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President's Message

2012 Annual Meeting

The weather has been unusually warm in many parts of the country, and it is time to start to think about the upcoming field season, and also the CPS annual meeting. Ken Conn and the rest of



Mary Ruth McDonald
CPS-SCP President/Présidente

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the Local Arrangements Committee have found a lovely location at the edge of Niagara Falls, and the entire Niagara Peninsula will be beautiful in late June. Many CPS members in Ontario are within driving distance of The Falls, and I'd like to encourage them to bring along grad students and post docs to the meeting.

Throughout my career, I have always enjoyed the CPS annual meeting, both to hear about new and interesting research, and also to reconnect with friends. This is a great venue for those looking for grad student opportunities or jobs, and is also a lot of fun. This year, we will be meeting with the International Plum Pox working group, so it will be a larger meeting, with some special sessions on viruses. Register now, and start preparing abstracts for submission!

CPS Awards

One of the highlights of the annual meeting is the recognition of outstanding plant pathologists. Nominate someone you know who has accomplished something noteworthy. There are different categories, including Plant Disease Management, Young Scientist (young is defined as under 40) and Outstanding Research. The recognition by one's peers can be the highlight of a career. The nomination process is outlined on our web site. It is not onerous, especially if you get a few friends to help.

Grad Student Awards

It is a real pleasure to announce the new CPS scholarships for graduate students in plant pathology. The society will offer up to three scholarships of \$1,000 each for grad students. Undergraduate students may also apply, but they must be registered in graduate studies before receiving the scholarship. The details will be on the web site shortly. Marks will be considered, but won't be the only criterion. Students do not have to be a CPS member to be eligible; instead, membership in the CPS for the following year is part of the award. Apply now and be one of the first to receive this new scholarship.

Students who are planning on presenting at the annual meeting should apply for a CPS travel award. This year there will be three student travel awards of \$500. Supervisors, be sure to encourage your grad students to apply. The awards committee over the past few years has managed to reduce the paper work involved in the application. Details are on the CPS web site. The big change for 2012 is that students MUST be CPS members to be eligible for the award.

Environment Canada Notification of New Organisms

A major concern for plant pathologists across Canada, and certainly for those on the CPS Board, is the change in the way that Environment Canada now interprets the regulations for the Notification of New Organisms. The CPS executive and the Science Policy Committee is

continuing to work with CropLife Canada and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) to find a workable solution to this issue. To quickly recap the problem, there was a directive

that pathologists conducting field research would have to fill out a 'notification' and get permission from Environment Canada, before a plant pathogen could be increased in the lab for application to the field. This could have slowed or stopped field research on many plant pathogens.

To date, senior management at Environment Canada has suggested that we work toward getting as many plant pathogens as possible on the Domestic Substances List (DSL). If an organism is on this list, then there is no requirement to notify Environment Canada when inoculum is increased in the lab and applied to the field. The application form for the DSL is short and straight forward, but we have to have documentation that the organism was present in Canada during the years 1984-1986 AND that inoculum was increased in the lab and applied to the field during those years. Three pilot submissions were prepared by Jeff Stewart (AAFC), in consultation with CPS, and we are waiting for confirmation that the documentation that was submitted is acceptable. In the meantime, plant pathologists who use inoculum

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in field trials should start combing the literature for reports and papers which show that inoculum was applied in the field during those target years.

What should be done for the 2012 season? Initial indications from Environment Canada are that we can continue to apply inoculum to the field this year, based on the cooperative efforts to date to address the concerns.

The CPS has been working with Pierre Petelle from CropLife Canada and recently, Jeff Stewart from AAFC. Both of have been extremely helpful and effective in dealing with this issue and working with us and Environment Canada. Jeff has just handed the file to Dr. Della Johnston, also with AAFC, and we look forward to cooperating with her as we all work toward resolving this issue. It is expected that the CPS will continue in an active role through a subcommittee within the Science Policy Committee. Look for further updates at the annual meeting, or before.

In closing

In closing, I want to mention that the Board is beginning to review the new Strategic Plan, and is continuing to consider ways to increase membership and to provide value for current members. Have a good spring, and I look forward to seeing you in Niagara Falls.



