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Mot du Président/ President's Message

C'est un honneur de devenir président de la SCP à la vingtième année de mon inscription comme membre de la SCP. Merci de votre confiance. La barre est haute (voir photo des présidents



des années antérieures CPS - SCP News 48 septembre, p. 64) et je vais faire mon possible pour m'acquitter de cette tâche pour le bien de vous tous et de la SCP. Pour son haut niveau de spécialisation, le nombre de ses membres et leur vaste répartition géographique, notre association professionnelle a une vitalité extraordinaire. Nous devons cette vitalité et notre santé financière à tous les membres qui travaillent comme bénévoles pour notre société, car la SCP n'a pas d'employés, à la qualité et la popularité de nos publications scientifiques ainsi qu'au succès de nos rencontres annuelles. Je

veux faire en sorte que nos succès et notre pertinence continuent et même, progressent.

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Ma spécialisation en phytopathologie a commencé dès l'âge de 15 ans. À l'époque, je travaillais dans le département de fruits et légumes d'une grande épicerie coopérative de Québec. J'ai travaillé quatre ans, à temps partiel l'hiver et à temps plein l'été. Sans savoir ce qu'était la phytopathologie, j'ai vu et manipulé de près la plupart des maladies d'après récoltes. C'est la grève de la compagnie Slack, seul producteur de champignons au Québec à

cette époque, qui a suscité mon intérêt pour la mycologie. J'ai commencé à lire sur la mycologie en voyant tous ces clients en manque de champignons, *Agaricus bisporus* bien sûr, je me demandais ce qui était si unique au sujet de la production de champignons. Après avoir travaillé un an à temps plein à la coopérative, j'ai voyagé près d'un an en Europe avant de m'inscrire à l'université. J'avais essayé d'entrer dans les programmes spécialisés de mycologie en France, mais il me fallait un Diplôme d'Études Universitaires Générales (DEUG) avant d'avoir un premier cours de mycologie. Sur les conseils de René Pomerleau, j'ai trouvé au collège Macdonald de McGill un enseignement qui me donnait un baccalauréat plus spécialisé que ce que la France avait à offrir. J'ai eu la chance d'y recevoir des cours de Ralph Estey et Wally Sackston juste avant leur retraite. C'était les années d'expansion rapide de la lutte intégrée. C'est à Vancouver que je me suis dirigé pour faire une maîtrise en lutte intégrée et ce, à l'Université Simon Fraser. Jusqu'ici, coïncidence intéressante : mon parcours académique a été le même que notre ex-président Richard Hamelin. Mon projet de recherches de M.P.M. avec Jim Rahe sur les effets du glyphosate et sur la colonisation des racines par les champignons était prometteur. J'ai donc décidé de m'inscrire au doctorat. Ce fut un bon choix de sujet qui est redevenu d'actualité avec la popularité des cultivars Roundup Ready. Après mon doctorat, j'ai travaillé 10 ans en Colombie-Britannique avant de revenir dans l'est du pays. Pendant mon doctorat, j'ai tellement sué à isoler et identifier les *Pythium* qui venaient des

racines et du sol que j'en ai fait ma spécialité en me disant qu'il devait y avoir de meilleures façons pour faire ce genre de travail.

J'ai toujours hâte à nos réunions annuelles, quand j'étais en Colombie-Britannique, j'y

retrouvais mes amis de l'Est; maintenant, j'y retrouve mes amis de l'Ouest. Les réunions annuelles nationales ou régionales sont aussi des éléments essentiels à la vie de notre société. Nous avons réalisé

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une première en juin dernier à Edmonton lors de la réunion de Plant Canada avec la participation de six sociétés scientifiques canadiennes qui sont reliées aux plantes. Ce fut un succès grâce à Mike Deyholos et son équipe. Je profite de l'occasion pour féliciter tous les récipiendaires des prix et certificats d'appréciation mentionnés dans le rapport de notre comité de sélection des prix. Je vous mentionne que le temps est venu de penser à soumettre des candidatures pour l'année prochaine. Votre collaboration dans ce processus est essentielle.

Les préparatifs pour la réunion de 2006 à Québec avec les sociétés américaines de phytopathologie et mycologie vont bon train. Richard Bélanger est notre représentant pour le comité organisateur local. L'APS est déjà activement impliquée. La réunion sera au cœur d'un des sites touristiques les plus populaires d'Amérique du Nord. Ne manquez donc pas ce rendez-vous!

La prochaine réunion avec Plant Canada aura lieu à Saskatoon en 2007. Grâce au sens d'organisation de Karen Bailey ainsi

que de son équipe et en tirant à profit de notre expérience de cette année, nous prévoyons déjà un autre succès.

En juin dernier, le chapitre ontarien de la SCP a tenu sa réunion annuelle avec la division centre-nord de l'APS à Windsor. Ce fut un plaisir d'y participer et d'apprécier le travail excellent d'Albert Tenuta et de son groupe. Au cours de mon mandat, je compte bien participer à d'autres réunions régionales.

Nos réunions annuelles se terminent toujours par le fin du mandat de certains membres du conseil d'administration. C'est sans doute un soulagement pour ceux ou celles qui partent, mais une source d'anxiété et de regret pour ceux qui restent. Nous perdons de dévoués collaborateurs et collaboratrices à notre organisation et une partie importante de la mémoire collective du conseil si importante à son fonctionnement. Je tiens donc à remercier Richard Martin et Tony Hopkins pour leur contribution apportée à notre société. Bienvenue à Jim Menzies comme vice président et à Mary Ruth McDonald à titre de directrice adjointe. Notre Société canadienne de phytopathologie (SCP) arrêterait de fonctionner instantanément sans le travail essentiel de notre trésorier, Dilantha Fernando, de notre secrétaire, Deena Errampali, et de notre secrétaire aux adhésions, Gayle Jesperson. Toute notre reconnaissance pour votre professionnalisme et votre dévouement.

Pour notre société et son conseil d'administration, le plan stratégique 2000-2005 a été une grande source d'inspiration. À quelques exceptions près, toutes les recommandations ont été mises en place. Ces recommandations sont donc responsables de la vitalité de notre société (voir pages 47-58). Pensons maintenant au prochain cycle. J'annonce que Ron Howard qui présidait le comité en 2000 a accepté de coprésider avec David Kaminski le nouveau comité. Nathan Owen-Going, Janice Elmhirst, Tim Paulitz, Gordon Bonn,

Mary Leggett, Greg Boland, Russell Tweddell et Jim Menzies vont représenter sur ce comité la diversité que l'on retrouve chez nos membres. Je les remercie pour leur participation à cet exercice très important pour notre société.

Ron Howard a de plus présidé le comité des événements spéciaux de notre société qui a entre autres initié la publication d'un numéro spécial de la Revue canadienne de phytopathologie relatif à nos 75 ans. Le document sera imprimé sous peu et soulignera aussi les 25 ans de notre revue. Le facteur d'impact de notre revue scientifique continue sa croissance. Nous pouvons être fiers de son succès sous la direction éclairée de Zamir Punja et de son équipe.

Les livres produits par notre société sont aussi populaires dans leur version française que dans la version anglaise. Nous avons épuisé notre inventaire de la version française de *Maladies et Ravageurs des Cultures Légumières au Canada*. Nous avons dû régler immédiatement le problème. Nous retenons la leçon pour les tirages à venir. Un CD-ROM de la version française a été complété et sera disponible jusqu'à ce que la copie papier de la version anglaise soit épuisée. Je remercie Robert Lamb, Claude Richard, Guy Boivin et Richard Hamelin de leur collaboration pour compléter ce nouveau projet. Cela nous donne plus de temps pour penser à la nouvelle édition de ce livre qui avait été publié conjointement avec la Société canadienne d'entomologie.

Une recommandation de notre dernier plan stratégique était de mieux décrire le mandat du comité de Politique scientifique. Une suggestion de Bruce Gossen, président de ce comité : former un comité ad hoc lorsqu'il y a un dossier chaud. Idée excellente! C'est d'ailleurs ce que la SCP avait fait avec le dossier des collections microbiennes et ce comité ad hoc a eu un impact important. Il y a maintenant une initiative nationale financée par le

Ministère de la défense pour analyser la situation au pays et faire des recommandations précises pour redresser notre situation très précaire. Nous avons 30 ans à rattraper et nous ne réglerons pas ce problème demain. Toutefois, nous continuons de faire des progrès importants. Un autre dossier d'importance est la création d'un réseau sur la santé des plantes. Ceci faciliterait l'échange d'information et d'expertise entre les laboratoires de diagnostic et les experts. L'Agence canadienne d'inspection des aliments est prête à aider à la coordination d'un tel projet. Avec ses membres venant de différents gouvernements, des universités et même de l'industrie la SCP peut apporter un soutien indispensable à la création de ce réseau.

Pour terminer, je réitère mes remerciements à tous ceux qui s'impliquent dans les activités de notre société. Dans mes messages à venir à l'intérieur du CPS-SCP News, je vais essayer de couvrir la plupart de nos activités. CPS-SCP News, sous la direction de Kelly Turkington avec l'assistance de Jim Menzies, est notre véhicule officiel de communications. Je vous invite à y publier des articles ou à faire parvenir des messages pour l'information et le bien de nos membres. N'oublions pas que notre fenêtre sur le monde est notre site Web (<http://www.cps-scp.ca/>) qui est administré par Lakhdar Lamari. Nous recevons un nombre impressionnant de visiteurs et votre collaboration pour continuer à améliorer le contenu est toujours appréciée.

Bonne rentrée. Mon souhait : vous rencontrer au cours l'année qui vient !

It is an honour to become president of the Canadian Phytopathological Society on my 20th year as a member. I appreciate this trust from the society. It is a tough act to follow (as can be seen from the picture of past presidents in CPS-SCP News 48, September, p. 64) and I will do my best to

accomplish my duty. CPS is an extremely vibrant professional association given its size, its high level of specialization and the wide geographical distribution of its members. This vitality and financial health come from the many volunteers working for CPS, as our society does not have employees, from the quality and appeal of its scientific publications and from the success of its annual meetings. I will do my best to maintain, and hopefully increase, the number of success stories and the relevance of our society.

