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Un mot de la part des présidents

Nous avons l'honneur de vous inviter à la réunion conjointe de l'APS/SCP/MSA qui aura lieu en 2006 dans la ville de Québec, Canada. Ce sera un formidable rendez-vous. Le comité d'organisation, dirigé par le président désigné de l'APS, Jan Leach, a préparé un excellent programme qui met l'accent sur les occasions de réseautage



Saint Louis Gate, Old Québec
Photo: Yves Tessier, Tessima

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avec vos collègues du monde entier. Jan a travaillé en étroite collaboration avec Tom Bruns (président du Comité du programme de la MSA), Jim Menzies (président du Comité des colloques de la SCP) et Russell Tweddell (Comité des communications de la SCP) pour intégrer les programmes des trois sociétés en un seul.

Sur le thème des *Interactions biologiques et carrefour biologique*, la séance plénière conjointe du dimanche matin explorera les nombreux niveaux de fonctionnement et d'interaction des organismes, et la richesse de la mycologie et de la phytopathologie comme disciplines

intégratives. La réception de bienvenue aura lieu dans le hall d'exposition et sera agrémentée de desserts et de café. La réunion d'affaires de l'APS sera rétablie et aura lieu pendant le repas du midi, mais dans un format abrégé. Comme l'an dernier, la SCP aura sa réunion d'affaires avec le repas du midi alors que la MSA sera l'hôte d'un déjeuner d'affaires

matinal. La cérémonie présidentielle de l'APS inclura la remise des prix et la passation des pouvoirs au nouveau président, et sera suivie d'une soirée. La MSA et SCP offriront aussi des banquets mardi soir. Suivez de près l'horaire pour ne manquer aucun de ces importants rassemblements et occasions d'établir un réseau de relations.

Cette année, le programme technique élargi comprend des colloques, des discussions et des sessions de présentations de communiqués couvrant tous les aspects de la phytopathologie et de la mycologie. On encourage les participants à s'enregistrer d'avance pour les excursions et ateliers. En plus de venir acquérir des connaissances et établir des contacts professionnels,



**Sidewalk café on Petit-Champlain Street
Photo: Yves Tessier, Tessima**

n'oubliez pas de prévoir un peu de temps pour les loisirs et la détente. Le site Web du congrès (<http://meeting.apsnet.org>) donne une description de quelques-unes des merveilles culturelles, historiques et naturelles de Québec et de ses environs.

Des occasions passionnantes vous attendent à la réunion conjointe de 2006. Réservez la période du 29 juillet au 2 août et venez discuter avec des collègues du monde entier des développements scientifiques et pratiques les plus récents en phytopathologie. C'est un congrès que vous ne voudrez pas manquer!

John Andrews
Président de l'APS

André Lévesque
Président de la SCP

James Anderson
Président de la MSA

A Message From the Presidents

It is our pleasure to invite you to the 2006 Joint Meeting of APS/CPS/MSA in Québec City, Canada. This will be a terrific meeting venue. The planning committee, led by APS president-elect Jan Leach, has put together an excellent program with enhanced opportunities for networking with your colleagues from around the

world. Jan worked closely with Tom Bruns (MSA Program chair), Jim Menzies (CPS symposium chair) and Russell Tweddell (CPS contributed papers) to integrate the program among the three societies.

Following the theme *Biological Interactions and Biological Crossroads*, the Joint Plenary Session on Sunday morning will explore the many levels on which organisms function and interact, and the richness of mycology and plant pathology as integrative disciplines. The

Welcome Reception, hosted in the exhibit hall, will include desserts and coffee. The APS business meeting will be reinstated but in abbreviated format over the lunch hour. CPS will have its business meeting with a lunch like last year and MSA will host a morning business breakfast meeting. The APS Presidential Ceremony will include the awards presentation and the passing of the gavel to the incoming president, and will be followed by a party. MSA and CPS will also offer dinner banquets on Tuesday evening. Please keep your eye on the schedule so that you don't miss any of these important gatherings and opportunities for networking.

This year's expanded technical program includes symposia, discussions, and contributed paper sessions covering all areas of plant pathology and mycology. Attendees are encouraged to register in advance for pre-meeting field trips and workshops. In addition to learning and networking, be sure to include a little fun



Summer nightlife on Grande Allée
Photo: Yves Tessier, Tessima

and recreation. The meeting website (<http://meeting.apsnet.org>) describes some of the cultural, historical, and natural wonders in and around Québec.

Exciting opportunities await you at the 2006 Joint Meeting. Mark your calendar now for July 29 – August 2 and plan to join colleagues from around the world as we discuss the most recent advances in the science and practice of plant pathology. This is a meeting you won't want to miss!

