mise sur pied du Canadian Workshop on Fusarium Head Blight (CWFHB) qui tiendra sa 8^e réunion cette année en novembre, à Ottawa (j'espère que vous viendrez en grand nombre!). Andy a également agi à titre de directeur du Prairie Grain Recommending Committee (PGDC) et a contribué à ce dernier pendant de nombreuses années. J'ai eu la chance

de faire mon postdoctorat sous la supervision d'Andy et, par le fait même, j'ai appris sur la recherche et la rédaction, mais aussi sur la

contribution de la phytopathologie au Canada par l'entremise de la SCP, du CWFHB, du PGDC et d'autres organismes comme le Western Forum on Plant Disease. Oh, j'oubliais! J'ai également appris quelques trucs supplémentaires sur le vin (après tout, il n'y a pas que le travail dans la vie!). Le Canada est un immense pays et, en tant que phytopathologistes, nous y sommes éparpillés. Des organismes comme la SCP nous rassemblent et, comme groupe uni, nous renforcent. Alors, merci à Andy Tekauz et à tous les bénévoles qui font de la SCP une entité si essentielle pour la phytopathologie au Canada.

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MEETINGS



Canadian Phytopathological Society

La Société Canadienne de Phytopathologie

Canadian Phytopathological Society Annual Meeting

June 12 to 15, 2016

Delta Beauséjour, Moncton, NB, CANADA

On behalf of the organizers of the 2016 Canadian Phytopathological Society (CPS) annual meeting, we invite you to the 87th Annual Meeting of the CPS to be held June 12-15, 2016 at the Delta Beauséjour, 750 Main Street, Moncton, NB. The objectives of CPS are to encourage research, education, and the dissemination of knowledge on the nature, cause, and control of plant diseases. Society-sponsored, national meetings and regional association meetings provide an opportunity for plant pathologists to meet and discuss their common interests. The annual meeting allows participants from industry, government and academic institutions a forum to interact, educate and communicate on the nature, cause and control of plant diseases. The organizing committee has incorporated many presentations by leading researchers from North America.

Our annual meeting typically attracts research, industry, and extension personnel from across Canada as well as the USA and internationally with attendance ranging from around 80 up to over 140 for joint meetings. Presentations and posters at the meeting cover field crops like potatoes, wheat, barley, and canola through to horticultural and forest species. Topics that are covered range from applied research through to basic research dealing with host-pathogen interactions. In addition, we are planning on having a total of two symposia and two workshops. The symposia and workshops are as follows:

Symposia:

- S1. Genomics-based applications in plant pathology**
- S2. Biovigilance: A framework for effective pest management**

Workshops:

- W1. Effectormomics and resistance breeding**
- W2. Statistical analyses in plant pathology (TBD)**

There will be both paper and poster sessions. A welcome reception will be held at the Delta Beauséjour on the evening of June 12, 2016 and a banquet on June 14, 2016.

Preliminary meeting schedule overview:

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|---------------------|---|
| Sunday afternoon : | Statistics workshop /
Effectormomics workshop,
UdeM |
| Sunday evening : | Welcome reception,
Delta Beauséjour |
| Monday morning : | Symposium 1 |
| Monday afternoon : | CPS oral and poster sessions |
| Tuesday morning : | CPS oral and poster sessions |
| Tuesday afternoon : | CPS oral and poster sessions |
| Tuesday evening : | Banquet, Delta Beauséjour |
| Wednesday morning : | Symposium 2 |

CPS 2016 registration

<http://phytopath.ca/meetings/2016-cps-annual-meeting/>

Early Bird Registration – on or before April 29, 2016;
Regular Full Registration – after April 29, 2016

CPS Member: Early bird - \$CAD450.00, Full registration - \$CAD550.00

Includes reception (Sunday evening June 12), banquet (Tuesday evening June 14), and coffee breaks, breakfast, and lunch for Monday and Tuesday, and coffee break and breakfast for Wednesday (June 13-15).

Non-Member: Early bird - \$CAD550.00, Full registration - \$CAD650.00

Non-Member fee includes membership to the Canadian Phytopathological Society, active after

Student Member: Early bird - \$CAD225.00, Full registration - \$CAD275.00

Student registration also includes everything listed for the CPS member registration plus a student social on Monday evening (June 13).