Message de la Présidente

Réunion annuelle 2012

Dans plusieurs régions du pays, le temps a été chaud et il est maintenant temps de penser à la campagne sur le terrain qui frappe à nos portes ainsi qu'à la réunion annuelle de la Société canadienne de phytologie (SCP). Ken Conn et les autres membres du comité organisateur local ont trouvé un endroit ravissant aux abords de Niagara Falls, et toute la péninsule du Niagara sera superbe à la fin de juin. Plusieurs membres ontariens de la SCP peuvent s'y rendre en voiture, et je voudrais les encourager à emmener avec eux des étudiants de troisième cycle ainsi que des étudiants postdoctoraux.

Durant ma carrière, j'ai toujours apprécié les réunions annuelles de la SCP, autant pour entendre parler des recherches de pointe dans le domaine que pour renouer avec des amis. C'est un lieu de rendez-vous fantastique pour les étudiants de troisième cycle à l'affût de possibilités ou d'emplois, en plus d'être très amusant. Cette année, nous nous réunirons avec le Groupe de travail sur le virus de la sharka. Nous serons par conséquent plus nombreux, mais par contre nous aurons accès à des séances sur les virus. Inscrivez-vous dès maintenant et commencez à préparer des résumés que vous pourrez soumettre!

Prix de la SCP

Un des points forts de la réunion annuelle est la reconnaissance de phytopathologistes exceptionnels. Proposez quelqu'un que vous connaissez et qui a accompli quelque chose de remarquable. Il y a différentes catégories, y compris Gestion des maladies des plantes, Jeune Scientifique (moins de 40 ans) et Recherche exceptionnelle. La reconnaissance de ses pairs peut couronner une carrière. Vous trouverez les explications relatives au processus de mise en candidature sur notre site Web. Ce n'est pas une

tâche fastidieuse, particulièrement si vous le faites avec quelques amis.

Prix pour étudiants diplômés

C'est un vrai plaisir de présenter les bourses de la SCP pour les étudiants diplômés en phytopathologie. La Société offrira jusqu'à trois bourses de 1 000 \$ chacune aux étudiants diplômés. Les étudiants du premier cycle peuvent aussi postuler, mais ils doivent être inscrits aux études supérieures avant de recevoir leur bourse. Vous trouverez bientôt l'information pertinente sur notre site. Les notes seront prises en considération, mais elles ne seront pas le seul critère de sélection. Pour être admissibles, les étudiants ne doivent pas nécessairement être membres de la SCP. De fait, l'adhésion à la Société pour l'année suivante est incluse dans le prix. Inscrivez-vous maintenant et soyez parmi les premiers à recevoir cette nouvelle bourse!

Les étudiants qui envisagent de faire une présentation à la réunion annuelle devraient postuler pour l'obtention d'une bourse de voyage de la SCP. Cette année, nous accordons trois bourses de 500 \$. Vous, les directeurs, assurez-vous d'encourager vos étudiants à s'inscrire. Au cours des dernières années, le comité des prix a réussi à réduire la paperasserie qui était associée à l'inscription. Vous trouverez tous les détails sur notre site Web. La nouveauté cette année est que, pour avoir droit à la bourse, les étudiants DOIVENT être membres de la SCP.

Environnement Canada et les renseignements concernant les substances nouvelles

Une des préoccupations majeures des phytopathologistes, et ce, d'un océan à l'autre, et particulièrement pour ceux siégeant au conseil de la SCP, est la nouvelle façon qu'a Environnement

Canada (EC) d'interpréter les règlements relatifs aux renseignements concernant les substances nouvelles. Le conseil de direction de la SCP et le Comité de la politique

scientifique poursuit son travail avec CropLife Canada et Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada (AAC) afin de trouver une solution viable à ce problème. Brièvement, une directive a été émise voulant que les pathologistes qui font travaux de recherche au champ remplissent un formulaire de « déclaration » afin d'obtenir une permission d'EC avant qu'un phytopathogène soit multiplié en laboratoire pour, par la suite, être utilisé au champ. Ce *modus operandi* aurait pu ralentir, voire suspendre les recherches au champ sur plusieurs agents pathogènes.