I could say that my specialization in plant pathology started when I was 15 years old while I was working in the produce department of a large Coop grocery store in Quebec City. I worked there for four years, part time in winter and full time in summer, not knowing anything about plant pathology despite the fact that I literally handled most of the post harvest diseases. My interest in mycology truly came during a strike at Slack's mushroom, the only mushroom production facility in the province of Quebec at the time. I started to read about mycology after seeing all these customers going into severe withdrawal over the lack of mushrooms, *Agaricus bisporus* of course, and asking myself what was so unique about mushroom production. I worked full time for a year at the Coop and traveled for close to a year in Europe before going to university. I tried to get into a specialized mycology program in France but I needed a *Diplôme d'Études Universitaires Générales* (DEUG) before being able to attend my first mycology course. Following advice from René Pomerleau, I went instead to Macdonald College of McGill University where I found a highly specialized B.Sc. in plant protection. I lucked out by having several courses from Ralph Estey and Wally Sackston just before their retirement years. These were the heydays of integrated pest management and it fitted well my aspirations to leave for Vancouver to do a Master's degree in Pest Management at Simon Fraser University. Interestingly, my academic path was the same as our ex-

president Richard Hamelin up to that point. My M.P.M. research project on the effect of glyphosate on fungal root colonization was promising enough to continue into a Ph.D. In hindsight it was a good choice given the current popularity of Roundup Ready cultivars. After graduate school, I worked 10 years in B.C. before coming back to eastern Canada. I worked so hard at isolating and identifying *Pythium* from roots and soils during my Ph.D. that I made it my specialty to find better ways to do this kind of work.

I am always looking forward to our annual meetings. When I lived in B.C., I could see my friends from the east and now I can see my friends from the west. National and regional annual meetings are essential elements for the health of our society. The Plant Canada meeting in Edmonton last June was a first with the participation of six scientific societies involved in plant science. It was a success, thanks to Mike Deyholos and his team. I take this opportunity to congratulate our members who received awards and certificates of appreciation (see the award committee report). I want to emphasize that this is the time to think about nominations for next year. Your collaboration is essential in this process.

Preparations for the 2006 joint meeting in Quebec City with APS and MSA are progressing well. Richard Bélanger is our local organizing committee representative. APS is already actively involved. This meeting will take place in the middle of one of the most popular tourism destination in North America. Do not miss this opportunity.

The next meeting with Plant Canada will be in Saskatoon in 2007. We predict another success because a great team led by Karen Bailey is organizing it and also

because we will be able to learn from our experience in 2005. The Ontario CPS chapter and the APS North Central division met last June in Windsor. I really enjoyed participating to this meeting and was impressed by the fantastic work of Albert Tenuta and his group. I am planning to attend more of these regional meetings during my mandate.

Our annual meetings always end up with the termination of the mandate of some of our board members. It is probably a relief for them but a source of anxiety for those who stay. We lose dedicated board members and an important part of the board corporate memory on which we base many of our decisions. I wish to thank Richard Martin and Tony Hopkins for their contribution to our society. I want to welcome our new vice president Jim Menzies and our junior director Mary Ruth

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McDonald. The activities of our society would stop immediately without the essential work of our treasurer, Dilantha Fernando, our secretary, Deena Errampali and our membership secretary, Gayle Jespersen. I want to thank them for their dedication and hard work.

The 2000-2005 strategic plan was a very inspiring document for our society and its board members. Except for a few rare cases, all the recommendations were acted upon and the implementation of several of these can explain the current health of our society (see pages 47-58). It is now time to think about the next

strategic plan and I am glad to announce that Ron Howard, the chair of the previous strategic plan committee, and David Kaminski will co-chair this new committee. Nathan Owen-Going, Janice Elmhirst, Tim Paulitz, Gordon Bonn, Mary Leggett, Greg Boland, Russell Tweddell and Jim Menzies will provide on this committee a good representation of our diversified membership. Thank you all for your participation in this very important endeavour for our society.

Ron Howard also chaired the Special Events Committee for the 75th anniversary of our society, initiating the publishing of a special anniversary issue of CJPP. It will be printed shortly and will also highlight the 25th anniversary of the journal. The impact factor of CJPP keeps going up and we can be proud of its success under the expert leadership of Zamir Punja and his team.

The books published by our society are as popular in their French versions as they are in English. We are sold out of the French version of Diseases and Pests of Vegetable Crops in Canada. We have learned our lesson for future printings but we had to find a quick fix for this problem. We just completed a CD-ROM of the French version which will be available until the hard copies of the English version run out. I want to thank Robert Lamb, Claude Richard, Guy Boivin and Richard Hamelin for their help in completing this new project. This buys us time to think about the new edition of this book which was a joint venture between the Entomological Society of Canada and CPS.

One of the recommendations from our last strategic plan was to describe better the mandate of our Scientific Policy committee. Bruce Gossen, the current chair of this committee, suggested we create an ad hoc committee when there are specific issues to deal with. I believe it is an excellent idea. This is what CPS

did a few years ago with microbial culture collections and this committee had an important impact. There is now a national initiative funded by National Defence to analyse the Canadian situation and make specific recommendations to improve the difficult situation we are in. This will not be fixed tomorrow as we have 30 years to catch up on, but we continue to make important progress on this. Another hot issue is the creation of a national network of plant health in order to facilitate exchanges of information between diagnostic laboratories and experts. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is ready to help coordinate this project. CPS can provide an invaluable support to this network since its membership represents different governments, universities and industry. In closing, I want to thank again everybody involved in the activities of our society. I will try to cover most of them in my future messages in CPS-SCP News. Our newsletter is our official communication tool. The editor, Kelly Turkington, and the associate editor, Jim Menzies, always welcome your articles and messages. Our window to the world is our website (<http://www.cps-scp.ca/>) and is administered by Lakhdar Lamari. We receive an impressive amount of hits and your collaboration to continue to improve its content is always appreciated.

Bonne rentrée and I hope to meet you during the coming year.

André Lévesque
Président/President CPS-SCP

Committee Reports

2005 CPS Awards Committee Report

The following awards were announced and presented at the CPS Annual Meeting in Edmonton on June 18, 2005: CPS Fellow, Honorary Member of the CPS, two awards each for Graduate Student Travel, Best Student Oral Presentation and Best Student Poster Presentation.

Graduate Student Travel Award:

Amelie Dauch, for outstanding research, leadership and scholarship. Ms. Dauch presented results from of her Ph.D. thesis in her presentation titled "Transcriptome analysis of *Colletotrichum coccodes*/*Abutilon theophrasti* pathogenic interaction."

Rajesh Ramarathnam - for outstanding research, leadership and scholarship. Mr. Ramarathnam presented results from of his Ph.D. thesis in his presentation titled "*Pseudomonas chloraphis* strain 190 and biological control of blackleg in canola: understanding the array of potential mechanisms involved."

The recipients received funding to attend the annual CPS meeting and an opportunity to present their work.

Best Student Oral Presentation:

1st place: Greg Perry, University of Waterloo, Department of Biology. "Reduced Expression of eukaryotic translation initiation factor 5A2 imparts strong pathogen resistance to *Arabidopsis thaliana*."

2nd place: Syama Chatterton, Simon Fraser University, Department of Biological Sciences. "Potential mechanisms of biological control by *Gliocladium catenulatum* against fusarium root and stem rot of greenhouse cucumber."

Honorable Mentions:

David Greenshields, University of Saskatchewan, Department of Biology. "A quinine redox cycle active during powdery mildew infection of wheat."

Amelie Dauch, McGill University, Department of Plant Science. "Transcriptome analysis of *Colletotrichum coccodes* / *Abutilon theophrasti* pathogenic interaction."

Best Student Poster Presentation:

1st place: Valérie Gravel, Université Laval, Centre de Recherche en Horticulture. "Potential biocontrol agents against *Pythium* root rot of greenhouse tomato."

2nd place: Rajesh Ramarathnam, University of Manitoba, Department of Plant Science. "Differential induction of glucanase and peroxidase by antagonistic bacteria towards biocontrol of *Leptosphaeria maculans* in canola."

Honorable Mention: Xieben Wang, University of Manitoba, Department of Plant Science. "Real-time PCR analysis of *pal*, *hmgr*, *pr-1* and *pr-5* in potato inoculated with *Phytophthora infestans* genotypes US-1 and US-8."

All Awardees received a copy of Diseases of Field Crops in Canada and the first and second place winners received monetary awards.

CPS Fellow Award:

Dr. Ronald James Howard - Fellow of the Canadian Phytopathological Society

The Canadian Phytopathological Society is proud to announce that Dr. Ronald (Ron) James Howard has been named as a Fellow of the society. Dr. Howard has rendered outstanding service to the CPS and to the profession of plant pathology

within Canada. He was raised on a farm near Harris, Saskatchewan and received his B.S.A at the University of Saskatchewan in 1969, and an M.Sc. in 1971 under the direction of Prof. Robin Morrall. Dr. Howard then completed a Ph.D. in Plant Pathology from the University of Wisconsin, in 1975.

Dr. Howard started his career with the Alberta Department of Agriculture at Brooks Alberta in 1975, where he continues to provide service to producers and agricultural professionals. His duties have included providing extension advice to growers and conducting applied research on diseases of varied crops and non-crop plants. Dr. Howard's extensive knowledge of the diseases and insect pests of many crops has been a great asset to Alberta and Canada. He has written or delivered over 1000 scientific and extension publications and presentations, led numerous initiatives within the province of Alberta, and participated in graduate student education as an adjunct professor at the University of Alberta.

Dr. Howard joined the CPS in 1970 and served as the president from 1997-1998. He was an associate editor of the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology from 1981-1985, and has served on many committees within the CPS. His leadership was especially noticed on the

Strategic Planning Committee where he helped the committee develop the first five-year plan of the CPS. He also helped edit, the large publication "Diseases and Pests of Vegetable Crops in Canada." For his outstanding service to the CPS and all Canadians in a very professional and humble manner the CPS is proud to name Dr. Ronald Howard a Fellow of the Canadian Phytopathological Society.



CPS-SCP President Richard C. Hamelin (L) and Suha Jabaji-Hare (R), CPS-SCP Awards Committee presenting Dr. Ronald James Howard (C) with the Fellow of the Canadian Phytopathological Society award.

**Honorary Member of the CPS
Dr. Robert W. Stack – Canadian
Phytopathological Society Honorary
Member**

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Robert W. Stack has been named an Honorary Member of the Canadian Phytopathological Society. Dr. Stack has given eminent service to plant pathology in his role as a professor at North Dakota State University in the areas of teaching, research, and extension in field crop and forest pathology. He is a world authority on soil-borne diseases of small grains, in particular the common root rot and the fusarium disease complexes, and on Fusarium head blight (FHB). He has written numerous publications in scientific journals and books on plant pathology and mycology and helped to develop wheat cultivars such 'Alsen', and 'Glenn' with superior FHB resistance. Dr. Stack taught several courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels,

supervised graduate students, and participated in many graduate student committees. Dr. Stack has been a strong supporter of the CPS throughout his career and has attended many of our annual meetings during his 25 year membership.