Student non-member: Early bird - \$CAD275.00, Full registration - \$CAD325.00

The student non-member fee includes membership to the Canadian Phytopathological Society, active after registration is completed, for the remainder of 2016. The membership fee for students for one year is normally \$50. For more information about membership visit <http://phytopath.ca/>. Student non-member registration also includes everything listed for the CPS member registration plus a student social on Monday evening (June 13).

Single Day: Early bird - \$CAD150.00, Full registration - \$CAD175.00

Single day registration does not include any tickets to the special events - only attendance at the sessions. Delegates registering for a single day will have the opportunity to purchase themselves a guest ticket for these events.

Extra Reception Tickets: \$50 per ticket.

Extra Banquet Tickets: \$55 per ticket.

Abstracts:

Deadline for submission of abstracts is May 13. There is a \$35 fee/abstract for publication of abstracts in the *Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology*. The format of abstracts must follow that for CJPP (<http://phytopath.ca/journallinks.shtml>). Underline the speaker's name, indicate whether the presentation is oral or poster, and indicate if it is a student presentation. Instructions for abstract submission and payment will follow shortly.

For further information contact:

David Joly (Chair of LOC)

Phone: 506-858-4810

Email: david.joly@umoncton.ca

Location of the 2016 CPS meeting and accommodations:

DELTA BEAUSÉJOUR

750 Main Street

Moncton, New Brunswick E1C 1E6

<https://www.deltahotels.com/Hotels/Delta-Beausejour-Hotel>

Toll-free Reservations: 1-888-890-3222

Direct: 1-506-854-4344

Contact the hotel directly to book rooms **and mention CPS 2016 for the conference room rates.**
Room rates for meeting (based on single or double occupancy):

- \$149.00 + tax per night

- A block of rooms are being held at these prices for this meeting until May 5, 2016

In a great downtown location, Delta Beauséjour is one of Moncton's finest and friendliest hotels, catering not only to business travelers, but also to families – particularly since a 38-meter indoor waterslide was added to the pool area. Modern, streamlined elegance is the theme in public spaces and guest rooms, a Signature Floor offers added amenities and seclusion, and there are three restaurants: the casual Café, serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner, the chic Triiiio; and the superb Windjammer. Conveniently close to the city's best shopping, restaurants and nightlife; within walking distance of the Petitcodiac River with his famous Tidal Bore and extensive riverfront trail.





International Conference on Integrated Disease Management in Tropical Vegetables

The University of the West Indies
St. Augustine, Trinidad
June 16th and 17th 2016

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Department of Life Sciences (DLS), Faculty of Science and Technology at The University of the West Indies will be hosting the International Conference on Integrated Disease Management in Tropical Vegetables. The conference will be focusing on the research being carried out on the disease control of tropical vegetables with special emphasis on sustainable and integrated disease management. Vegetable production is primarily characterized by a high prevalence of crop diseases and pest damage. There are also wider environmental and human health repercussions due to over dependence on chemical fungicides. The low yields due to losses from pests and diseases also affect regional and global food security. Integrated disease management systems need to be emphasized for maintaining sustainable crop production and this is a prime area of focus of a major regional research project at DLS sponsored by ACP-EU.

The Conference sessions have three thematic areas:

1. Etiology and Epidemiology of Diseases
2. Disease Diagnosis
3. Integrated Pest Management

Registration Fees*

Students: USD\$50
Faculty/Post Docs/Scientists: USD\$150
Companies and Institutions: USD\$500
Non-Profit Organizations: USD\$300

*includes abstract fees (up to two abstracts)

Organizing Committee

Professor Jayaraj Jayaraman (Jaya)
Professor of Biotechnology and Plant
Microbiology
PI, ACP-EU project

Dr. Adesh Ramsubhag
Head, Department of Life Sciences
Co-PI, ACP-EU project

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IDM-International-Conference-2016-1100573969996377/?fref=ts>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Canadian Phytopathological Society Membership Committee Annual Report - 2016

2015 Membership is for the calendar year, January to December 2016.

The membership number to date in 2016 is 300 (including Sustaining Associate contacts), compared to 336 in 2015 (May), 302 in 2014, and 359 in 2013. **There are still quite a number of members from 2015 who have not renewed their memberships as of the end of Feb 2016.**

CPS Membership Totals* 2010 - 2016:

<u>2016 Feb</u>	<u>2015 May/July Final</u>	<u>2014 June</u>	<u>2013 May</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
287	336 / 357	302	359	336	352	363

*The total membership number does not include the contacts for Sustaining Associates

2016 Membership by member type:

Seven invited guest members for this year so far.