À ce jour, la haute direction d'Environnement Canada a suggéré que nous nous efforcions d'inscrire le plus grand nombre possible de phytopathogènes sur la Liste intérieure des substances (LIS). Si un organisme figure sur cette liste, il n'y a aucune raison d'avertir EC lorsqu'un inoculum est multiplié en laboratoire puis appliqué au champ. Le formulaire de la LIS est court et simple à remplir, mais nous devons fournir la documentation relative à la présence de cet organisme au Canada de 1984 à 1986 ET que l'inoculum a été multiplié en laboratoire puis

appliqué au champ durant ces années. Jeff Stewart (AAC) a préparé trois soumissions pilotes de concert avec la SCP et nous attendons de savoir si la documentation soumise convient. Durant ce temps, les phytopathologistes qui utilisent des inoculums au cours d'essais sur le terrain devraient commencer à fouiller la littérature afin d'y trouver des rapports et des articles qui confirment leur utilisation au champ durant cette période.

Que devrions-nous faire durant la saison 2012? Selon ce qu'EC semble actuellement indiquer, nous pourrions continuer à utiliser les inoculums au champ cette année, ceci découlant des efforts réciproques consentis à ce jour pour s'attaquer aux préoccupations de chacun.

La SCP a travaillé avec Pierre Petelle de CropLife Canada et, récemment, avec Jeff Stewart d'AAC. Les deux ont été extrêmement obligeants et efficaces pour ce qui a été de traiter du problème et de travailler avec nous et EC. Jeff vient de transmettre le dossier à Della Johnston, d'AAC également, et c'est avec impatience que nous anticipons cette nouvelle coopération afin de résoudre, tous ensemble, ce problème. Nous prévoyons que la Société continuera à jouer un rôle actif au sein d'un sous-comité du Comité de la politique scientifique. Soyez à l'affût des futures mises à jour, à la réunion annuelle ou avant.

En terminant

En terminant, je veux souligner que le conseil a entrepris la révision du nouveau Plan stratégique et continue à chercher de nouvelles façons d'augmenter le nombre d'adhérents et d'offrir des avantages aux membres actuels. Je vous souhaite un bon printemps et j'ai hâte de vous voir à Niagara Falls.



Regional Meeting Reports

CPS British Columbia Regional Meeting Report 2011

On October 19th, 2011, plant pathologists and students from government, universities and industry attended the regional meeting held at The Delta Grand Hotel and Conference Centre, Kelowna, BC. The meeting was organized and hosted by Dan. O'Gorman and his local arrangements committee members from the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Pacific Agriculture Research Centre (AAFC-PARC) in Summerland, B.C. There were nine oral and four poster presentations on topics including fungi, nematodes, bacteria and viruses affecting grapes, berry crops, greenhouse vegetables and forestry. Vippen Joshi, Plant Diagnostic Pathologist from BC Ministry of Agriculture started the presentation session with an update on plant disease situation and trends in BC. Most of the oral presentations were from researchers working on various emerging plant disease issues in BC including soil- management practices to minimize nitrogen losses and reduce population densities of plant parasitic nematodes, resistance and tolerance in field-grown Douglas-fir families inoculated with *Armillaria ostoyae*, postharvest decay of greenhouse tomatoes caused by *Penicillium* species, blueberry fungal canker diseases, grapevine trunk diseases, powdery mildew and grapevine leaf roll associated virus.

The prize for the best student oral presentation was awarded to Anna DiCarlo, Department of Biological Sciences, Simon Fraser University, for her paper on "Epiphytic survival and pathogenicity of *Pseudomonas syringae* strains originating from blueberry plants". At the business meeting, Vippen Joshi accepted to step into the Regional Representative position as Janice Elmhirst had decided to step down. General topics of discussion included concern about steady decline in regional meeting

participation by graduate students, increasing number of retirees that are not replaced and lack of students being trained. Suggestions were made to choose special topics for meetings to attract more participants, hold training workshops and/or reduce meeting costs by holding meetings combined with other regional groups. The regional meeting for 2012 is planned to be held at the University of British Columbia. Further details will be shared with members soon.

Mike Cruickshank presented treasurer's report on behalf of Rona Sturrock and reported a current balance of \$5446.78 in bank (not including the current meeting balance). Evening concluded with a very enjoyable banquet followed by a message from the CPS President, Mary Ruth McDonald, a CPS award presentation to Gayle Jespersion and a presentation from guest speaker – Dr. Norm Looney on "Horticulture for Development: Reflections on a Decade of International Advocacy".