Congratulations to all award recipients and our thanks to all those who prepared and submitted nominations. Thanks are also extended to all members of the Awards Committee, Suha Jabaji-Hare, Mike Celetti, Antonet Svircev, and Sabine Banniza for their hard work throughout the year, and to Won-Sik Kim and Khalid Rashid who participated as judges in the graduate student oral and poster presentations.

Submitted by: Brent McCallum
Chair, CPS Awards Committee

CPS Financial Advisory Committee Report June 2005

Members Present: R. Martin (chair), R. Hamelin, A. Levesque, J. Menzies, A. Hopkin, B. Gossen
Regrets: D. Fernando, R. Howard
Additional: S. Boyetchko

The Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) met June 13, 2005 to (1) review the final year of the CPS Strategic Plan, (2) review the financial statements for 2004 from the auditors, and (3) prepare a proposed budget for 2006.

1) Strategic Plan (2000-2005) Final Report

The 5 year Strategic Plan for the CPS was reviewed by the FAC. 2005 was the final year for this Strategic Plan. The strategic plan has been an excellent guide for the Society in providing direction over the last

5 years. A new strategic plan will be worked on in the coming year with a presentation of the plan at the 2006 AGM; Ron Howard will be co-chairing the next strategic plan committee.

A complete report will be printed in the CPS-News.

Of the 50 specific plan items, 82% were completed, 14% are mostly completed to some extent or are underway, and 4% were not dealt with for a number of reasons. What was evident from the review of the strategic plan and what has been accomplished, was that many items are ongoing and will need to be continually addressed; such as ensuring that the web page is functional, current, and continually meets the needs and direction of the Society. The first strategic plan provided the CPS with an excellent directional guide for the last five years and helped to focus activity. The authors of the plan are to be congratulated on an excellent job, as are all of the membership which has contributed to addressing the plan.

Some of the significant achievements through the Strategic Plan include the following:

- Annual meeting (LAC) guide
- CPS for Dummies Manual - operation guide to the CPS
- Electronic publication of CJPP
- Joint meetings (CFBC 2003, APS 2006, Plant Canada 2005 and 2007)
- Creation of website and ongoing improvements
- Two membership surveys
- More industry interactions
- Graduate student social, presentation and travel awards
- Award for industry and extension activities
- Improvement of symposia and workshops at meetings
- Increased funding to regional associations

- Funding for international meetings
- 3rd edition of DFCC
- MGCC, French translation of DFCC
- Membership brochures
- Introduction of plant pathology teaching resources on website
- Review of Board structure and CPS committees
- Improved workload of Board members
- Identified new sources of funding - book projects
- Increased contributions of articles, news and history from members
- Electronic publication of CPDS on website
- Mycology ID course in 2004
- Sponsorship QSPP to publish "Names of Plant Diseases in Canada"
- CJPP titles on website
- Evaluation of strategic planning process and results.
- etc.

2) Financial Statements/Auditors Report for 2004

2a) The financial statement for 2004, as prepared by the auditors, was reviewed by the FAC. It was noted that there was a difficulty in determining expenditures based on the method that the society budgets for revenue and expenditure.

The FAC recommends to the Board that the CPS financial line items in the books be recoded to better reflect how CPS wishes to budget its line items; with the option of an ad hoc committee being struck to ensure books reflect budget requirements, following consultation with the auditors. For example printing and mailing would not be a separate category, but printing and mailing expenditures would be assigned to the appropriate category which would best describe the expenditure, such as charging against Membership Directory, CPS News, specific book mailing, etc. This would improve the budgeting process. This is to be

completed by the start of the next budget year (January 1, 2006).

2b) Revenue and expenditures on the CJPP requires clarification in the overall accounting. Currently NRC collects some funds while CPS collects some. NRC deducts its expenditures from funds collected by them, until the revenue they have collected has been expended, then NRC bills the Society. Auditors have indicated that they would like clearer accounting of this in the future.

In addition, costs of symposium, workshop papers and meeting abstracts, which were approved by the Board for inclusion in the CJPP, at CPS expense, have not been reflected in revenue to CJPP. While the bottom line of the Society is not affected, it does imply a potential loss in the CJPP accounting. To address this there should be a expenditure against general operation line items with a parallel revenue entry for the CJPP in the books.

Recommendations have been made to the Board to review closely the revenue and expenditure for the CJPP, in relationship to NRC accounting and to other factors such as Board approved expenditures. Following review the Board and CJPP Editor will review the subscription fees and page charges, to ensure that the CJPP is not losing money. The preferred direction in any changes to financing of the CJPP would be via page charges; noting that subscription rates to members would entail a by-law change.

2c) The Society has a single capital asset item, an old computer. This has been depreciated each year. The FAC recommends that this be written off completely in the current year (2005)

3) 2006 CPS/SCP Budget

The following is the 2006 budget as recommended and approved by the Board

and adopted by the CPS at the AGM (June 18, 2005). The issues indicated in section 2 above were presented as part of the budget and are to be addressed by the Treasurer, Board and CJPP Editor in the coming year, as noted.

CPS/SCP 2006 Budget

	Budget 2006	Budget 2005	Actual 2004
Revenues			
General Operations			
Membership	17580	17410	19698
Annual Meetings	27000	40000	55297
Other	4500	5500	4210
Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology			
Membership	13470	13595	12484
NRFC Subscriptions	35000	35000	33614
Page Charges, etc.	37500	40000	31112
Information Products'			
MGCC	16500	21000	0
DFCC	15000	21000	27576
DPVCC/MRCLC	1000	1000	595
History of Plant Path.	2500	2500	0
Book Donations			3000
Total Revenues	170050	197005	187586
Expenditures			
General Operations			
Meetings			
Annual	25000	38000	56509
Regional	4000	3000	2896
International	2500	2500	0
CPS - News	5000	5000	3369

CPS - Website	3000	2500	2724
CPS - Directory	1500	1300	1173
CPDS	2500	2500	1609
Travel	18500	15000	11407
Professional Services	8500	6500	8352
General/Miscellaneous			
Financial Charges	6500	4500	7315
Other	7350	6150	12137
Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology	90600	90600	36376
Information Products			
MGCC	4500	40000	18122
DFCC	2000	3000	3687
DPVCC/MRCLC	0	20000	260
History of Plant Path.	15000	2500	
Total Expenditures	196450	243050	165936

Net (Revenues minus Expenditures)	-26400	-46045	21650
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Preparing a New Strategic Plan for the CPS/SCP

The Society's first strategic plan was implemented in 2000 and guided its operations for a five-year period. The success of this plan has prompted the Society to develop a new plan for 2006-2010. A Strategic Planning Committee (SPC), co-chaired by Ron Howard and David Kaminski, has been created to undertake this task. Other members of this committee are Nathan Owen-Going, Janice Elmhirst, Tim Paulitz, Gordon Bonn, Mary Leggett, Greg Boland, Russell Tweddell and Jim Menzies (ex-officio). Receiving ideas and feedback from Society

members was a key part of developing the first strategic plan. In the months to come, the SPSC will be asking CPS-SCP members for input on the new plan and we look forward to hearing from you. If you are not familiar with the old plan and all that was accomplished through it, we would invite you to read the strategic plan report prepared by the Financial Advisory Committee and published in this issue of the newsletter.

Submitted by R.J. Howard

**FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STRATEGIC PLAN 2000-2005**

Final Report

This report represents the final summary of the 2000-2005 CPS Strategic Plan, by goal. The Strategic Plan has provided the Society with an excellent directional guide over the last five years, and helped in focusing activity. The vast majority of the goals (96%) initially set out have been addressed to some extent. Many of the goals will however be ongoing and will probably reappear in the next Strategic Plan. It is important that the accomplishments of the last five years are maintained and built upon in the coming years.

H = High priority items addressed in first 12 months and for which progress was reviewed in Punja's 2001 Report.

M = Medium priority items addressed in first 3 years and for which progress was reviewed in Rimmer's 2002 and Boland's 2003 report.

L = Low priority items addressed in Year 4 and for which progress was reviewed in Bailey's 2004 and Martin's 2005 report.

Vision:

We are a diverse, proactive and dynamic professional scientific organization committed to creating and sharing knowledge of plant pathology in Canada and beyond.

Mission:

The CPS/SCP encourages and supports research and education in plant pathology, heightens public awareness of the importance of plant diseases and the benefits of controlling them, and serves as a forum for discussion of policies and strategies affecting all aspects of plant pathology in Canada.

Goals, Strategies and Actions:

Goals, strategies and actions were formulated according to five general themes:

- Member Services (Goal 1)
- Communications (Goal 2)
- Organizational effectiveness (Goal 3)
- Membership (Goal 4)
- Advocacy (Goals 5 and 6)

GOAL 1: To foster professional development for Society members.

1. Enhance CPS/SCP website capabilities and access to modern communication technology.

- 1.1 Establish a database of full- and part-time employment, post doctoral and graduate student placement opportunities. [Webmaster] **(H) Completed.**

The website was overhauled by Greg Boland, refinements and improvements have been ongoing, with improved format and content. Lakdhar Lamari has taken on the duties of webmaster.

- 1.2 Develop a roster of retired members who would be willing to serve as mentors, advisors or consultants. [Membership Secretary and Education and Public Awareness Committee] **(M) Partially Completed.**

The Membership Secretary has developed a database of members, including duration of membership. Members were invited to help with planning of 75th celebrations in Ottawa. Long-standing members were also recognized at 75th meeting, with special invitations. Retired members participated in the planning and organization of 75th meeting celebrations (i.e. symposium speakers, articles for newsletter, special events). More can be done to increase involvement by preparing a specific list of areas that retired members may be willing to volunteer; including translating, coaching, guest lecturing, diagnostic assistance, contributing to organization of regional or national meetings, etc.

- 1.3 Develop a list of continuing education courses, workshops, seminars, etc. [Education and Public Awareness Committee; Webmaster] **(L) Completed.**

The website has a section on Meetings which provides information about CPS meetings as well as other national and international meetings being held in the current year and also for future years.

- 1.4 Investigate ways of using tools such as video conferencing and virtual learning to improve communications for and between members. [Education and Public Awareness Committee; Webmaster] **(L) Completed (partial).**

The website has a section on Educational Resources which provides computer games, posters, experiments, power point presentations, and links to other educational websites for use by educators and for virtual learning.

2. Enhance professional development opportunities at the annual meeting.

- 2.1 Evaluate the effectiveness of the annual meeting as a means of providing learning and networking opportunities for members. [Governing Board] **(H) Completed.**

Data collected in a questionnaire used to plan and improve future annual meetings, such as the addition of industry session(s), graduate student social, and

workshops. More emphasis on joint meetings (Plant Canada, 2005 and 2007, and APS, 2006). Special events at 75th anniversary. Also, as in 2.2 below workshops have been arranged or supported, such as a microbial identification workshop after the annual meeting in 2004. Special plenary sessions and symposia planned jointly by the Symposium and Workshop Committee, LAC, and Special Events Committee for the 75th meeting.