	<i>Emeritus</i>	<i>Regular</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>Technician</i>	<i>Sustaining Associates</i>	<i>Total</i>
2016 Feb	39	188 + 7 Inv	29	10	16	287
2015 July	47	227	45	11	18	357
2014 Aug	46	204	36	-	16	302
2013	62	245	33	-	19	359

2016 (2015/2014) Membership by Geographic Region:

Canada: 259 (309/282); US: 20 (20/20); International: 21 (20/13). *The numbers include the contacts for Sustaining Associates.*

New Members:

CPS has 30 new members as of Feb 2016 (48 in 2015). On behalf of the CPS, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new Regular, Student and Sustaining Associate members, and including seven invited International 1-year members.

Regular:

Emad Hussain **AL-TURAIHI**, Pratisara **BAJRACHARYA**, Jason **BOND**, Abdul-Salam **DAKOURI**, Nora **FOROUD**, Shuanglong **HUANG**, Fei **LIU**, Miao **LIU**, Rasnie **PADMATHILAKE**, Md Harunur **RASHID**, Carrie **SELIN**, Alexander **SHUMILAK**, Jason **WOODWARD** and Zhongwei **ZOU**

Students:

Homa **ASKARIAN KHANAMAN**, Karan **KAPOOR**, Lihua **RONG**, Grace **SUMAMPONG**, Stephnie **WATSON**, Cunchun **YANG** and Xuehua **ZHANG**.

Technicians:

Laura **COX**, Mouldi **ZID**

Invited Guest Members:

Modupe Olatunji **AKOMOLAFE**, Ramazan **GENCER**, Joanna **KACZMAREK**, Oluwole **OLADELE**, Maria Eugenia **ORDOÑEZ**, Pierre, N. **SAKWE** and Ayse **UYSAL**.

Sustaining Associates have generously supported the CPS in 2016:

Ag-Quest Inc.; Agricultural Certification Services Inc.; BASF Canada; BAYER CropScience; BioVision Seed Labs; Cargill Inc.; Dow Agrosciences Canada Inc.; E.I. Dupont Canada; FMC Corporation Agricultural Products Group; Monsanto Canada Inc.; OMEX Agriculture Inc; Phyto Diagnostics Co. Ltd.; Pioneer Hi-Bred Production Limited; Saskatchewan Pulse Growers Assoc, SECAN, Syngenta Crop Protection Canada Inc.

Donations to the CPS for 2016 by the following members is appreciated:

Paige **AXELROOD**, Karen **BAILEY**, Luc **COUTURE**, Pat **DAWSON**, Deena **ERRAMPALLI**, Ieuan **EVANS**, Deanna **FUNNELL-HARRIS**, Bruce **GOSEN**, Ernest **HIEBERT**, Lawrence **KAWCHUK**, Mary **LEGGETT**, John W. **MARTENS**, James **MENZIES**, Robin **MORRALL**, Knud **MORTENSEN**, Agnes **MURPHY**, Eric **PEDERSEN**, Tod **RAMSFIELD**, James **TRAQUAIR**, Peter **WALSH**, John **WEBSTER**.

Membership Committee:

Chairman & Membership Secretary
Treasurer of CPS
Regional Rep, Maritimes
Reg. Rep. Quebec
Reg. Rep. Eastern Ontario
Reg. Rep. Western Ontario
Reg. Rep. Manitoba
Reg. Rep. Saskatchewan
Reg. Rep. Alberta
Reg. Rep. British Columbia

Vikram Bisht
Ken Conn
Rick Peters
Sylvie Rioux
Bernard Vigier
Ken Conn
Fouad Daayf
Jianwei Zhao
Syama Chatterton
Vippen Joshi

I seek your help to increase awareness of the benefits of joining CPS and encourage your colleagues and students to join. Feel free to contact me for any further information, Tel: 204-745-0260, or email at vikram.bisht@gov.mb.ca .