Thanks to our hosts, presenters, and everyone else who contributed to making this a very enjoyable meeting. The BC group is looking forward to have another successful regional meeting in October 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Vippen Joshi
CPS BC Regional Representative



2011 Manitoba CPS regional meeting minutes, December 8, 2011

The 2011 Manitoba Regional Meeting of the Canadian Phytopathological Society was held on the 8th of December at the Cereal Research Centre, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Twenty people attended the event.

Registration started at 8:30 am, with coffee and donuts. Disease updates were presented starting at 9:00 am, by Dr. Brent McCallum, Dr. Jim Menzies, Dr. Taye Zegeye, Dr. Khalid Rashid, Dr. Debbie McLaren, Dr. Dilantha Fernando, Dr. Andy Tekauz, Mrs. Holly Derksen, and Dr. Vikram Bisht. These covered diseases of different cereals including stem, crown, and leaf rusts, smuts, Fusarium Head Blight, as well as diseases in sunflower, flax, canola, soybeans, corn, potatoes and other horticultural crops.

There were four oral presentations and two posters. The oral presentations were as follows:

B.T. DEMOZ, K. SOQUE, C. LIU, P. PARKS AND W.G. D. FERNANDO. **How much blackleg infection is there in canola seeds?** Department of Plant Science, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB R3T 2N2.

K. ALTAWHEEL, A. BRÛLÉ-BABEL AND W.G.D FERNANDO. **Are wheat genes expressed differently when infected by *Fusarium graminearum*?** Department of Plant Science, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2N2

K.Y. RASHID. **Updates on the downy mildew races in sunflower.** Cereal Research Centre, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Morden Research Station, Unit 100 – 101 Route 100, Morden, MB, R6M 1Y5

V.S. BISHT¹, T. GONSALVES¹ AND M. DESJARDINS².

Management of sclerotinia rot of carrot using a biofungicide Contans™ and a post-harvest treatment with Scholar™.

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²Manitoba Agriculture, Foods and Rural Initiative, Crop Diagnostic Center, 204 - 545 University Crescent, Winnipeg, MB R3T 5S6

Business meeting

Dr. Daayf gave an update on the changes to the CPS-Manitoba regional website. This was followed by a discussion among the members of items that are appropriate to be added to the webpage. Dr. Daayf informed the members about the financial condition of the Manitoba regional section. The next item was for the members to discuss the possibility of continuing to sponsor one or two foreign scientists. The Manitoba regional section has been sponsoring foreign scientists for many years by buying them a regular membership to the CPS, including a subscription to the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology. This year, a nomination was received from Dr. Dilantha Fernando to sponsor a scientist from Sri Lanka. Afterwards, Dr. Daayf presented a short update on the ongoing discussions with Environment Canada regarding the pathogens on the DSL list, and ways to reduce the current application paperwork loads. The last item on the agenda was a proposal by Dr. Debbie McLaren to host the next regional meeting in Brandon in 2012. A motion was followed by a vote that was in favor of the proposal. As such, next year's Manitoba-CPS regional meeting will be held in Brandon.

After thanking Mr. Lorne Adam for taking care of the registration, coffee, donuts, and bringing lunch onsite, and Dr. Jim Menzies for booking the room and the audiovisual equipment, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Fouad Daayf

CPS MB Regional Representative

Awards

2011 CPS-SCP Education Award Recipient

The 2011 Education Award of the Canadian Phytopathological Society was awarded to Ms. Kelly Schaefer, Outreach Coordinator, at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Chestnut Council on the 22nd of October, 2011, at the Tim Horton Onondaga Farms, St. George, Ontario. Kelly received this award for the video she produced entitled "A Legend in Crisis", which outlines the Canadian perspective on the demise of the American chestnut tree following the introduction of chestnut blight (caused by *Cryphonectria parasitica*) to North America in the early 1900s. This epidemic resulted in this once prominent deciduous tree in southwestern Ontario declining to its current status to that of an Endangered Species, which several professional and volunteer organizations are currently working to protect.