John Andrews
APS President

André Lévesque
CPS President

James Anderson
MSA President

Mot du Président/ President's Message

Réunion annuelle de 2006

La réunion conjointe avec les sociétés américaines de mycologie et phytopathologie s'en vient à grands pas. Il s'agira de l'événement mondial marquant de 2006 en phytopathologie. Les activités pour préparer cette réunion se sont intensifiées ces derniers mois et ce n'est pas fini. Grâce à un financement obtenu

de Ressources naturelles Canada, Tony Hopkins organise pour notre société un symposium sur l'impact des changements climatiques sur les maladies des arbres. Notre société coparraine quatre autres symposiums avec l'APS en plus de s'impliquer dans l'organisation d'ateliers et de visites. Merci à Richard Bélanger, Richard Hamelin, Jim Menzies, Louis Bernier et Guillaume Grégoire pour leur aide dans la planification et l'organisation de ces activités. Jan Leach, la vice-présidente du comité des programmes de l'APS, fait un travail remarquable dans l'intégration et la préparation d'un programme aussi étoffé.

Sous peu, vous recevrez la brochure d'inscription et consultez régulièrement <http://meeting.apsnet.org/> pour les dernières mises à jour. Je tiens à remercier Ivan Sache, président de la Société française de phytopathologie, pour avoir diffusé une invitation à tous leurs membres. Nous prévoyons une participation internationale importante.

N'oubliez pas que la date limite pour la soumission des résumés est le 30 mars. Si vous les soumettez à travers la SCP, vos résumés seront dans le programme et seront publiés dans notre revue scientifique (http://www.cps-scp.ca/Abstracts_CPS2006.htm). Nous n'offrons pas le paiement et la soumission en ligne mais nous avons pu garder notre tarif et longueur habituels (210 mots) des résumés. Merci à Ken Conn pour aider dans la révision et la préparation des résumés pour l'impression et à Russell Tweddell qui va travailler avec Jan Leach à intégrer au programme les présentations des membres de la SCP avec les contributions de l'APS.



André Lévesque
CPS-SCP President

Edition spéciale de la Revue canadienne de phytopathologie

Une des activités du comité des événements spéciaux du 75^{ème} anniversaire présidé par Ron Howard était la préparation d'une édition spéciale de la Revue canadienne de phytopathologie qui paraîtra sous peu. Je tiens à remercier particulièrement Zamir Punja, le directeur scientifique de notre revue, pour qui ce projet fut une tâche supplémentaire importante. Cette édition comprendra notamment la réimpression d'articles fondamentaux écrits par des

chercheurs canadiens, des articles faisant suite à des symposiums, des articles sur l'histoire de la phytopathologie au Canada et des lettres de phytopathologistes qui se souviennent. Cette édition spéciale a été réalisée grâce à la participation de Patrice Audy, Odile Carisse, Ken Conn, Denis Gaudet, Richard Hamelin, Ron Howard, Lakhdar Lamari, Mary Leggett, Lisa Leippi, Patricia Madaire, Jim Menzies, Nathan Owen-Going, Lise Robillard et de Kelly Turkington. Merci de votre collaboration

Numéros moins récents de la Revue canadienne de phytopathologie en ligne gratuitement

Tous les numéros antérieurs de notre revue (trois ans et plus) seront complètement disponibles et ce gratuitement. Le facteur d'impact de notre revue augmente constamment et cette disponibilité accrue de nos articles ne peut qu'améliorer cette situation.

Modifications à la Constitution en ce qui a trait au mode de scrutin

Merci à tous ceux et celles qui ont retourné leurs bulletins de vote et à Deena Errampali pour avoir mené à bien cette activité importante. C'est avec une certaine anxiété que nous avons dû attendre de dépasser le 50% de retour de bulletins nécessaire pour avoir un scrutin valable pour demander un changement à la constitution.

Vous vous êtes prononcés à 97% en faveur du changement proposé. Suite aux préoccupations de certains membres relatives au

présent système pour élire les membres du Conseil et les membres des comités permanents, nous avons demandé à modifier la constitution. Ceci facilitera les nominations et le mode de scrutin pour tous les membres s'il y a plus d'un candidat. Voir le numéro de mars 2006 de CPS-SCP News pour de plus amples renseignements.

Numérisation de CPS-SCP News et une question piège

Nous avons numérisé tous les numéros de la Revue canadienne de phytopathologie avec l'aide de Heather Martin de l'université de Guelph et la numérisation d'Inventaire des maladies des plantes au Canada va bon train grâce à Gayle Jespersion et Robin Morrall (plus de détails dans un prochain numéro). Je crois qu'un nouveau projet à valeur historique serait de numériser les volumes de CPS-SCP News. Notre société et la phytopathologie ont connu bien des événements depuis que CPS-SCP News existe. Notre bulletin a été un témoin privilégié de notre histoire.