Respectfully submitted, March 1, 2016

Vikram Bisht
Membership Secretary and Chairman of the Membership Committee

While all efforts have been made to have accurate information, there may be some oversight. Please bring that to my notice.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Report of the CPS Nominating Committee

In December 2015, CPS issued a call for nominations to all members requesting candidate nominations for vacant positions on the Board and committees. In response to that call, the Nominating Committee received nominations for all vacant positions. The Nominating Committee is pleased to put forward a single slate of candidates for membership on the CPS Board and on committees in 2016-17. *A name in bold font means that the person has been nominated for the position in 2015-16.

CANADIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY NOMINATIONS FOR 2016-17

CPS Board of Directors

Chair: President	Odile Carisse
President-Elect	Denis Gaudet
Vice President	Dilantha Fernando*
Past President	Brent McCallum
Secretary	Gayle Jespersen
Treasurer	Kenneth Conn
Membership Secretary	Vikram Bisht
CJPP Editor-in-Chief	Zamir Punja
Senior Director-at-Large	Khalil Al-Mughrabi
Junior Director-at-Large	Maria Antonia Henriquez

Standing Committees

1) Awards Committee

Chair	Michael Harding
5 members	Mary Ruth McDonald
(5 year rotating	Tom Fetch
including chair)	Syama Chatterton
	Xiben Wang

2) Financial Advisory Committee

Chair:	Past President Brent McCallum
President	Odile Carisse
President Elect	Denis Gaudet
Vice President	Dilantha Fernando
Treasurer	Kenneth Conn
CJPP Editor- in -Chief	Zamir Punja
(3 members appointed by	Tom Fetch
the Board for a 2 year term	Khalid Rashid
	Sheau-Fang Hwang
1 member elected at AGM)

3) Future Meetings Committee

Chair:	Janice Elmhirst
3 members (immediate	Stephen Strelkov/ Deena Errampalli
past LAC chairs)	
(3 year rotating incl. chair)	David Joly

CPS Standing Committees continued...

4) Journal Editorial Committee

Chair: Editor-in-Chief	Zamir K. Punja
Associate Editor-in-Chief	Stephen Strelkov
Technical Editor	Taylor & Francis

Section Editors:

Bacteria & Phytoplasmas	James Tambong
Biochemistry & Cell Biology	Suha Jabaji
Disease Control	Pervaiz Abbasi / Deena Errampalli
Epidemiology	Syama Chatterton
Forest Pathology	Richard C. Hamelin
Fungal Diseases	Angela Orshinsky
Fungi Canadenses	Keith A. Seifert
Genetics & Resistance	Stephen Strelkov /Sabine Banizza/ Tom Fetch
Genomics	Tim Xing
Host Pathogen Interactions	Fouad Daayf / Jie Feng
Meeting Abstracts/ Symposium Papers	Kenneth L. Conn
Soilborne Pathogens	Pervaiz Abbasi / Kurt Schroeder
Virology	Ken Eastwell/Aiming Wang/ Baozhong Meng
Articles in French / Articles en Français	Odile Carisse
Disease Reports/ Rapports des Maladies	Jim Menzies

5) Membership Committee

Chair: Membership Secretary	Vikram Bisht
Treasurer	Kenneth Conn
Regional rep. Maritimes	Rick Peters
Regional rep. Quebec (QSPP)	Sylvie Rioux
Regional rep. Eastern Ontario	Bernard Vigier
Regional rep. Western Ontario	Kenneth Conn
Regional rep. Manitoba	Fouad Daayf
Regional rep. Saskatchewan	Jianwei Zhao
Regional rep. Alberta (PPSA)	Syama Chatterton
Regional rep. B.C.	Vippen Joshi

6) Nominating Committee

Chair: Past President	Brent McCallum
Retiring Past President	Deena Errampalli
3 additional members (1- year renewable terms)	Jim Menzies
	Simon Shamoun
	Tod Ramsfield

7) Resolutions Committee

Chair:	Siva Sabaratnam
3 members	Xiben Wang
(3 year rotating incl. chair)	Reem Aboukhaddour



CPS Standing Committees continued...