This video was considered an excellent example of a contribution by a group that contributes to the development of teaching resources that can be used by instructors in public schools or universities to illustrate and/or encourage the importance and (or) principles of plant pathology and related topic areas. The video can be viewed through a link from the homepage of the Canadian Chestnut Council at <http://www.canadianchestnutcouncil.org/>. Additional individuals and organizations that helped with the production of this video are credited in the video. The CPS Education Award is an annual award initiated in 2011, and includes such resources as videos, websites, software, experimental designs, new texts, posters, etc., that depicts plant pathology and related topics from an educational perspective. This is an open competition and all members of the public and CPS are eligible, including school students. The 2012 competition is coming soon – so please consider and encourage related proposals for the next award. More information is available at <http://phytopath.ca/awards.shtml>.

2011 CPS Education Award Recipient



Kelly Schafer, Outreach Coordinator for the Canadian Chestnut Council (CCC) receives the Education Award from Greg Boland, Past President of CPS (right) with George Collin, Chair of the Outreach Committee of CCC (left).

Announcements

Canadian Phytopathological Society (CPS) Awards Nominations due by May 11, 2012

Please take time to consider and discuss with your CPS colleagues worthy candidates for the awards listed below. Awards will be presented at the Canadian Phytopathological Society 2012 Annual Meeting in Niagara Falls, Ontario, June 24-27, 2012. Nominations can be sent to Odile

Carisse, CPS Awards Committee Chair, at odile.carisse@agr.gc.ca

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

1. Honorary Member

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

2. Fellow

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

3. Award for Outstanding Research

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

4. Outstanding Young Scientist Award

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

5. Graduate Student Travel Awards

The purpose of these awards is to provide reimbursement to selected graduate students to attend the Annual Meeting of the CPS. A total of three travel awards are available annually, each valued at \$500 per student. Two of the travel awards are sponsored by the CPS and are known as the "CPS Graduate Student Travel Awards". An additional award, called the "T and F Student Travel Award" is sponsored by the publisher of the *Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology*, Taylor and Francis. Students need to submit only one application to be considered for both the T and F Student Travel Award and the CPS Graduate Student Travel Awards.

6. Graduate Student Scholarships

Three student scholarships of \$1,000 each, plus a student membership in the Canadian Phytopathological Society, are available annually for students studying plant pathology in Canada.

The scholarships are available to undergraduate, MSc and PhD students studying at a post-secondary institution in Canada.

7. Achievements in Plant Disease Management

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

8. CPS Education Award

An award to recognize the contributions by individuals or groups for the development of teaching resources that can be used by instructors in public schools or universities to illustrate and/or encourage the importance and (or) principles of plant pathology and related topic areas. Suitable resources could include, but are not limited to, videos, websites, software, experimental designs, new texts, posters depicting either educational material or specific scientific projects, or any articles of educational interest. Where possible, all resources should be designed to be made available through the CPS website or are publicly available. All members of the public and CPS are eligible, including school students.

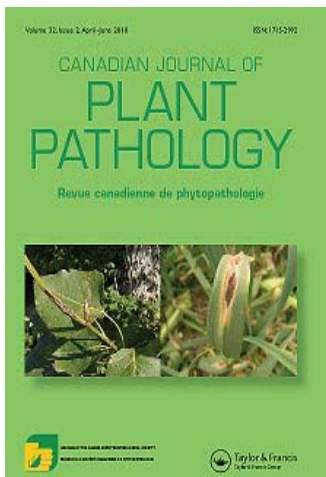
A full description of each award, criteria and guidelines on nominating a colleague for a CPS Award or for students to apply for the Graduate Student Travel Award or Graduate Student Scholarships can be found on the CPS Website at <http://www.cps-scp.ca/awards.htm>



CPS needs your support by renewing your membership:

Thanks and sincerely much appreciation for the 306 members who renewed their memberships so far. The membership stands, as of March 6, 2012, at 221 Regular, 51 Emeritus, 20 Student, and 14 Sustaining Associate members.

For the 140 members in the year 2011 and previous years who have not renewed their memberships, please consider this gentle reminder to renew your membership for the year 2012 before services from the Society are interrupted, including access to the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology (CJPP) and CPS-SCP Newsletter, and other services. Please go to the CPS website www.cps-scp.ca and renew your membership electronically and pay your dues on-



line, or fill in the renewal form and send it back to me by e-mail, fax, or letter mail.

Also, a special request to all University Professors - please encourage your graduate students to apply for membership in the Society so they may receive the benefits of applying for travel awards, publishing in the CJPP, and attending the annual meeting at Niagra Falls on June 24-27, 2012.