Nous en sommes au volume 49 et avons publié environ un volume par année. Pendant combien d'années avons nous publié CPS-SCP News? Vous avez deviné environ 50 ans? Mauvaise réponse! Dick Stace-Smith m'a fait parvenir récemment l'observation suivante qui se doit d'être disséminée. En 1980, un "X" a été omis dans un numéro du volume XXXIV qui est devenu XXIV. Les volumes suivants ont continué la série à partir de 24 ce qui fait que les volumes de 1981 à 1990 ont la

même série numérique que les numéros de 1971 à 1980. Il faut donc toujours bien préciser l'année si

vous voulez citer des articles dans les volumes de 1971 à 1990. Il faudra clarifier cette situation dans une version numérisée de notre bulletin.

Candidatures pour les prix de notre société

La date limite pour soumettre les candidatures pour la sélection des lauréats de nos prix de 2006 approche (voir page 12). N'oubliez pas qu'il est essentiel de reconnaître l'excellence chez certains de nos collègues.

2006 Annual Meeting

The joint meeting with the American Phytopathological Society and the Mycological Society of America is fast approaching. This will be the international highlight in plant pathology for 2006. Activities for the preparation of this meeting picked up over the past few months and it is getting even busier.

<<Notre société et la phytopathologie ont connu bien des événements depuis que CPS-SCP News existe.>>

Helped by funding from Natural Resources Canada, Tony Hopkins is organizing a CPS Symposium on the effect of climate change on tree diseases. Our society is also co-sponsoring four symposia with APS and we are involved in the organization of visits and workshops. I want to thank Richard Bélanger, Richard Hamelin, Jim Menzies, Louis Bernier and Guillaume Grégoire who are helping with the planning and coordination of these activities. Jan Leach, vice-president of the APS program committee, is doing a remarkable job with the difficult task of integrating and preparing such an extensive program. You will soon receive the registration brochure and you can check regularly <http://meeting.apsnet.org/> for the most up to date information. I want to thank Ivan Sache, president of the *Société française de phytopathologie*, for having circulated invitations to all their members.

Do not forget that the deadline for abstract submission is March 30th. If you are submitting your abstract through CPS, they will be in the programme and will be printed in CJPP (http://www.cps-scp.ca/Abstracts_CPS2006.htm). We do not offer online payment and submission but we managed to keep our regular rate and length (210 words) for the abstracts. I want to thank Ken Conn for reviewing and preparing the abstracts for printing and Russell Tweddell who will work with Jan Leach to integrate presentations from CPS members with the APS contributed program. We are expecting an important international participation.

Special issue of Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology

One of the activities of the 75th anniversary Special Events Committee, with Ron Howard at the helm, was the preparation of a special issue of Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology. This issue will be out very soon. I want to express my

gratitude to Zamir Punja, Chief Editor of CJPP, for completing this project which was a significant additional task. This issue will include reprinting of seminal papers by Canadian scientists, historical articles, reminiscence letters from members and symposia articles. This special issue was possible because of help from Patrice Audy, Odile Carisse, Ken Conn, Denis Gaudet, Richard Hamelin, Ron Howard, Lakhdar Lamari, Mary Leggett, Lisa Leippi, Patricia Madaire, Jim Menzies, Nathan Owen-Going, Lise Robillard and Kelly Turkington. Thank you all for your contribution.

Older issues of Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology online for free

CJPP issues older than three years will be available online for free. The Journal impact factor of our journal is climbing steadily and this increased availability of our articles can only improve an already enviable situation.

Modifying the voting procedure in our constitution

Thank you to all of those who returned their ballot and to Deena Errampali for having brought to the finish line this important task. It is with some trepidation that we were waiting to go over the 50% ballot return necessary to have a valid process for a constitutional change. You were 97% in favour of the proposed change. Following concerns by some members about the voting procedure for board members and standing committees, we were asked to modify the constitution in order to facilitate nominations and voting by all members if there is more than one candidate. Please see the March 2006 edition of CPS-SCP News for more information about what was proposed.

Scanning of CPS-SCP News and a trick question

We have scanned all issues of CJPP with the help of Heather Martin from the University of Guelph and the scanning of Canadian Plant Disease Survey is progressing well with the help from Gayle Jespersen and Robin Morrall (more details in an upcoming issue). I believe that a new historical project could be the scanning of all volumes of CPS-SCP News. Our society and plant pathology have been through many important events since the establishment of CPS-SCP News. Our newsletter was a prime witness of our history. We are currently at volume 49 and we have roughly published one volume per year.

For how many years have we been publishing CPS-SCP News? If

you guessed approximately 50 years your answer would be wrong! Dick Stace-Smith recently forwarded the following information, which should be circulated. In 1980, an "X" was dropped in an issue of volume XXXIV, which became XXIV. The following volumes continued the sequence from 24 which means that the volume numbers from 1981 to 1990 are the same as the volumes from 1971 to 1980. You should always specify the year when citing articles in volumes 1971 to 1990. This situation should be spelled out in a scanned set of our newsletter.