- 2.2 Arrange activities that will facilitate networking, professional growth and continuing education of members. [Local Arrangements Committees, Education and Public Awareness Committee, and Symposium and Workshop Committee]

(M) Completed

Various activities including meetings of the Biocontrol Network prior to, and a joint meeting of the Alberta Society for Plant Pathology, Waterton 2002; meeting of the CPS Microbial Genetic Resources and Culture Collection Committee in association with CARC; joined Plant Canada; APS joint meeting in 2006. Role and process of Symposium and Workshop Committee reviewed, including input from LAC and Industry Committee. Education and Public Awareness Committee has developed materials for website and this section; regional participation in development of posters for 75th meeting; etc.

3. Promote special regional meetings and activities.

- 3.1 Fund and promote special regional events, e.g. speakers, seminars, workshops, tours, with reduced costs for society members. [Financial Advisory Committee, Regional Representatives, and Symposium and Workshop Committee] **(H) Completed.**

Base level of support to regional meetings increased. Addition seed money support for special activities at regional meetings is becoming more of the norm; support of guest speakers and/or symposia/workshops at regional meetings.

The Board has spent or budgeted over 20K for regional meetings and special events, including: invited speakers in British Columbia, Southwestern Ontario Regional, Atlantic region and a Saskatchewan/Alberta Joint regional meeting, and sponsored a published symposium on Fusarium Head Blight, and support of the QSPP publication on Names of Plants Diseases in Canada in French and English.

GOAL 2: To provide a forum for the collection, discussion and dissemination of scientific information on plant diseases.

1. Provide additional support for regional, national and international scientific meetings.

- 1.1 Allocate more budget money to support regional meetings. [Financial Advisory Committee] **(H) Completed.**

Note 3.1. The Society supported international plant pathology meetings held in Canada, support, including 10th Root and Butt Rot meeting, support ISPP meeting in 2003, support for CARC / CPS Joint Symposium on Microbial Genetics Collections in 2003, support for publication costs for Fusarium Head

Blight workshop in 2003, and additional funds provided to the Saskatchewan/Alberta Joint regional meeting and the BC Regional association for invited speakers; to name a few.

- 1.2 Investigate alternative means of fund raising to support regional meetings [Financial Advisory Committee] **(L) Completed.**

Regional groups actively fund raise on a local level (local representatives of sustaining associates, other local business) to help reduce costs of regional meetings or provide prizes. Fund generation within the Society as a whole, such as book sales, permitted broader support to Regional groups.

2. Ensure timely publication of the *Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology/Revue Canadienne Phytopathologie*.

- 2.1 Investigate the feasibility of electronic publication of *CJPP*. [Journal Improvement Committee] **(H) Completed.**

*In conjunction with NRC the CPS has launched an electronic version of *CJPP*. It is now well established. A fair portion (25-30%) of the membership now uses the electronic version, either alone or in combination with the print copy.*

3. Facilitate annual publication of the *Canadian Plant Disease Survey*.

- 3.1 Encourage members to submit current and historical information for publication. [CPDS Coordinator and Editor-in-Chief, *CJPP*] **(M) Completed.**

Membership has been encouraged to do so annually in a call for submissions in the newsletter.

- 3.2 Create an electronic database of article titles, subjects/keywords and authors from 1920 to present. [CPDS Coordinator] **(M) Underway.**

*This was undertaken and is close to completion. See also Section 4.1. CPDS posted on CPS website as pdf downloadable files (1997-2005). Activity on database deferred to 2004-05 due to commitments to publish the French edition of *DFCC*.*

4. Advocate the use of the internet and the CPS/SCP website for efficient communications.

- 4.1 Add new information and databases to the website, e.g. indexes for *CJPP* and *CPDS*. [Webmaster, *CJPP* Editor-in-Chief, and *CPDS* Coordinator] **(H) Partially Completed.**

*Indexes for each *CJPP* volume added to website; *CPDS* index is in preparation (Section 3.2 above).*

- 5 Support the production of specialized plant disease publications as appropriate.

- 5.1 Revise and publish *Diseases of Field Crops in Canada*. [Information Products Marketing Committee] **(H) Completed.**

DFCC revision was completed and released in 2003, headed by Karen Bailey. The French edition of DFCC was completed in 2004.

- 5.2 Investigate the feasibility of publishing society books in a CD ROM format. [Information Products Marketing Committee] **(H) Completed.**

It would cost about \$25,000 to put the current revision of DFCC on CD. Whether or not this would increase market potential for the books enough to justify the cost was discussed; decision not to proceed.

The History of Plant Pathology in Canada by I.L. Connors will be printed on CD as part of the 75th anniversary; a steering committee headed by Denis Gaudet is overseeing the writing of a supplement to this book.

French version of DPVC scanned and approved for CD release to enable time for English version to be sold out, prior to a new version being introduced.

6. Encourage increased contributions from members for the *CPS/SCP News*.

- 6.1 Solicit articles in new topic areas, such as the future of plant pathology in Canada, career counseling and ethics in science. [Newsletter Editors] **(H) Ongoing.**

Articles from members-at-large are appearing in the Newsletter. Members are encouraged to continue submitting. Good response for 75th anniversary including Reminiscences and Early Canadian Plant Pathologists appearing in newsletter.

GOAL 3: To ensure the long-term viability of the society.

1. Maintain an effective non-profit society.

- 1.1 Review the structure of the society, governing board and committees at least every five years. [Governing Board] **(H) Completed.**

Existing structure works; the role of the directors was more clearly defined. Some committees were reviewed and updated (eg. microbial genetics and culture collections, ad hoc SPEC, symposium and workshop, LAC). Discussions are underway relative to Board nominations.

- 1.2 Revise the society's constitution and by-laws, as required, within one year of an organizational review. [Governing Board] **(H) Completed.**

Reviewed and, as needed, changes approved at AGM's, following publishing proposed revisions to the bylaws in CPS-SCP News prior to AGM.

- 1.3 Revise the existing *Guide to Organizing Annual Meetings* for use by Local Arrangements Committee. [Governing Board] **(H) Completed.**

An Operations Manual for the CPS Board and Committees was completed. This guide has been revised by the LAC at each of the previous annual meetings and passed onto the LAC for the next year.

Lone Buchwaldt prepared a comprehensive Operational Manual for CPS. The Board decided that the Past President would undertake an annual update of this Manual for CPS, which includes the LAC Guidelines. President to circulate the Operational Manual to all relevant committees yearly.

2. Develop a five-year financial plan that will reflect the growing and changing needs of the organization.
 - 2.1 Extend budget forecasts from a one- to a five-year interval. [Treasurer] **(H) Not completed.**

The FAC continues to work with the Treasurer to extend budget forecasts. It has been decided that budgeting beyond the coming year is not feasible, but that each Board should keep long term projects (revenue and expenditures) in mind when developing the budget for the next year. The FAC should make note yearly, of longer term plans of a budget nature.

- 2.2 Identify alternative ways of generating financial resources. [Financial Advisory Committee] **(H) Completed.**

Discussions of various options for increasing revenues and reducing expenses for the CPS were considered by the Board and FAC. These discussions are ongoing. The publication of the third edition of DFCC has generated new financial resources. The french translation of DFCC and arrangements for marketing and distribution through CRAQ will generate future financial resources. Discussions with the Entomological Society of Canada are underway regarding future options for DPVCC, particularly with the french version being sold out.

3. Establish a process of ongoing strategic planning to insure that the society remains flexible and responsive to current and future needs.
 - 3.1 Assess the effectiveness of the current strategic planning process. [Governing Board] **(M) Completed.**

Ongoing through the FAC and Board, with annual report to membership at AGM.

- 3.2 Evaluate the success of the implementation plan on an annual basis. [Governing Board and Financial Advisory Committee] **(M) Completed**

The strategic plan process has been evaluated on an annual basis and reported to the membership. The success of the evaluation and action of goals has led to

discussions on the development of a second strategic plan during 2005/2006 for introduction at the 2006 AGM. Chairperson(s) currently being approached.

- 3.3 Develop a process for preparing a new strategic plan within a five-year time frame. [Governing Board] **(L) Completed.**

Work on forming a new committee has been initiated by the Board. It was decided to await the completion of the current plan prior to a committee starting on the next, so as not to lose momentum on the current plan actions. The new strategic plan will be ready for membership review at the annual meeting in 2006.

4. Identify means to alleviate the heavy work load of some board members.

- 4.1 Investigate the feasibility of hiring a part-time assistant for the Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary. [Governing Board] **(H) Completed.**

The Board decided it would be best to hire support staff where and when needed rather than a single person at one location; and provided budgetary funds for this. Recommended that the Treasurer be given financial assistance to establish an accounting software program, training, and part-time assistance to maintain the books, as required.

5. Improve the ability of standing, subject matter and *ad hoc* committees to fulfill their mandates.

- 5.1 Inform new committee members about the mandate and goals of their committee. [Committee Chairs] (H) **Completed (ongoing).**

*Vice-President and Junior/Senior Directors were to work closely with CPS committees to make them more effective and to provide a direct link with the Board. Operational Manual has provided clearer definition of mandates for standing committees, with yearly updates by Past President. The by-laws were amended to have the president send a letter of appointment to subject and *ad hoc* committee chairs. Chair and members of standing committees were posted on website, and the chairs of the subject matter and *ad hoc* committees were also posted.*

- 5.2 Draft/revise terms of reference for committees and establish priorities and/or develop schedules for high priority tasks. [Governing Board and Committee Chairs] **(H) Completed.**

As per 5.1, terms of reference and membership for CPS committees, where available, have been updated and posted to the website. High priorities were given to 3rd edition of DFCC, French translation of DFCC, and 75th Anniversary Meeting.

- 5.3 Promote regular meetings or conference calls for all committees. [Committee Chairs] **(H) Ongoing, but needs more work.**

As per 5.1. Perhaps time at annual meeting be set aside for committees to meet.

6. Maintain or increase key member services and identify potential new services.

- 6.1 Request increased financial support for regional meetings and workshops when appropriate. [Financial Advisory Committee and Governing Board] **(H) Completed.**

As per Goal 2, Strategy 1, Action 1.1. Ongoing. Increased support has been provided to regional associations for special activities/workshops/speakers; support provided for international meetings, workshops outside of CPS, and increased support level for 75th meeting.

- 6.2 Facilitate development of the website as a focus for the society's activities.[Webmaster] **(H) Completed.**

As per Goal 1, Strategy 1, Action 1.1. The website continues to grow in content and use. New format released in 2003-04. New Website Editor in 2004 (L. Lamari).