Sincerely,

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Make new friends, but keep the old...

by Tom Hsiang, Website Editor

The transition from the old web host service is complete now, and both the new domain name, phytopath.ca and the old domain name cps-scp.ca point to the same site. The new hosting service is HostPapa, which allows much greater control over the management of the website without needing their technicians to make changes (at high hourly rates), such as creating new users. All Regional Representatives (see list in the Newsletter Volume 55 No. 4) now have user access to their own portion of the website, where they can post announcements and make changes on their own.

Following from the survey of users in 2011, some changes have been made to the website such as the Online Membership Renewal process with direct payment to PayPal, and placement of a link to employment opportunities on the main CPS webpage. If you have comments or suggestions, please e-mail me at thsiang@uoguelph.ca

Joint meeting of CPS-Saskatchewan and the Plant Pathology Society of Alberta (PPSA)

The CPS-Sask regional group and the PPSA are excited to announce their upcoming joint meeting in the border city of Lloydminster. The meeting will be held from **November 5-7 2012** at the Best Western Wayside Inn. In addition to sharing our research progress, the meeting will also consist of a workshop of special interest to industry, technical staff and extension. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us in Lloydminster!

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Armstrong-Cho
CPS-Sask Regional Representative
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Canadian Phytopathological Society/International Plum Pox Virus Joint Meeting

Hello CPS members,

You are invited to attend the 2012 Canadian Phytopathological Society (CPS) meeting in Niagara Falls. This is going to be a joint meeting with the International Plum Pox Virus (PPV) group. The Canadian Forum for Biological Control group is also participating in this meeting. It is going to be an interesting and diverse program. The meeting facilities and guest rooms at the hotel are superb. Some of the details of the meeting are provided below. Watch for updates and more details on the CPS website (<http://phytopath.ca/index.shtml>) soon. Hope to see you there.

Location: Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

Date: June 24-27, 2012

Preliminary meeting schedule overview:

Sunday evening: reception

Monday morning: PPV symposium (organizer: PPV working group)

Monday afternoon: concurrent CPS/PPV sessions

Tuesday morning: concurrent Biocontrol symposium (organizer: Canadian Forum for Biological Control)/PPV sessions

Tuesday afternoon: concurrent CPS/PPV sessions

Tuesday evening: banquet

Wednesday: concurrent CPS/PPV sessions (note: PPV and CPS sessions will likely extend to the afternoon in addition to the morning)

Hotel: Marriott Gateway On The Falls (<http://www.marriottgatewayonthefalls.com/>)

Room rates for meeting (based on single or double occupancy):

\$139 plus taxes per night (Fallsview room)

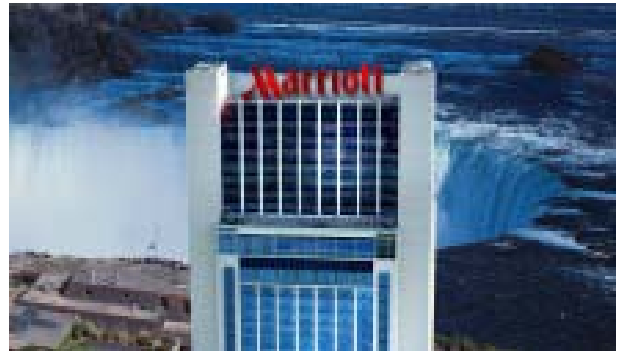
\$125 plus taxes per night (Cityview room)

A block of rooms are being held at these prices for this meeting until May 23, 2012.

Contact hotel directly to book rooms (see CPS website for details).

Parking – \$10 per car per day

Internet – \$12.95 per room per stay



Travel between airports and hotel:

e.g. Niagara Airbus (www.niagaraairbus.com) – Delegates can get discounted round trip shuttle bus service between Toronto Pearson (\$74.88 plus taxes) or Buffalo International (\$70 plus taxes) airports and the hotel.

Contact Niagara Airbus directly to book shuttle bus (see CPS website for details).