Nominations for awards from our Society

The deadline for 2006 awards nominations is coming soon (see page 12). Remember that it is crucial to recognize excellence from our colleagues.

Committee Reports

INFORMATION PRODUCTS MARKETING COMMITTEE

Diseases of Field Crops in Canada (3rd edition), 2003

In the last year, sales of DFCC have stabilized at about the level of previous editions, with 570 books sold in 2005. The inventory on December 31, 2005 was about 2000 copies of 8,000 printed. Not all of the copies have been sold; some are still in bookstores or for sale on consignment. An organization in North Dakota recently purchased 110 copies for

inclusion in the registration package for a meeting of extension and industry

agronomists. This speaks highly of the value that people see in the books. We thank those CPS members who promote the book and sell consignment copies wherever they go.

Based on the current sales, this inventory will last for only three years. Therefore, it will soon be time for CPS to decide whether to simply reprint the book or to revise it. Suggestions from members are welcome. Also, if someone has a photo that is better than its counterpart in DFCC or an image that would be a useful addition, please send it to Richard Gugel (gugelr@agr.gc.ca) in Saskatoon.

In addition to book sales, DFCC also generates income from use of images. CPS requests that companies make a donation (\$100 per image) for permission to use these images in commercial publications. The donations are deposited to the Society's fund for graduate student travel

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awards; to date about \$1,500 has been collected.

Maladies des grandes cultures au Canada, 2004

As reported last year, almost 700 copies of MGCC were sold to sponsors at a special pre-publication price. Sales were brisk at the book launch in January 2005 and 411 copies were sold in the first year. So far, sales represent 37% of the 3,000 copies printed. Sales in 2006 will provide an indication of the levels that we may expect in future years.

Diseases and Pests of Vegetable Crops in Canada

There are about 600 copies of DPVCC in inventory, with annual sales of about 75 copies per year. An ad-hoc committee (Ron Howard, Mary Ruth McDonald and Bruce Gossen) is looking into the possibility of revising DPVCC. They plan to split it into smaller books focused on specific groups of vegetables, e.g., root or greenhouse vegetables, and written for producers and home gardeners. The Entomological Society of Canada (ESC) supports the project and encourages its members to contribute to the books, but has chosen not to be a partner with CPS in these publications.

Maladies et ravageurs des cultures légumières au Canada

This book has sold out, but there is a small but steady demand from growers and students. CPS and ESC decided to make a CD version of the book available to meet this demand and CPS is investigating the potential for revising DPVCC.

Robin Morrall, Bruce Gossen and Karen Bailey

On behalf of the Information Products Marketing Committee.

Voting procedures in the CPS

Proposed changes to the voting procedures in the CPS constitution were approved

In the fall of 2005, a total of 389 ballots were mailed to the CPS members regarding the proposed changes to the constitution regarding the 'voting procedures'. Of the 389 ballots mailed, 50.38% of the ballots were returned. The proposed amendment of the constitution was approved by 97.4% of the members that have returned the ballots. Of the remaining 5 ballots, 1.5% were 'no', 0.5% were undecided and 0.5% were returned to sender. Therefore, this proposed change has been approved (by 97.4% of the returned ballots) according to the ARTICLE XVI B, Section 1, of the CPS Constitution where it is required that 'each amendment is approved by three-quarters of the members voting thereon and providing that at least fifty percent of all members have returned the ballots'.

I wish to thank all those members who have returned the ballots and for your support of CPS.

Sincerely,
Deena Errampalli
CPS Secretary

Approved changes to the CPS constitution regarding voting procedures

The following article in the constitution will now read (changes in underline and italics):

Article VI B Election of Board Members and Members of Standing Committees

Section 2. The Nominating committee shall submit a slate of nominees for Board Members and Standing Committees to the Secretary four months prior to the Annual Meeting. The Secretary shall notify all CPS members of the nominations made by the Nominating Committee by publication in the CPS Newsletter that precedes the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. *Nominations* for any office may be made from the Society at large but notice of such nominations shall reach the Chair of the Nominations Committee or the Secretary by February 1st of the year of the election and be signed by not fewer than five members, including the person nominated.

Section 4. The Secretary shall prepare a ballot(s) listing the vacant position(s) and all valid nominees for the position(s) will be published in the CPS Newsletter by at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting. Ballots shall be returned to the Chair of the Nominations Committee by regular mail, facsimile or by email marked with the sender's name by six weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. Ballots shall be counted by a committee of three consisting of the Chair of the nominations Committee (as Chairperson) and two others (preferably CPS members) appointed by the Chair of the Nominations Committee. After the counting of the ballots is complete, the Chair of the Nominations Committee will submit the results of the ballot to the Secretary by three weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. The Secretary will cast a vote only to break a tie.