8) Science Policy Committee

Chair: President Elect
Vice-President
President
Past-President

Denis Gaudet
Dilantha Fernando
Odile Carisse
Brent McCallum

9) CPS Education Committee

Chair:

Student rep:
Student rep:

Lilian Z. de Luna
Wayne Barton
Linda Jewell
Grace Sumampong
Gurcharn Singh Brar
Sarah Stricker

10) CPS Historic Resources

Chair: Denis Gaudet

11) CPS Information Products Marketing Committee

Chair: Bruce Gossen
Robin Morrall
Richard Gugel
Syama Chatterton
Mike Harding
Karen Bailey

12) CPS International Cooperation Committee

Chair: **Tom Forge**
Igor Falak
Maria Antonia Henriquez
Xiben Wang
Mary Ruth McDonald

13) CPS Local Arrangements Committees

Chair: **Jim Menzies/Fouad Daayf** (2017 LAC)
David Joly (2016 LAC)
Stephen Strelkov/ Deena Errampalli

14) CPS Microbial Genetics and Culture Collections

Chair: Guillaume Bilodeau

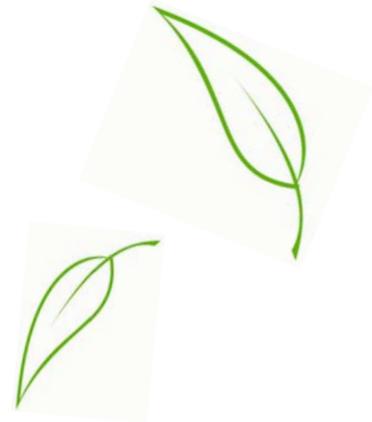
15) CPS Newsletter

CPS News - Editor
CPS News Assoc. Editor

Coreen Franke
Jim Menzies

16) Public Relations Committee

Chair: **Vladimir Vujanovic**
Pam Livingston
Khalid Rashid



17) CPS Website

Chair: Website Editor
Assistant Website Editor
Members: Sr. Director At-large
Jr. Director At-large
Secretary
Membership Secretary
Treasurer

Michael Holtz
Board will appoint
Khalil Al-Mughrabi
Maria Antonia Henriquez
Gayle Jesperson
Vikram Bisht
Kenneth Conn
Lorne Adam
Andrew Wylie

18) CPS Workshops and Symposia

Chair:

Denis Gaudet

Ad Hoc Committees:

19) CPS Plant Health Network Committee

Chair:

Bruce Gossen

20) Research-Environment Canada Policy

Chair:

Mary Ruth McDonald
Krista Anderson
Bruce Gossen
Kelly Turkington

The Nominating Committee thanks all nominators and candidates who put their names forward. A big thank you to all those who are continuing on the Board and committees in 2016-17. We are extremely fortunate to have members interested in serving on our Board and committees.

Respectfully submitted,

Deena Errampalli

CPS Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee (2015-16)

Nominating Committee Members:

Janice Elmhirst

Simon Shamoun

Vippen Joshi

Jim Menzies

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Canadienne de
Phytopathologie**

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

CPS Website Committee Report

Hooray! We have just passed the one year mark since the New CPS website was placed online. The Website Committee continues to work hard at updating and making improvements to the website to serve the CPS Membership. The Website Committee from last year consisted of the Editor, Assistant Editor, Past-Editor, Student Members and Directors, and was restructured in 2015 to include the CPS President, CPS Secretary, CPS Director-at-Large, and CPS Treasurer. We just passed our second year of using the website for on-line membership registration. Since the website was launched, we have had 206 individuals join the CPS using the website's online membership feature. We have had 810 (129 all time views and 623 logins) to our site. The Committee continues to work closely with our website designing company Modern Earth to improve the online membership registration process.

Currently, the Website Committee is working at designing a Stand-Alone CPS Meeting Registration page. The Website Committee has recruited the website design company Vibrant Digital to assist with some of the specific technical programming and details of the site. Some of the features of this new page will include the details about the meeting and symposia, online registration for the meeting

and workshops, accommodation details, a special link for students and sponsorship details. The Stand-Alone CPS meeting registration page will be available to all future Local Arrangement Committees to facilitate CPS meeting registration.