- 6.3 Survey members to assess the value of current services and the need for new ones. [Governing Board] **(M) Completed.**

A survey of membership has been conducted regarding preferences for Annual meetings and the results were published in the CPS News. A survey concerning other services and needs was completed in 2003.

GOAL 4: To increase the number and diversity of members in the society.

1. Encourage more graduate students to become active members of the society.

- 1.1 Increase profile and availability of travel grants and awards for graduate students to attend regional and national meetings. [Financial Advisory Committee and Awards Committee] **(M) Completed**

Student travel and presentation awards are in place with increased funding.

- 1.2 Provide special events, e.g. a grad student mixer, at national meetings. [Local Arrangements Committees] **(M) Completed**

A graduate student mixer was initiated and has been incorporated into the guidelines for holding Annual meetings.

- 1.3 Provide prospective student members with an information package on services offered by the society for students. [Membership Secretary] **(H) Completed.**

A new membership brochure was published. All advisors of grad students have been encouraged to purchase the first year of subscription for their students. A free

one year membership is provided with student presentation/poster awards. Web site provides relatively in-depth information on Society.

2. Encourage more industry/extension specialists to become active members of the society.
 - 2.1 Prepare regular features in the newsletter targeted to industry, extension and emeritus members. [Newsletter Editors, Industry Relations Committee, and Education and Public Awareness Committee] **(M) Completed.**

A new award relating to industry, Award for Achievements in Plant Pathology, was approved and the first to be awarded in 2002-03. The CPS News Editor continues to solicit articles for the News in all areas of plant pathology. The Articles of various areas of plant pathology are regularly posted to the CPS website.

- 2.2 Promote regional meeting to a larger audience, e.g. obtain email lists from industry. [Membership Committee, Regional Representatives, and Industry Relations Committee] **(M) Completed.**

Ongoing by Regional Associations. Supported for regional meetings and workshops increased. (Regional Associations need to keep webmaster updated.)

- 2.3 Schedule national annual meeting outside of the summer field season on a regular basis. [Future Meetings Committee] **(M) Completed.**

This is still being considered when/if the opportunity arises, in relation to joint meetings with other Societies. Covered in membership survey, without overwhelming support.

- 2.4 Develop a new membership category (lower cost) that does not include the journal [Membership Committee] **(L) Completed.**

Discussed at by Board in 2003-04 and decision made to not pursue. The cost of membership is low relative to other organizations and the demand for this category is too low. Also, with online access by large organizations, some members may drop journal and then cost for journal would have to increase.

3. Encourage more Canadian and foreign plant pathologists and scientists from related disciplines to join the society.

- 3.1 Prepare an information brochure highlighting current CPS/SCP activities. [Governing Board] **(H) Completed.**

A new membership brochure was published in 2001. Canadian plant pathologists who are APS members but not CPS members will be contacted and encouraged to join CPS. A CPS membership brochure will be included with thank you letters to CJPP reviewers from foreign countries who are not already CPS members. The Society advertised itself through an APS mailing.

- 3.2 Provide prospective members with an information package on society services, publications and activities. [Membership Secretary and International Cooperation Committee] **(M) Completed.**

A new information brochure has been developed and distributed with CPS News and by APS. Much of the relevant Society information is available on the Society's website.

- 3.3 Arrange joint meetings (regional, national and international) with other scientific societies. [Future Meetings Committee and Symposium and Workshop Committee] **(M) Completed.**

A number of joint meetings are planned, including meetings with Plant Canada (2005 and 2007, when we host) and APS (2006).

GOAL 5: To promote public awareness of plant pathology in Canada.

1. Emphasize the importance of plant pathology to the public by taking every opportunity to arrange or volunteer for guest presentations.

- 1.1 Arrange, publicize and provide financial support for speakers for public presentations. [Education and Public Awareness Committee and Financial Advisory Committee] **(M) Completed.**

EPA Committee contributed material to website, and an education centre has been added to website. Book launches. Funded guest speakers at regional meetings across the country.

- 1.2 Compile and publicize speaker's rosters for the different schools, colleges and universities in each region and encourage members to get on the roster. [Education and Public Awareness Committee and Webmaster] **(M) Completed.**

This is being done in some regions. A list of current and future national and international meetings posted on website. Local school programs/mentorship programs supported by members on an ad hoc basis.

- 1.3 Initiate a CPS/SCP prize at the National Science Fair. [Awards Committee] **(M) Completed.**

This was discussed by the Board but not supported. Board recommended proceeding with development of more innovative teaching and experimental material in website before establishing a prize; with educational resources being added to the website.

- 1.4 Serve as mentors at the Connaught Biotech (Science Fair) Competition. [Education and Public Awareness Committee] **(M) Completed.**

See 1.3 above. Lists of potential volunteers available from regional associations and for possible posting to website. Left up to individual members to pursue, through local school or related regional projects.

2. Use the CPS/SCP website to answer plant health questions from the general public.
 - 2.1 Provide a “need help” link on the website by researching the best links within Canada and elsewhere. [Webmaster]. **(L) Completed.**

Website links are provided on CPS website. Included is ISPP site which links to specialists.

- 2.2 Recruit volunteers with specific expertise to answer questions via email. [Education and Public Awareness Committee] **(L) Completed.**

No volunteers were found. Ad hoc response more based on work situations than direct CPS connection. Future could include a roster of retired members interested in these activities.

- 2.3 Form an *ad hoc* committee to document the current “state of the art” of plant pathology teaching in Canada and investigate whether co-operative approaches between universities would offer any solutions. [New Ad Hoc Committee on Education in Plant Pathology] **(M) Not complete**

Under review, but not completed. With continuing retirements in plant pathology, this has to be priority in coming years, noting changes in universities, and at provincial and federal level (potential Policy Committee issue).

GOAL 6: To maximize input into relevant public policy issues affecting plant pathology and the agricultural and forestry industries in Canada.

1. Increase liaison with other Canadian plant biology organizations, ag-forestry groups and university departments to facilitate discussion of policy issues.
 - 1.1 Revise terms of reference of the Science Policy Committee to better define when action is needed on relevant issues and who should be involved in implementation. [Science Policy Committee] **(M) Ongoing.**

The role of the Science Policy Committee continues to be poorly defined relative to goals and expectations, and as a result more reactive than proactive. Terms of reference to be revised by Andre Levèsque (President Elect), for his presidential year (2005/06).

- 1.2 Form an electronic action network to coordinate lobbying efforts on issues such as education in plant biology, environmental quality, bioengineering, food safety, etc. [Science Policy] **(L) Completed.**

Access through electronic connections with Plant Canada and also recent meetings with CARC in 2002-03 and 2003-04 on future of Canadian agricultural related Societies. CPS has started exchanging newsletters with other societies in Plant Canada.

Summary of Actions Taken Under Strategic Plan for 2000-2005...Final Summary

Proposed	Completed	Ongoing, mostly completed	Ongoing, needs work
23 High priority	19	3	1
18 Medium priority	16	1	1
8 Low priority	7	1	0
Total			

<u>Achievements - some</u>	<u>To do's- major areas</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual meeting guide - CPS Operational Manual (Dummies manual) - Electronic publication of CJPP - Joint meetings - Website - Two surveys of membership interests and desired services - More industry interactions - Graduate student social, awards, travel - Award for industry & extension activity - Symposia and workshops - Increased funding to regional associations and international meetings - New edition of DFCC - French translation of DFCC - History of Plant Pathology in Canada started - Membership brochures - Plant pathology teaching resources - Review structure of Board - Reduce workload of Board members - Identify new sources of funding - Increased contributions of articles, news and history from members - Electronic Publication of CPDS Sponsored QSPP to publish "Names of Plant Diseases in Canada" - Evaluation of strategic planning process and results - CJPP titles on website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Science policy and mandate - Regular meetings of all committees - Speakers for schools - Database of titles - CPDS - 5 year financial planning

Report from Plant Canada, 2004-2005

The main activity of Plant Canada in 2005 was to organize and conduct a joint meeting of the six societies that constitute Plant Canada (Canadian Botanical Association, Canadian Phytopathological Society, Canadian Society of Agronomy, Canadian Society of Horticultural Science, Canadian Society of Plant Physiologists, Canadian Society of Weed Science). This meeting brought together more than 550 participants from across Canada, and was a great success for plant science, with lots of opportunities for interaction and discussion across discipline. Preliminary reports indicate that it was also a financial success, which was important because Plant Canada has a substantial membership (via its constitutive societies) but very limited revenues, e.g., no membership fee.

A website for Plant Canada (<http://www.plantcanada.ca/>) is now available. It contains a brief history of the organization, together with the constitution, bylaws, annual reports, and web links to member societies. This website is currently being updated and expanded, and will be available in French by year-end.

Over the next two years, the objectives of Plant Canada are modest but important: to increase communication across plant science disciplines, to provide a forum for emerging issues in plant science via its (new) Science Policy Committee, and to conduct another joint meeting of the member societies, scheduled to be held in Saskatoon SK June 10-14, 2007. CPS will be the host society for this meeting, and the local arrangements committee (chaired by Karen Bailey) is already hard at work to ensure that this is the best meeting ever, so mark these dates on your calendars.

The Plant Canada representatives for CPS in 2004-2005 were Richard Martin and

Bruce Gossen, and in 2005-2006 will be Bruce Gossen and Jim Menzies.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Gossen

Report of the Symposium and Workshop Committee, 2004-2005

The 2005 annual meeting of the CPS was held in conjunction with other plant science societies under the auspices of Plant Canada. Each society was offered an opportunity to organize a symposium for this meeting. The symposium for CPS, initiated and organized by Denis Gaudet and André Laroche, was entitled 'Plant disease resistance: Unravelling plant defence responses.' The keynote speakers were J. Draper (University of Wales) 'Systemic acquired resistance in *Arabidopsis* and tobacco,' N. Brisson (University of Montreal) 'Whirly, a new family of transcription factors involved in defence responses' and A. Mattoo (USDA-Beltsville) 'An alternative agriculture approach opens the door for enabling sustainable disease tolerance in crops.' Each speaker was invited to submit a symposium paper for publication in CJPP in 2006.

Plant Canada contributed \$2500 towards the symposium, and industry sponsors contributed \$3500 [AgriPro (Syngenta), Dow Agrosiences Canada Inc., Natural Resources Canada, Philom Bios Inc.]. CPS's contribution will depend on the speakers' expenses, and will likely be about \$500 plus the cost of publication of the symposium papers. We thank all of the sponsors for their generous support of this initiative.