Propositions d'amendement à la Constitution de la SCP en ce qui a trait au mécanisme de votation

Le règlement suivant se lira comme suit (les modifications sont soulignées et en italique):

Article VI B Élection des membres du Conseil et des membres des comités permanents

Section 2. Le Comité de mise en candidature doit soumettre au secrétaire une liste de candidats pour les postes de membre du Conseil et des comités permanents quatre mois avant la tenue de l'assemblée générale annuelle. Le secrétaire doit aviser tous les membres *de la SCP* des candidatures proposées par le Comité de mise en candidature en faisant publier la liste de celles-ci dans le numéro du Bulletin d'information qui précède la tenue de l'assemblée générale annuelle.

Section 3. Des candidatures pour tout poste peuvent être proposées par tout membre de la Société mais ces candidatures doivent parvenir au président du Comité de mise en candidature ou au secrétaire au plus tard le 1er février de l'année de l'élection et doivent être appuyées par au moins cinq membres, y compris le candidat lui-même.

Section 4. Le secrétaire doit préparer un ou des bulletins de vote avec la liste du ou des postes vacants et de toutes les candidatures valides qui seront publiés dans le Bulletin d'information au moins deux mois avant la tenue de l'assemblée générale annuelle. Les bulletins de vote doivent être retournés au président du Comité de mise en candidature par la poste, télécopieur ou par courriel identifié au nom de l'expéditeur au plus tard six semaines avant la tenue de l'assemblée générale annuelle. Le dépouillement des bulletins de vote doit être fait par un comité de trois membres formé du président du Comité de mise en candidature et de deux autres personnes (membres de la SCP de préférence) nommées par le président du Comité de mise en candidature. Après le dépouillement des votes, le président du Comité de mise en candidature remettra les résultats du vote au secrétaire au plus tard trois semaines avant la tenue de l'assemblée générale annuelle. Le secrétaire n'a le droit de voter que pour briser une égalité.

**REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CO-
ORDINATOR, CANADIAN PLANT
DISEASE SURVEY - DISEASE
HIGHLIGHTS**

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

Volume 86 of the Canadian Plant Disease Survey (CPDS), reporting mainly on disease highlights for 2005, was published in mid-March on the CPS website (www.cps-scp.ca/cpds). I appreciate the work of my co-section editors (Marilyn Dykstra, Andy Tekauz, Pierre DesRochers, Bruce Gossen, Tom Hsiang and Paul Hildebrand) as well as that of Angie O'Shea (compiler) in completing the job more than a month earlier than last year. Forty-seven reports were published, slightly fewer than in 2005, but the number of pages was about the same. The distribution among sections is: cereals (26 reports); oilseeds and special crops (12); fruits, nuts and berries, ornamentals and turfgrass (2); diagnostic labs (4); forages (1); forest trees (1); vegetables (1). Three reports in French were received this year, more than for a long time!

As in previous years, CPDS is dominated by reports from the western provinces on cereals, oilseeds and special crops. It is unfortunate that it has proven difficult to attract more articles from other subjects, especially from the east. CPS members are reminded that even reports that are anecdotal (and, therefore, not difficult to write) are useful in documenting the occurrence of diseases in the country. I welcome comments about the format, editing or publication of CPDS.

This is the 10th year that CPDS has been published electronically and the third that it is the exclusive responsibility of CPS. As well as being downloadable

from the web, a small number of copies of CPDS are printed for libraries that prefer hard copy for archival purposes.

Dr. Tom Hsiang has indicated that he wishes to step down in 2006 as section editor for fruits, nuts and berries, ornamentals and turfgrass; therefore a search is underway to find a replacement before the call for submissions in September. I extend my thanks to Dr. Hsiang for his contribution over the past few years.

A project proposed in the first CPS 5-year strategic plan to create a searchable electronic index of CPDS is now well underway. It is spearheaded by Gayle Jespersen, Lakhdar Lamari and me. We are close to being able to publish on the CPS website an index, searchable by title, host, disease, and pathogen, of all volumes between 1954 and 1996 (43 years). The 10 PDF files for issues from 1997 to 2006 on the website can already be searched for key words. Once the 43-year index is posted, we will start working on adding the 33 volumes from before 1954. I estimate that this will take at least one year to complete. A separate, but related project involves scanning the pre-1997 volumes of CPDS. PMRA is assisting with the monumental task of scanning the paper copies into a searchable PDF format. Currently the time-line for completion is uncertain, but eventually the scans will be added to the CPS website as a companion to the index.

Respectfully submitted, March 17, 2006
Robin Morrall, CPDS National Coordinator
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Regional Meetings

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

The Southwestern Ontario Region of the Canadian Phytopathological Society (SORA-CPS) will meet on Friday, May 12, 2006 at the Guelph Turfgrass Institute, Victoria Road, Guelph, ON. The theme of this year's conference is "Pathogen Identification and Plant Health". Several interesting speakers have been invited to discuss various aspects of this theme. Registration will begin at 12:30 and the speaker program at 1:00 p.m. Following the speaker and poster sessions there will be a buffet dinner and social hour. For more information and updates, check the regional association section of the CPS web site, <http://cps-scp.ca/SORA-CPS.htm>.