One of the highlights at our December 14, 2015 meeting was the introduction of an internal "Action Item List". Although some of details on the use of the list need to be determined, the use of the list will allow the Committee to prioritize and set forth action for the number of suggestions that we receive from the CPS members for the improvement of the site, and it will nevertheless continue to improve the features and functionality of the website. Stay tuned for the upcoming features for the website including the "Members Only" and "Board Only" pages. These pages have been designed and will be added to the CPS website this spring. Please forward suggestions and content pertaining to the CPS Website to Website Editor at mlkalischuk@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted March 11, 2016,

Melanie Kalischuk
Chair, Website Committee

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Strategic Planning Committee Report March 2016

The 4th Strategic Planning Committee, formed in the fall of 2014, was tasked with the development of the 2016-2021 CPS Strategic Plan. The committee consists of 13 members, including 9 regular, 1 emeritus, and 3 student members. The members of the committee are Mary Leggett (Chair), Alireza Akhavan, André Lévesque, Andrew McLean, Andy Tekauz, Angela Orshinsky, Barry Saville, David Joly, Gurcharn Brar, Holly Derksen, Philippe Tanguay, Richard Hamelin, and Tim Paulitz. Barbara Adams,

who has extensive experience composing surveys and developing strategic plans for non-profit associations, was hired as our facilitator to assist us in the planning process

We are pleased to report that we have met all the milestones identified in the Forward Action Plan and the draft Strategic Plan along with a related working document have been submitted to the CPS Board for review. The draft Strategic Plan

consists of a public document outlining the CPS vision, mission, values, and strategic direction for the next 5 years. The working document translates the strategic direction into specific actions for the CPS Board.

The draft plan was developed in full consultation with CPS members including feedback from the Strategic Planning Committee, a new membership survey, the CPS Board, and Regional Representatives from across Canada.

Since our last report we have completed the following milestones:

Milestones and Progress

1. Results of the membership survey and feedback from the Strategic Planning Committee, discussions with the CPS Board and Regional Representatives were presented to the board and CPS members at the 2015 Annual General Meeting.
2. We sent out a survey on mentorship and had 36 replies. There was general support for having a mentorship program and this initiative was included in the Strategic Plan.
3. The Strategic Planning Committee met to discuss the feedback from the board and CPS members and looked at the forward plan.
4. Barbara Adams prepared a document with the draft plan. This document will be used as an external document to present the vision, mission and goals to the public.
5. The Word document was used to create an Excel spreadsheet, listing the objectives, goals, initiatives and priorities that will be used as a working document for the board.
6. The committee reviewed and edited both documents which were then sent to the CPS Board for review.
7. The committee chair (Mary Leggett) and facilitator (Barbara Adams) met with the board to discuss the strategic planning documents.

Plan Forward

The completed strategic plan for 2016-2021 will be presented to the board and membership at the CPS AGM in Moncton in 2016.

My thanks go to the Strategic Planning Committee for their dedication, innovative thinking (ask Richard Hamelin about his Tweet on the value of the CPS), and willingness to participate in all parts of the planning process. We are grateful for the input from the CPS Board, the Regional Representatives and CPS members who took the time to complete our surveys. We also thank Barbara Adams who led us through the process, challenged us to think creatively, and using input from everyone involved, provided the plan which will guide the society for the next five years.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Leggett
Chair Strategic Planning Committee



ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Representative for CPS Saskatchewan

Dr. Yu Chen, canola pathologist with Cargill Ltd., will be stepping into the role of CPS-SK Regional Representative for 2016. Yu will be taking over the reins from Jianwei Zhao. Many thanks to Jianwei for organizing excellent regional meetings over the past few years and for promoting the CPS in Saskatchewan. Congratulations to Yu Chen. We look forward to the energy you have to bring to the Society.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE OF TRAVEL AWARDS



Notice of travel awards for the 87th Annual Meeting of the CPS to be held June 12-15, 2016 at the Delta Beauséjour, 750 Main Street, Moncton, NB.

Awards Available

- **CPS Graduate Student Travel Awards - 2 awards of \$500 each**
- **Taylor & Francis Student Travel Award - \$500**

Application for the CPS and Taylor & Francis sponsored awards shall be adjudicated jointly (students need submit only one application to be considered for both).

This award provides reimbursement of travel, accommodation, registration and other costs to attend the CPS Annual Meeting. The student must be in a MSc or PhD research program in plant pathology, but does not need to be a CPS member.

The application must include:

- A copy of the abstract of the presentation to be published in the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology
- A one-page statement from the student outlining the significance and implications of the research to be presented
- Academic transcripts inclusive of undergraduate and graduate training

Criteria for selection

Applications will be ranked based on scholastic performance, significance of the research conducted, and other evidence of contributions to the field of plant pathology. Applicants will be notified of the out-come of the committee's deliberations 6 weeks prior to the annual meeting. The successful students will be presented with a cheque at the CPS Banquet. All travel and other arrangements are the responsibility of the student.