For the 2006 meeting, a workshop on molecular diagnosis of plant diseases, a symposium on the impact of climate change on forest pathology, and a forest pathology field trip are in the works. APS

is looking after most of the arrangements for the meeting, but other suggestions would be welcome.

Committee members in 2004-05 were Bruce Gossen (VP, CPS), Denis Gaudet (LAC), and André Levesque (Pres.-Elect, CPS).

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Gossen, Chair

**Canadian Phytopathological Society/La Société canadienne de phytopathologie
Procès verbal de la 76^e Assemblée générale annuelle de la Société canadienne de
phytopathologie
Edmonton, Alberta, 18 juin 2005**

Quarante-vingt-six membres de la SCP sont présents. Le quorum est de 25 membres.
Horaire : 12 h 45 à 13 h 45 et 15 h 00 à 16 h 10

1. Mot de bienvenue du président

Richard Hamelin souhaite la bienvenue aux délégués et aux invités.

2. Minute de silence pour les membres décédés en 2004-2005

Une minute de silence est observée pour trois membres de la SCP : Carl Oscar Hourley, Prof. Lloyd Busch et Herbert S. Pepin.

3. Adoption de l'ordre du jour de l'AGA 2005

Richard Hamelin donne les grandes lignes de l'ordre du jour de la 76^e Assemblée générale annuelle.
L'adoption de l'ordre du jour est proposée par Khalid Rashid; appuyé par Andy Tekauz. **Adopté.**

4. Adoption du procès verbal de l'AGA d'Ottawa, Ontario, 16 juin 2004 (CPS/SCP News de septembre 2004)

L'adoption du procès verbal est proposée par Tom Fetch; appuyé par Richard Martin. **Adopté.**

5. Rapport du président

Je crois que notre Société est dans une forme splendide. Comme Société, nous sommes dans la position enviable d'être en bonne santé financière. Un des facteurs de ce succès est le livre *Diseases of Field Crops in Canada*. Les ventes de la version anglaise vont encore bien et nous envisageons une révision et une réimpression dans 2 à 3 ans. La version française du livre fut complétée et lancée cette année. À date, avec déjà plus de 1000 copies vendues sur un total

de 3000 copies, *Maladie des grandes cultures au Canada* dépasse toutes les prévisions.

Nous avons aussi débuté la numérisation de *Maladie et Ravageurs des Cultures Légumières au Canada* étant donné que la version imprimée est épuisée. Nous espérons mettre le CD en vente au cours de la présente année.

Avec l'équipe de rédaction de Z. Punja, notre revue se porte bien. Le plus récent facteur d'impact de l'ISI pour la Revue, celui de 2003, est de 1,047, en nette augmentation par rapport aux 0,857 et 0,752 des deux dernières années. Notre entente avec les Presses du CNR fonctionne bien et la disponibilité du *CJPP* sur le Web est certainement de nature à aider notre revue. Cette année, nous avons oeuvré à la numérisation de tous les anciens numéros du *CJPP* afin de les rendre disponibles sur le Web et cette tâche est pratiquement terminée. Notre autre publication, le *CPDS* est aussi une publication très importante et nous envisageons aussi de numériser les anciens numéros ainsi que de les rendre disponibles sous forme électronique sur notre site web.

Cette année, la SCP a adhéré au Plant Management Network, qui inclut d'autres sociétés de science des plantes, y compris l'APS et la Société canadienne d'agronomie. Le Plant Management Network est une coopérative de ressources qui fournit aux intervenants en phytologie un accès à une base de données interrogeable comprenant des milliers de pages Web provenant des universités, compagnies et associations partenaires du réseau et donne à nos membres un rabais pour les services offerts par le réseau. Nous croyons que notre participation à de grands projets pourrait faire augmenter le nombre de nos membres, de visites sur notre site Web, d'achats de nos produits, d'articles dans nos revues et de références à nos publications.

Finalement, puisque notre dernier Plan stratégique s'est terminé cette année, nous sommes en train de songer aux cinq prochaines années. Nous venons juste de choisir Ron Howard pour coprésider le comité sur le prochain Plan stratégique. Ron et l'autre coprésident formeront leur comité et nous feront rapport à l'assemblée de l'an prochain.

Richard Hamelin, président de la SCP, 2004-2005.

6. Rapport du trésorier et états financiers

6.1. Rapport des vérificateurs pour 2004

Le trésorier de la SCP, D. Fernando, présente à l'AGA le rapport des vérificateurs pour 2004. Des copies du rapport sont distribuées aux membres présents. Fernando suggère l'adoption du rapport des vérificateurs tel que présenté. Proposée par Robin Morrall; appuyé par Sue Boyetchko. **Adoptée.**

6.2. Désignation des vérificateurs pour 2005

D. Fernando propose que The Exchange Group, Chartered Accountants de Winnipeg, MB, soit choisi comme vérificateurs pour 2005. Appuyé par Robin Morrall. **Adopté.**

7. Rapport du Comité consultatif des finances (CCF)

R. Martin, président du CCF, présente le rapport financier pour 2005, y compris un résumé pour la période 1999-2005. La présentation du budget a été améliorée pour mieux refléter le travail de la Société et pour fournir une représentation plus claire des recettes et des dépenses. Une proposition de budget pour 2006 est présentée. R. Martin propose l'adoption du rapport; appuyé par Tony Hopkin. **Adopté.**

8. Rapport sur la mise en œuvre du Plan stratégique (2000-2005)

R. Martin indique que la cinquième des cinq années du Plan stratégique est terminée et dresse un portrait des réalisations. Des détails seront présentés dans le rapport annuel du CCF dans le *CPS/SCP News*. Le nouveau Conseil amorcera la planification du prochain Plan stratégique qui sera présenté à l'AGA de 2006. L'adoption du rapport est proposée par Richard Martin; appuyé par Verna Higgins. **Adopté.**

9. Propositions de changements aux Règlements

9.1. Cotisation, *CPS/SCP News*, mars 2005 – retiré. Le président indique qu'après des discussions supplémentaires au sein du Conseil, la proposition de changements aux Règlements, concernant la cotisation, a été retirée.

10. Propositions de changements à la Constitution

10.1. Mécanisme de votation, *CPS/SCP News*, mars 2005

R. Hamelin présente les changements proposés à la Constitution, Article VIB, Élection des membres du Conseil et des membres des comités permanents.

L'information a été publiée dans le numéro de mars du CPS/SCP News. Trois principaux changements sont soulignés : 1) une clarification de la première partie de la section 4, qui indique que s'il y a un seul candidat pour un poste, ce candidat sera élu par acclamation; 2) les échéances sont avancées de 2 semaines; et 3) pour simplifier le retour des bulletins de vote, le télécopieur et le courrier électronique s'ajoutent à la poste. Ces changements reflètent les récents progrès des moyens de communications.

Les changements proposés à la Constitution seront postés aux membres qui voteront par le même moyen.

11. Approbation des rapports annuels des comités et des représentants

Comités permanents

- 11.1. Comité des prix
- 11.2. Réunions futures
- 11.3. Comité éditorial de la Revue
- 11.4. Adhésion
- 11.5. Politique scientifique

Comités de planification

- 11.6. Local d'organisation 2004, *CPS/SCP News*, septembre 2004
- 10.7. Ateliers et colloques
- 11.8. Sensibilisation et éducation du public
- 11.9. Local d'organisation 2005
- 11.10. Mise en marché des produits d'information, *CPS/SCP News*, mars 2005

Comités spéciaux

- 11.11. Ressources génétiques microbiennes et collections de micro-organismes, *CPS/SCP News*, septembre 2004

11.12. Comité des événements spéciaux du 75^e anniversaire, *CPS/SCP News*, mars 2005

12. Autres rapports

- 12.1. Inventaire des maladies des plantes au Canada
- 12.2. *CPS/SCP News*, *CPS/SCP News*, septembre 2004
- 12.3. Site Web de la SCP

Une proposition pour accepter les rapports des comités permanents, de planification et spéciaux, ainsi que les autres rapports, tels que publiés dans le *CPS/SCP News* ou tels que présentés par des représentants lors de l'AGA est faite par Jim Menzies; appuyé par Any Tekauz. **Adopté.**

13. Comité des résolutions

Ken Conn fait un bref rapport et indique qu'il n'y a pas de résolution cette année. Ken remercie le CLO pour l'organisation de la 76^e réunion annuelle de la SCP tenue à Edmonton dans le cadre de Plant Canada 2005. Une lettre de remerciements sera envoyée par le président de la SCP à Mike Deyholos, le président du Comité d'organisation pour Plant Canada 2005. Dilantha Fernando propose que le rapport soit accepté tel que présenté; appuyé par Ron Howard. **Adopté.**

14 Autres items

Le prix pour la meilleure présentation orale par un étudiant a été remis. Richard Hamelin présente des certificats d'appréciation à Richard Martin (président sortant, 2004-2005), Tony Hopkin (directeur, 2003-2005) et à Bruce Gossen, rédacteur associé au *CJPP*.

15. Rapport du Comité de mise en candidature (*CPS/SCP News*, mars 2005)

- Mise en place des nouveaux membres aux comités permanents
Les membres sortants du Conseil sont le président sortant Richard Martin; le directeur senior, Tony Hopkin.

Les personnes suivantes sont nommées aux postes vacants du Conseil : vice-président, Jim Menzies; directrice junior, Mary Ruth McDonald.

Les personnes suivantes sont nommées aux comités permanents : Jill Thompson, Comité des prix; Gary Peng, Luc Couture, Comité consultatif des finances; Bernard Vigier, Comité des futures réunions, Mary Leggett, Comité des mises en candidature.

Richard Martin propose que le rapport soumis (*CPS/SCP News*, mars 2005) soit adopté et que les candidats proposés soient acceptés; appuyé par Denis Gaudet. **Adopté.**

- Mise en place du nouveau Conseil

Membres du Conseil de la CPS/SCP pour 2005-2006

Président : André Lévesque

Président élu : Bruce Gossen

Vice-président : Jim Menzies
Président sortant : Richard Hamelin
Secrétaire : Deena Errampalli
Trésorier : Dilantha Fernando
Secrétaire à l'adhésion : Gayle Jesperson
Directeur senior : Sue Boyetchko
Directeur junior : Mary Ruth McDonald

Richard Hamelin remercie la Société pour lui avoir donné l'occasion de servir comme président en 2004-2005 et souhaite la bienvenue à André Lévesque comme nouveau président de la SCP. Le président André Lévesque remercie les membres sortant du Conseil et des comités pour leur travail. Il présente une plaque souvenir au président sortant Richard Hamelin en guise de remerciements pour ses services. André Lévesque brosse ensuite un tableau de ce qui devra être abordé dans la prochaine année. Il clôture la réunion en invitant chacun l'an prochain à la 77^e réunion annuelle de la SCP à Québec en juillet 2006.