The meeting will also include a student poster competition, and once again a "Pathologists Choice Award" for the best poster. Abstracts should be prepared following the guidelines for publication in the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology, which can be found on the CPS web site at http://www.cps-scp.ca/Abstract_CPS2006.htm. Abstracts and registration forms should be submitted to Melody Melzer (melodyme@uoguelph.ca) by April 14. Researchers are encouraged to submit abstracts for posters showing new work, and also to bring posters that were presented at other recent meetings. For more information, contact Mary Ruth McDonald (mrmcdona@uoguelph.ca). For information on registration and abstract submission, contact Greg Boland (gboland@uoguelph.ca).

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

Announcements

Why don't I have my receipt yet?!

Did you ever wonder what happens to your membership form after you mail it in?

CPS members should be aware that we are run entirely on volunteer power. We are a small organization, and do not have a business office. Positions such as secretary, membership secretary and treasurer are held by busy scientists and professors who generally have full time jobs. As such, it is not always possible to process payments and mail receipts as quickly as you may expect.

The following is the process we are currently using to process membership payments. Please consider the time lag when sending in credit card numbers. i.e. make sure they will not be expiring within the next month or two.

1. You mail in, or fax in your membership renewal.
2. Membership form is received by the membership secretary. Details are entered in the database. A copy of the form is filed in a secure office.
3. Approximately every 2 weeks packages of forms are couriered to the treasurer for payment processing.
4. The treasurer will process payments within 1-2 weeks and enter all information needed by auditors for the annual Auditor Report.
5. The treasurer couriers forms in 2 or 3 batches to an assistant at the Summerland Research Station, who has been hired to prepare and mail tax receipts. (We have used the same assistant for approximately 10 years now). The target date for mailing 2006 tax receipts this year is March 31, 2006.

6. Original copies of membership forms are stored in a safe at the Summerland Research Station.
7. Membership secretary's duplicate forms are kept for 2 years, then disposed of securely (shredding service).

Be aware that travel and work commitments may cause delays in any one of these steps. Timely membership renewal also makes the process run much more smoothly. Be sure to write your contact information and credit card numbers legibly, and double check the numbers and expiry dates. If you are handwriting-challenged you can always use the PDF fill-in-form on the website. Don't forget to indicate your journal choice.

Emeritus members who get the newsletter only must contact the membership secretary annually to stay on the mailing list. You can do this by sending in the form, or by a quick email or phone call.

The board has been investigating options for secure membership renewal on-line. This has been too expensive to pursue to date, but hopefully this can be set up at some time in the future.

Gayle Jespersen, Membership Secretary

Dilantha Fernando, Treasurer

Récompense SCP

Cette note est pour vous rappeler de soumettre vos propositions de candidats ou candidates pour les récompenses SCP à temps pour la prochaine rencontre annuelle de la SCP, qui se tiendra à

Québec du 29 juillet au 2 août 2006. Vous trouverez une description des différentes récompenses sur le site web de la SCP (<http://www.cps-scp.ca/awards.htm>). Les récompenses offertes par la SCP sont Membre honoraire, Membre, Récompense d'excellence en recherche, Récompense d'excellence pour un jeune chercheur, Réalisation en gestion des maladies des plantes, et deux récompenses de voyage pour étudiants. Veuillez considérer la nomination de vos collègues qui se sont le plus distingués. La date butoir pour les mises en candidature est le 15 mai 2006.

Les propositions de candidats peuvent être envoyées à Suha Jabaji-Hare (président, comité des récompenses), à suha.jabaji-hare@mcgill.ca.

CPS Awards

This is a reminder to submit your nominations for the CPS awards in time for the upcoming CPS annual meeting in Quebec City, July 29 – August 2, 2006. Descriptions of the awards can be found on the CPS website at <http://www.cps-scp.ca/awards.htm>. Awards offered through the CPS are Honorary Member, Fellow, Outstanding Research, Outstanding Young Scientist Award, Achievements in Plant Disease Management, and two Student Travel Awards. Please consider nominating your worthy colleagues for these awards. The deadline for nominations is May 15, 2006.

Nominations can be sent to Suha Jabaji-Hare (Chair, Awards Committee), at suha.jabaji-hare@mcgill.ca.

Société de protection des plantes du Québec CONGRÈS 2006

La Société de protection des plantes du Québec (SPPQ) tiendra son congrès annuel les 15 et 16 juin 2006 à Victoriaville. Le titre du symposium est «La protection des plantes en agriculture biologique, relevons le défi!» Information au site: <http://www.sppq.qc.ca/congres.htm>.