Deadline for application extended to 5 April 2016.
Please submit applications to **Ron Knox, CPS Awards Committee Chair** at ron.knox@canada.ca.



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STORKAN-HANES-McCASLIN FOUNDATION AWARD

Call for Applications for 2016 Storkan-Hanes-McCaslin Foundation Awards

The Storkan-Hanes-McCaslin Foundation Awards are named in honor of Richard C. Storkan, Gerald L. Hanes, and Robert L. McCaslin. Each had a long history of cooperation with the scientific community, and they were pioneers in developing effective soil fumigation through experimental research.

The foundation was established in 1987 to support graduate student research. To date, more than \$461,000 has been awarded to 74 promising scientists. In addition to unrestricted cash awards (which range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and can be used for any purpose that will benefit the education of the student including personal expenses), new awardees will also receive round-trip fares to the APS annual meeting and are presented their awards at a luncheon attended by their research advisors, previous awardees, and members of the Foundation Committee. **The 2015 Foundation Award winners were: Ningxiao Li, The Pennsylvania State University; Morgan Gray, University of California, Riverside; and Huang Doan, University of California, Davis.**

A major aim of the foundation is to encourage research by offering financial assistance to graduate students who are working on **soil-borne diseases** of plants. The research must be done in the United States, Canada or Mexico. Foundation policy is to contribute to the education of the student. Grants are made on a yearly basis and may be renewed upon review by the committee. Since the award is highly competitive, we encourage unsuccessful applicants to update their proposal for future

consideration. The research for which the award is given is expected to be performed by the applicant during the academic year 2015–2016, and a one page progress report is due one year from the date of the award. It would be appreciated if the Foundation were acknowledged in research publications stemming from this Award.

To be considered for funding, each proposal should be carefully prepared in accordance with the instructions given below and **submitted electronically, no later than May 1, 2016 to:**

Dr. Michael Stanghellini (Chair of the Selection Committee), e-mail address: michael.stanghellini@ucr.edu

Please submit:

- i. a short, two–three page research proposal containing a concise statement of the objectives, methods and materials, and projected impact of the proposed research (note: a budget is not required),
- ii. a one page resume (i.e., a brief education and research background, including a telephone number and e-mail address), and
- iii. a letter from the applicant’s major professor or research director.

Preference will be given to those proposals containing innovative, creative, and/or novel research approaches to the stated objective(s), and to the overall quality (organization, correct English grammar and spelling) of the written proposal. Funding will begin September 1, 2016.



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PEOPLE AND TRAVEL

CPS MEMBER GIVES PLENARY LECTURE AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Dilantha Fernando, Professor, Department of Plant Science at the University of Manitoba, was invited by the Indian Phytopathological Society to give a Plenary Lecture at the PGPR workshop at the ISP 6th International Conference held in New Delhi, India from February 23-27, 2016. Dilantha's plenary talk was titled "*Opening the black box: the superpowers*

of the PGPR world". Dilantha was also invited to give a Lead Lecture in the conference. Dilantha's lead lecture title was "*Understanding key mechanisms in biocontrol: are we there yet?*". The conference was attended by over 750 delegates from 35 countries. Dilantha also chaired two sessions at the conference.



Dr. A. Kumar, Principle Scientist, ICAR-IARI the convener of the workshop, hands a plaque to Dilantha Fernando, the plenary speaker at the PGPR workshop at the ISP 6th International Conference in Delhi, India.



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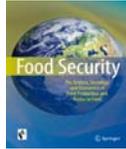
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- How plants interact with beneficial microbes in the soil
- Nervous systems differ between species of nematodes
- Dishwashers provide a selective extreme environment for fungi
- GM Potato shows extreme resistance to late blight in Uganda
- Plant virus discoveries in Laos help plant protection in the region
- A Symposium on Emerging Plant Disease and Global Food Security, 23-24 March 2016
- Growing spuds in Mars-like conditions
- Botrytis - new book
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- Coming events

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- Kiwifruit bacterial canker bacterium survives on wild plant species
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- Trees have social networks
- Hybridisation a major force in the generation of new fungal plant pathogens
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