16. Clôture

La clôture de la 76^e AGA de 2006 est proposée par Bruce Gossen; appuyé par Khalid Rashid. **Adopté.**

Procès-verbal rédigé par :
Deena Errampalli
Secrétaire de la SCP
Juillet 2005

Canadian Phytopathological Society/La Société canadienne de phytopathologie Agenda for the 76th Annual General Meeting

Agenda 76th Assemblée Générale Annuelle de la Société canadienne de phytopathologie Edmonton, Alberta, June 18, 2005

There were 86 CPS members in attendance. Quorum is 25 members.
Time: 12:45 PM – 1:45 PM and 3:00 PM - 4:10 PM

1. Welcome remarks from the President

Richard Hamelin welcomed delegates and guests.

2. Moment of Silence for deceased members in 2004-2005

There was a moment of silence held for three CPS members, Carl Oscar Ghourley, Prof. Lloyd Busch and Herbert S. Pepin.

3. Adoption of the AGM 2005 agenda

Richard Hamelin outlined the 76th Annual General Meeting agenda. Motion to adopt the agenda was moved by Khalid Rashid and seconded by Andy Tekauz. **Carried.**

4. Adoption of Minutes from the AGM in Ottawa, Ontario, June 16, 2004 (CPS News September 2004)

Motion to adopt the minutes was moved by Tom Fetch and seconded by Richard Martin. **Carried.**

5. President's Report

I believe that our Society is in great shape. As a Society, we are in a desirable position of being financially comfortable. One of our big success stories is the book *Diseases of Field Crops in Canada*. The sales of the English version are still going well and we are looking at probably a revision and re-reprinting in 2-3 years. A French version of the book was produced and launched this year. So far sales of "Maladie des Grandes Cultures au Canada" are exceeding all expectations, with already over 1000 copies sold out of a total of 3000 copies.

We have also initiated the scanning of the "Maladie et Ravageurs des cultures légumières au Canada" since all hard copies are sold out. We are expecting to have the CD on sale during the current year.

Our journal under Z. Punja's editorial team is doing great. The newest ISI impact factor rating for 2003 is 1.047, an increase over the 0.857 and 0.752 ratings of the past two years. Our arrangement with NRC-Press is working well and the availability of CJPP on the web is certainly helping our journal. We have worked this year on the scanning of all old issues of CJPP to make them also available on the web and this is almost completed. Our other publication, CPDS is also a very important one and we are currently looking to scan old issues as well to have them electronically available on our web site.

This year, CPS has joined the Plant Management Network, which comprises other plant science Societies including the APS and the Canadian Society of Agronomy. The Plant Management Network is a cooperative resource to provide plant science practitioners access to a searchable database comprised of thousands of web-based resource pages from the network's partner universities, companies, and associations and gives our members access to discounts for the services offered by the Network. We believe that participating in these large initiatives could result in increased membership, visits to our website, purchases of our products, publishing in our journals and citing of our publications.

Finally, since our last Strategic plan was completed this year, we are currently looking at the next five years. We have just selected Ron Howard to co-chair the next strategic plan committee. Ron and his co-chair will form their committee and report to us at next year's meeting.

Richard Hamelin, CPS President, 2004-05.

6. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement

6.1. Auditor's Report 2004

CPS Treasurer, D. Fernando presented the 2004 Auditors report to the AGM. Copies of the report were distributed to the membership. Fernando put forward a motion that the auditors report be accepted as presented. Moved by Robin Morrall and seconded by Sue Boyetchko. **Carried.**

6.2. Appointment of Auditors for 2005

D. Fernando moved that The Exchange Group, Chartered Accountants in Winnipeg, MB to appointed as the auditors for 2005 and seconded by Robin Morrall. **Carried.**

7. Report of the Financial Advisory Committee

R. Martin the chair of the FAC, presented the financial report for 2005 including a summary for the period 1999-2005. The budget presentation has been refined to better reflect the work of the Society and to provide clearer presentation of revenues and expenditures. The proposed budget for 2006 was presented. R. Martin moved for adoption of the report; Seconded by Tony Hopkin. **Carried.**

8. Report on the implementation of the strategic plan (2000-2005)

R. Martin reported that the fifth year of the five-year strategic plan was completed and outlined the achievements. Details will be presented in the annual report of the FAC in CPS News. The incoming Board will initiate planning for the next Strategic plan to be released at the AGM in 2006. Motion to accept the report was moved by Richard Martin; Seconded by Verna Higgins **Carried.**

9. Proposed By-Law Changes

9.1. Fees, CPS News March 2005 – withdrawn. President reported that following further discussions at the Board level, proposed changes to the By-Laws, Fees, was withdrawn.

10. Proposed changes to the constitution

10.1. Voting procedures, CPS News March 2005

R. Hamelin presented the proposed changes to constitution, Article VIB, Election of Board Members and members of standing committees. The information was published in the March issues of CPS News. Three main changes were highlighted, 1) clarification to the first part of section 4, that if there is only one nomination for a position, the person nominated will be elected by acclamation, 2) time lines were moved up by 2 weeks and 3) To facilitate the returning of the ballots, in addition to the regular postal mail, fascimile and e-mail were added. These changes reflect the advances in the communication in recent years.

The proposed changes to the constitution will be sent by postal mail to the membership who will then vote by postal mail.

11. Approval of annual reports from committees and representatives

Standing Committees

- 11.1. Awards Committee
- 11.2. Future Meetings
- 11.3. Journal Editorial Board
- 11.4. Membership
- 11.5. Science Policy

Subject Matter Committees

- 11.6. Local Arrangements 2004, CPS News September 2004
- 10.7. Workshop and Symposium
- 11.8. Public Awareness and Education
- 11.9. Local Arrangements 2005
- 11.10. Information Products Marketing, CPS News March 2005

Ad Hoc Committees

- 11.11. Microbial Genetics Resources and Culture Collections, CPS News September 2004
- 11.12. The 75th Anniversary Special Events Committee, CPS News March 2005

12. Other Reports

- 12.1. Canadian Plant Disease Survey
- 12.2. CPS News, CPS News September 2004
- 12.3. CPS Website

Motion to accept reports, from the standing committees, subject matter committees, ad Hoc committees and other reports, as published in the CPS News and/or reported by the representatives at the AGM was moved by Jim Menzies; Seconded by Any Tekauz. **Carried.**

13. Resolutions Committee

Ken Conn gave brief report and indicated that there were no resolutions this year. Ken thanked the LAC for organizing the 76th annual meeting of the CPS in Edmonton under the Plant Canada 2005 umbrella. A thank you letter will be sent by the CPS President to Mike Deyholos, the Chair of the Organizing committee for the Plant Canada 2005. Dilantha Fernando moved that the report be accepted as presented; Seconded by Ron Howard. **Carried**

14 Other items

Award presentation was made for the Best student oral paper presentation. Richard Hamelin presented the certificates of appreciation to Richard Martin (past President, 2004-05), Tony Hopkin (Director, 2003-05) and CJPP Associate Editor, Bruce Gossen.

15. Nominations Committee Report (CPS News March 2005)

- Installation of new Members on Standing Committees
Outgoing Board members are Past President Richard Martin; Senior Director, Tony Hopkin.

The following individuals were nominated for incoming Board Positions: Vice President, Jim Menzies; Junior Director, Mary Ruth McDonald.

The following individuals have been nominated for standing committees, Jill Thompson, Awards; Gary Peng, Luc Couture, Financial Advisory; Bernard Vigier, Future Meetings; Mary Leggett, Nominating.

Richard Martin moved that the submitted report (CPS News March 2005) be adopted and the nominations be accepted; Seconded by Denis Gaudet.

Carried

- Installation of new Board Members

CPS/SCP Board Members for 2005-2006

President: Andre Lévesque

President Elect: Bruce Gossen

Vice President: Jim Menzies

Past President: Richard Hamelin

Secretary: Deena Errampalli

Treasurer: Dilantha Fernando

Membership Secretary: Gayle Jespersen

Senior Director: Sue Boyetchko

Junior Director: Mary Ruth McDonald

Richard Hamelin thanked the Society for the opportunity to serve as President for 2004-2005 and welcomed Andre Lévesque as the incoming CPS President. Andre Levesque thanked the retiring board and committee members for their work. He presented past-president Richard Hamelin with a plaque in recognition of his service. Andre Lévesque then outlined some of the things that would be conducted in the upcoming year. He closed the meeting by inviting everyone to next year's 77th CPS annual meeting to be held in Quebec City in July 2006.

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the 76th AGM in 2006 was moved by Bruce Gossen and seconded by Khalid Rashid. **Carried.**

Minutes Submitted by:

Deena Errampalli

CPS Secretary

July 2005

CPS-SCP News Editors Report

Currently our printing costs are approximately \$600-1000 per issue depending on length. Our mailing costs for each issue are in the \$300-400 range and we have been able to enlist the assistance of clerical staff at AAFC Lacombe with each mailing.

Our main limitation in terms of newsletter preparation and distribution is the timely submission of material for each issue. Members are encouraged to submit material for future issues of CPS-SCP News by the deadline indicated in each issue. For the CPS-SCP News Editors it is preferable to have all the material prior to assembling the Newsletter in Pagemaker as it reduces text flow problems associated with inserting text into a partially assembled document, especially between existing sections.

One discussion point that we would like the CPS-SCP to consider is moving to the distribution of an electronic-only copy of the newsletter, while distributing hard copy versions for those members that request a printed version.

We look forward to working with you and would gratefully welcome any submissions, suggestions, comments, and corrections that you may have.

Respectfully,

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

Announcements

Maritime Regional Meeting 2005

The next Maritime Regional CPS Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2005. The meeting will be held at the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Potato Research Centre in Fredericton, New Brunswick and is being kindly hosted by Dr. Xianzhou Nie. For more information about this year's meeting, please contact Xianzhou Nie (NieX@agr.gc.ca) or Rick Peters (petersr@agr.gc.ca).

Respectfully submitted by,
Rick Peters
Maritime Region Rep

Symposium on a Plant Health Network at the Western Forum

The annual meeting of the Western Forum on Pest Management will be held in Canmore Alberta from November 6-8, 2005 (immediately following the annual meeting of ESC). The meeting opens with registration and a reception on Sunday, November 6, followed by meetings of the constituent committees on November 7. On November 8, there will be a half-day symposium on a proposal to develop a Plant Health Network for Canada. The program includes a representative from the USDA to outline the system in the USA, one from CFIA presenting the history, current status, and vision for their PlantProNet initiative, and reaction to the proposal by entomologists, pathologists, weed scientists, and industry. This will be followed by a bear-pit session to allow meeting participants to provide direction to CFIA in the development of this initiative. Although this is a western meeting, participants from across the country are welcome.