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Western International Forest Disease Work Conference (WIFDWC)

The Western International Forest Disease Work Conference that will take place in Smithers, B.C. Oct. 2-6th, 2006. There will be a focus on foliar diseases of pine, with quite a lot of discussion and field trip time spent on *Dothistroma septosporum*. This meeting doesn't make it to Canada very often, so it is a good opportunity for people with an interest in forest pathology. Smithers is a beautiful area as well.

For more information please visit the workshop website for more information: <http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/technology/wif/>.

Kathy Lewis

3rd International Workshop on Barley Leaf Blights

The 3rd International Workshop on Barley Leaf Blights is being held from 23-27 July, 2006 at the University of Alberta Conference Centre, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Presentations will be made by scientists, students, and industry in various disciplines that encompass disease epidemiology, breeding for disease resistance, exploitation of biotechnology, and disease management. Internationally recognized scientists will present recent advances on barley leaf diseases and their management. The main objective of the workshop is to provide an opportunity for researchers, students and program managers from developed and developing countries to interact and discuss leaf blight research and disease management options and to foster research collaboration and international communication and good-will.

For further information visit the 3rd IWBLB website (<http://www.barleyblights.net/workshops/iwblb3.htm>) or contact:

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Submission Deadline for the June issue of CPS - SCP News

PLEASE NOTE: The submission deadline for the **June issue** of CPS - SCP News is May 17, 2006. Please have your reports and submissions to the Editor by this date. **If you send photographs for publication in the CPS-SCP News please ensure that you indicate that all individuals appearing in the photographs have given permission for their photographs to appear in the newsletter. Photographs will not be published if permission has not been obtained from the individuals involved.**

Book Review

Review of The Compendium of Turfgrass Diseases, Third Edition

Authors: Richard W. Smiley, Peter H. Dernoeden, and Bruce B. Clarke. 2005. APS Press.

Reviewed by: Tom Hsiang, Dept. Environmental Biology, University of Guelph.

The Compendium of Turfgrass Diseases was first produced in 1983 and then updated in 1992. It has become a standard text for use by turfgrass pathologists and many turf managers throughout the world. The Third Edition came out in the latter half of 2005, and it was well worth the wait. This softcover publication is still easy to handle at 167 pages, which is increased from the 98 pages of the Second Edition. However, the amount of text was only increased by 40%, which is reflective of the increased font size, a distinct advantage for my aging eyes. Other changes include a major improvement with the placement of the color illustrations next to the

corresponding disease, instead of being bound in the center. Furthermore, the images themselves are larger by almost 30%, with the total number of figures increased by approximately 100. Most of the photographs of the more than 80 turf diseases described are of excellent quality and detail. There is also a new small section on fungicide chemistry and application, which is necessarily limited because of differing regional and national regulations on fungicide use. The Compendium is available from APS Press (USD \$55) or amazon.ca (CDN \$63), as well as the companion CD-ROM (USD \$69), which contains 339 high quality images. The Compendium is a valuable resource, and highly recommended for instructors, students and professionals dealing with turfgrass disease management. The authors are to be congratulated on an excellent production.

NAPPO

The NAPPO Phytosanitary Alert System - keeping you informed about plant pest threats to North America

The North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO), composed of the plant protection organizations of Canada, the United States and Mexico, was established in 1976 as a regional organization of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC). NAPPO's mission is to protect the plant resources of North America against the introduction of plant pests, while facilitating trade.

In the war against plant pest invaders it pays to know the enemy - those plant pests (i.e., insects, mites, fungi, nematodes, viruses, bacteria, phytoplasma, weeds, etc.) that threaten to cross our borders, colonize, spread, and cause serious economic and/or

environmental damage. In an effort to keep member countries informed of the ever increasing threats posed by these exotic plant pest invaders, NAPPO developed the Phytosanitary Alert System, or PAS (<http://www.pestalert.org/main.cfm>).

First launched in April, 2000, the PAS is a web-based notification system that provides a mechanism to share scientific intelligence about emerging plant pests that might pose a significant threat to North America agriculture, forestry or natural habitats. The intent of the PAS is to facilitate awareness, detection, prevention and management of exotic plant pest species within North America. Information posted on the PAS is useful not just to plant protection organizations, but also to academic institutions, industries, and other organizations or individuals with an interest in safeguarding our borders from plant pest invasions.

The PAS was designed and is maintained by a panel of experts from each of the federal plant protection organizations of the three NAPPO countries. Panel members gather, on a broad international scale, crucial intelligence about plant pests of importance to the NAPPO countries and disseminates that information through the website. Pest information may come from any one of a variety of sources, including records from port of entry interceptions, domestic plant pest surveys, the internet, published literature (journals, newsletters, popular press), etc. Readers/users of the PAS are also welcome to submit their own pest alerts for potential posting on the website.

In addition to posting pest alerts, the PAS also provides member countries with a mechanism to provide timely official notification (i.e. official pest reports) concerning any outbreaks of significant new plant pest finds within their country, or to provide updates on already regulated

pests. These official pest reports are intended to comply with the FAO's IPPC Standard on Pest Reporting, endorsed by the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures in March 2002 (see the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No. 17 on "Pest Reporting").