Registration:

Registration will be online at the CPS website. To register, go to <http://www.phytopath.ca/regional/west-ontario/CPS-PPV%202012.htm>

3-day regular (\$425, \$475 for late registration (after May 23)) - Includes reception (Sunday evening June 24), banquet (Tuesday evening June 26), and coffee breaks, breakfast, and lunch for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (June 25-27)

3-day student (\$325, \$375 for late registration (after May 23)) - Includes everything listed above plus a student social on Monday evening (June 25)

1-day (\$150) - Includes coffee breaks, breakfast, and lunch for Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday (June 25, 26, or 27)

Extra reception ticket (\$65)

Extra banquet ticket (\$80)

Abstracts:

Deadline for submission of abstracts is May 23. There is a \$35 fee for publication of abstracts in the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology. Abstract fees can be paid at the same time as registration fees on the CPS website. Go to <http://www.phytopath.ca/regional/west-ontario/CPS-PPV%202012.htm>

Email abstracts to cps-scp-abstract@agr.gc.ca. Format of abstracts must follow that for CJPP. Underline speaker's name, indicate whether the presentation is oral or poster, and indicate if it is a student presentation.

For further information contact Kenneth Conn (Chair of Local Arrangement Committee).
Phone: 519-457-1470 ext. 285
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The XVIIth Biennial Workshop on the Smuts and Bunts to be held in Shenzhen, Guangdong, China from July 9-13, 2012

The aim of this workshop is to promote scientific exchange, enhance research capacity and cooperation on smuts and bunts around the world, and discuss regulatory issues. The workshop will focus on biology, genetics, classification, risk analysis, technology of identification and detection, quarantine treatment and quarantine managements. This international workshop will provide a platform for exchange and sharing of knowledge, experience and research findings on smuts and bunts. Chinese Academy of Inspection and

Quarantine, Mycological Society of China will host this meeting.

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ISAA 2013 - Adjuvants: sustainably growing Agrochemicals

It is a great pleasure for us to invite you to attend and contribute to the next event of the International Symposium on Adjuvants for Agrochemicals (ISAA 2013), that will take place at April 22-26, 2013.

For the first time in Brazil, this 10th edition will gather again colleagues not only from the hosting country but also from all over the world to discuss the newest technologies and share experiences on Adjuvants for Agrochemicals. The ISAA 2013 program will cover both scientific and commercial topics. Besides that, you will have a great opportunity to visit one of the greatest landscapes of this tropical country - the Iguazu Falls!

Come and join us to make this event a huge success.

Objectives

ISAA 2013 technical focus will be on all aspects of adjuvants, from pesticide and target interactions to application efficacy and new opportunities. A special focus will be given to **sustainability** within the adjuvants and its use.

This Brazilian edition will also discuss local technical interests on adjuvants as well as relevant aspects for this Agrobusiness market.

Main topics:

- To identify progress in the understanding of the mode of action of adjuvants when combined with agrochemicals (pesticides, plant growth regulators, nutrients) and biological control agents.



- To cover the distinct subject of adjuvant use as component of crop protection products or as tank mix partner or as stand alone product for other purposes.
- To stimulate discussion among those involved in adjuvant research and development, application and regulatory issues.
- To establish new opportunities for international co-operation between scientists and users in a time of globally expanding agriculture.
- To spot trends in adjuvant research, development and application.
- To support the proper use of adjuvants by knowing the key features and benefits.
- To identify factors that may restrict the utilization of adjuvant technology.
- To offer a platform for adjuvant suppliers and agrochemical/-technical companies to exhibit new products or technologies.

ISAA 2013 symposium details:

Title: **ISAA 2013 - 10th International Symposium on Adjuvants for Agrochemicals**

Hyperlink: <http://events.isaa-online.org>

Dates: **April 22 - 26, 2013**

Organizer: **International Society for Agrochemical Adjuvants (ISAA Society)**

Country: **Brazil**

City: **Foz do Iguaçu**



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Employment

Two MSc positions available at University of Saskatchewan

MSc positions are available in the Department of Plant Sciences, University of Saskatchewan. Two projects are available: stripe rust of wheat and fusarium wilt of flax, within the cereal and flax pathology program. The research possibilities include various aspects of plant pathology with the aim of enhancing disease resistance in crop varieties, such as, understanding host-pathogen interactions, development of controlled environment phenotyping methods for selection of resistant germplasm, and resistance gene identification. A student stipend of up to \$21,000 annually for two years is available.

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- Technical knowledge as it relates to the use of Crop Protection products in Canada
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- Ability to operate and maintain farm and research equipment

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