Meeting details will be posted at <http://www.westernforum.org/> as they become available.

Submitted by Bruce Gossen



Announcing the 26th Annual Meeting of the Plant Pathology Society of Alberta

When?

Tuesday November 8 to Thursday
November 10, 2005

Where?

Radisson Hotel & Convention Centre
Canmore
Website: <http://www.radisson.com/canmoreca/>

Agenda?

TBA. A meeting package will be mailed to all PPSA members later this year.

Address?

511 Bow Valley Trail
Canmore, AB.

Reservations?

A block of 30 guestrooms will be held for PPSA delegates **until October 15!** Individuals **must register for their own rooms**. Please mention that you will be attending the "Plant Pathology Society of Alberta Annual meeting" when you call to register.

Call either (403) 678-3625 or toll free: 1-800-333-3333

Hotel Facilities?

Lounge, restaurant, indoor pool, jacuzzi, full convention facilities and much more!

Group Rate?

\$89.00 (single occupancy – 1 person in room)
\$99.00 (two people per room)
(Prices subject to Alberta Room Tax and GST)

Reservation Guarantee?

All room reservations **must be guaranteed for late arrival** with a major credit card. Rooms must be cancelled, if necessary, a **minimum of 48 hours prior to arrival!** Failure to do this will result in a charge of one night's room and tax applied to the credit card!

Further information?

Please contact either **Sherry Lisowski** (telephone: 403-362-4322/ E-mail: sharon.lisowski@gov.ab.ca) or **Dr. Ron Howard** (telephone: 403-362-1328/ E-mail: ron.howard@gov.ab.ca)

18th World Congress of Soil Sciences

Announcing the 18th World Congress of Soil Sciences in Philadelphia from July 9th through 15, 2006. The Congress will bring together prestigious scientists from all over the world to discuss the many new and developing areas of soil sciences. Of special interest to you will be a series of symposia on Soil Biology.

Drs. S. Neate, K. Inubusi and I will be convening one symposium entitled, **New Strategies for Management of Plant Pathogenic Soil Microorganisms - Natural Soil Suppression or Genetically Modified Plants**. Because of your expertise in natural and/or managed soil suppressiveness to plant diseases, I invite you to submit an abstract of your work for this symposium. The abstract **submission deadline is September 15**.

More information on the meeting can be found on the web at:
<http://www.colostate.edu/programs/IUSS/18wcsc/index.html>

With details on the Soil Biology Symposia found at:

http://iuss.colostate.edu/18wcss/symposia.html#comm2_3

Kind regards,
Brian

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Submission Deadline for the December issue of CPS - SCP News

PLEASE NOTE: The submission deadline for the **December issue** of CPS - SCP News is **November 12, 2005**. 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.**

INVENTAIRE DES MALADIES DES PLANTES AU CANADA (IMPC) / CANADIAN PLANT DISEASE SURVEY (CPDS)

Robin Morrall
Coordinateur national/National
Coordinator

Soumission d'articles

Ceci est la première invitation à soumettre des articles en français ou en anglais à l'IMPC, Volume 86 (2006). L'objectif premier de l'IMPC est de témoigner de la présence et de l'intensité des maladies des plantes au cours de l'année qui vient de s'écouler. Cela comprend les résultats des relevés systématiques ainsi que les observations fortuites. Les récits succincts d'observations inédites sont particulièrement utiles pour signaler une nouvelle éruption d'une maladie, même s'il n'y a pas eu de relevé systématique. Les articles sur les relevés faits pendant les années antérieures ou portant sur plusieurs années sont aussi bienvenus. La Société Canadienne de Phytopathologie estime qu'il est nécessaire de publier régulièrement les résultats d'études sur l'état des maladies au Canada dans un média tel que l'IMPC. Ces études aident divers organismes à planifier la recherche. De plus, les résultats des relevés sont utiles aux organismes fédéraux pour résoudre des questions de commerce international impliquant l'état sanitaire des cultures. Pour de plus amples renseignements sur la soumission d'articles à l'IMPC, veuillez contacter un des éditeurs de section de la liste en dessous.

Call for papers

This is the first call for submissions in English or in French to CPDS, Volume 86 (2006 issue). The main function of CPDS is to document the occurrence and levels of diseases in the previous year by

publishing the results of formal surveys as well as casual observations. Anecdotal reports are particularly useful to draw attention to new outbreaks of diseases, even when no systematic survey has been conducted. Reports of surveys from previous years or compilations of results from several years are also welcome. The Canadian Phytopathological Society recognizes the continuing need for publishing disease surveys in a medium such as CPDS. Surveys benefit agencies in establishing priorities for research. As well, survey data are useful to federal agencies dealing with international trade where plant health issues apply. For more information on submission of reports to CPDS, please contact the appropriate section editor, listed below.

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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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In Memoriam

GORDON NELSON

November 29, 1925 – August 26, 2005

GORDON ALBERT NELSON died suddenly at the Foothills Hospital at the age of 79. Gordon was the fourth of five children born to John and Margaret Nelson. His siblings were Archie (John), Marie (Dubois), Jean (Edgson), and Norman. Gordon will be sadly missed by his wife Joyce his son Mark Nelson, daughter Cheryl (Douglas) Schmitt son Grant (Dorothy) Nelson, and grandsons Jamie, Corey, and Ryan Schmitt and Calvin Nelson. His only remaining brother is Norman Nelson who lives in Georgia.

Gordon was a Research Scientist at the Lethbridge Research Station for 26 years. He was an active member of McKillop United Church and, since retirement, an enthusiastic member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He monitored a Mountain Blue Bird trail in the Porcupine Hills and was in regular attendance at the Council on Public Affairs.

Following a private burial, a memorial service in celebration of Gordon's life was held at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, August 31, 2005 at McKillop United Church, 2329 15th Ave. S., Lethbridge, with Reverend Cathy Coates officiating. A reception followed in the church hall.

Donations to the STARS Ambulance, Box 570, 1441 Aviation Park NE, Calgary, AB, T2E 8M7 or to the Alberta Children's Hospital, Oncology 1820 Richmond Rd SW, Calgary, AB, T2T 5C7, would be greatly appreciated in lieu of flowers.

People and Travel

Dr. Dilantha Fernando Associate Professor Department of Plant Science University of Manitoba was recently awarded the prestigious University of Manitoba 2004 Merit Award for outstanding Research and Service. The award recognizes Dilantha's exceptional contributions as a researcher in the field of biological control and epidemiology of plant pathogens of canola and wheat, and the training of post doctoral scientists and graduate students. While Dilantha is actively involved in several scientific societies and committees, he presently holds the positions of Treasurer of the Canadian Phytopathological Society, and the Chair, Workshops of the American Phytopathological Society's Scientific Programs Board.

Dilantha Fernando, Associate Professor, Department of Plant Science, University of Manitoba was in China from August 7th through 20th at the invitation of the Inner Mongolia Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Huhhot, Inner Mongolia, and conducted a workshop on management of Sclerotinia in sunflower and rapeseed. Dilantha gave lectures at the Inner Mongolia Agriculture University, Plant Protection Institute of Inner Mongolia, and visited farmers' fields in Linhe City, Erdos City and Baotou City.

Employment

Graduate Studentships available immediately: DNA Barcodes for Fungi and Oomycetes

Project Description: Species identifications underpin all of biological research. DNA-based systems promise to revolutionize the task of identification by providing reliable, inexpensive and rapid diagnosis of species identity, especially for microorganisms detected from environmental samples. This work will contribute to an international research program that will eventually gather DNA barcodes, and resolve evolutionary relationships, for all form of life on Earth (<http://www.barcodinglife.com/>; <http://ocid.nacse.org/research/deephyphae/>; <http://ocid.nacse.org/research/aftol/>).

Positions Available and Location: PhD Studentships and Post-doctoral fellowships are currently available to contribute to achieve this visionary project for Fungi and Oomycetes: (1) with Dr. R. Hamelin <rhamelin@cfl.forestry.ca> in Quebec, to work with rust fungi and other forest pathogens; (2) with Dr. A. Levesque <levesqueca@agr.gc.ca> in Agriculture Canada in Ottawa to work with Oomycetes; (3) with Dr. K. Seifert seifertk@agr.gc.ca in Agriculture Canada in Ottawa to work with moulds; and (4) with Dr. J-M Moncalvo jeanmarc@rom.on.ca in Toronto to work with homobasidiomycetes.

Requirements and Application Procedure: Candidates for this position must show strong interest for the identification of microorganisms using DNA-based and bioinformatics methods. Prior experience in molecular phylogenetics and taxonomy is an advantage. To apply, send by e-mail your curriculum vitae to one of the advisor listed below.

Deadline for Applications: October 31, 2005.

Cereal / Flax Pathologist

Crop Development Centre
Department of Plant Sciences
University of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Applications are invited for a continuing status position at the rank of Assistant Professor, effective January 1, 2006.

The successful applicant will be expected to obtain research funding to initiate a vigorous research program in cereal and flax pathology and to support well established and productive crop breeding programs in wheat, barley, oat and flax. The incumbent will also be expected to perform extension duties as required and to carry a teaching load equivalent to one three credit class in plant pathology or a related area in the Department of Plant Sciences.

Applicants should have a Ph.D. in plant pathology, demonstrated ability in research and teaching and the potential to participate in extension activities aimed at cereal and flax crop producers. Relevant post-doctoral experience would be an asset. Candidates should be eligible for membership in the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists.

The Crop Development Centre is a research unit within the Department of Plant Sciences and employs eight scientists. The terms of reference and assignment of duties for this position are defined by a Strategic Research Agreement between the University of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture and Food. Funding is available for a full-time technician to support this position.

The annual operating budget of the Centre is approximately \$6 M and it has access to a large research land base and excellent laboratory, greenhouse and phytotron facilities. The Crop Development Centre

at the University of Saskatchewan is part of a large plant sciences research cluster in Saskatoon that includes the Department of Plant Sciences in the College of Agriculture, the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Research Centre, the Plant Biotechnology Institute and several private plant breeding and agricultural chemical companies. Potential applicants are invited to visit the Department's website [<http://www.usask.ca/agriculture/plantsci/index.html>] for more detailed information on the Department and the Centre.

The University of Saskatchewan is committed to Employment Equity. Members of designated groups (women, aboriginal people, people with disabilities and visible minorities) are encouraged to self-identify on their applications.

Send curriculum vitae, a statement of research, extension and teaching experience, as well as the names, postal addresses, telephone/fax numbers and e-mail addresses of at least three referees by October 14, 2005.

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