To stay informed about significant plant pest threats to North America and to keep up-to-date with official pest reports from the NAPPO member countries, members of CPS are encouraged to visit on a regular basis the NAPPO-PAS web site. Better yet, subscribe to the NAPPO-PAS (<http://www.pestalert.org/subscribe.cfm>) (its free!) so you can be automatically notified via e-mail when new information is posted on the site. Keep informed, and help keep NAPPO countries free from exotic plant pest invaders!

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People and Travel

Harry H. Kope

Leaving behind a supportive and knowledgeable group of forest health professionals at the Pacific Forestry Center (PFC), Canadian Forest Service, Victoria, Dr. Harry H. Kope will move on to work with a new circle of equally knowledgeable forest health experts at the British Columbia Ministry of Forests and Range (BCMoFR), Victoria. He will assume the role of a Provincial Forest

Pathologist, starting April 3, 2006. "If my past experience at the PFC is any indication of the kind of collegiality that occurs among forest health experts, then working at the BCMoFR should be just as rewarding." While maintaining old contacts, Harry invites correspondence and communication from other forest health practitioners from all points of the globe.

Dr. Marianne Elliott

Dr. Marianne Elliott, has joined Dr. Simon Francis Shamoun's research program "Forest Pest Management & Biocontrol Technology" as an NSERC Visiting Fellow (Post-doctoral Research Associate) at the NRCan-Canadian Forest Service (CFS), Pacific Forestry Center (PFC), Victoria, BC. Dr. Elliott received her Ph.D. degree in Forest Pathology "A canker disease of Pacific Madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*) caused by the fungus *Fusicoccum arbuti* (Botryosphaeriaceae)" at the University of Washington, College of Forest Resources under the direction of Dr. Robert Edmonds. In a collaborative research project between CFS-PFC and CFIA/Sidney Lab. (C/O Dr. Delano James & Saad Masri), Dr. Elliott is currently conducting research on assessment of fungicides and biocontrol agents for management of Sudden Oak Death (SOD) disease caused by an invasive alien fungus *Phytophthora ramorum*.



Dr. Marianne Elliott

Employment

Graduate Studies Position

Department of Plant Science

University of Manitoba

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

A graduate studentship in Plant Pathology (M.Sc. or Ph.D.) is available in the Dept. of Plant Science, University of Manitoba, to investigate the pathogenic variability of *Verticillium* sp. and molecular mechanisms of *Verticillium* interactions with two plant species. The project involves laboratory, greenhouse and field work. This position is available immediately. Highly motivated candidates with interest in Plant Pathology and Molecular Biology should submit their application as soon as possible to:

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Objet : recherche d'une thèse

Je suis actuellement étudiante en dernière année de la formation ingénieur Esmisab, (École Supérieure de Microbiologie et Sécurité Alimentaire de Brest), école actuellement dirigée par le Professeur Yves Tirilly. De plus, j'effectue cette année un master 2 recherche (ancienne appellation du DEA) option microbiologie.

À la fin de cette année scolaire, je serais donc normalement titulaire d'un diplôme d'ingénieur ainsi que du titre de

master 2 recherche spécialité microbiologie. Je souhaite poursuivre mes études par une thèse. J'aimerais travailler dans le domaine de la microbiologie, plus particulièrement en phytopathologie et en lutte biologique. J'ai déjà effectué un stage d'une durée de trois mois au Centre de Recherche en Horticulture (Université Laval, Québec), au laboratoire de mycologie, sous la direction du Professeur Russel Tweddell. J'ai travaillé sur la capacité de production d'auxine de bactéries antagonistes de *P. ultimum*. Cette année, j'effectue un nouveau stage d'une durée de cinq mois sur le thème de la biofiltration : je serai chargée d'étudier les modifications de la communauté microbienne au niveau de la rhizosphère de plants de tomate en culture hors-sol par les techniques de clonage et la SSCP.

De plus, j'ai réalisé deux rapports bibliographiques dans le cadre de mes études : Identification des Pythiacées et moyens de lutte biologique contre *P. ultimum*, et Techniques moléculaires pour l'analyse de la diversité microbienne.

Je souhaite réellement poursuivre mes études par la réalisation d'une thèse, et plus particulièrement au Canada, car je sais que votre état développe les recherches en agroalimentaires et en phytopathologie, et je souhaite me spécialiser dans ces domaines... Le fait d'étudier au Canada anglophone me permettra également d'améliorer mon anglais. Je me permets de vous demander si vous pourriez diffuser ma demande parmi vos collègues recherchant prochainement un étudiant en thèse, dans la mesure où vous êtes le Président de la Société Canadienne de Phytopathologie.

Espérant que vous prendrez ma demande en considération, je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur ou Madame, l'expression de mes salutations distinguées.

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