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President's Message

This is my favourite time of year. Everything is green and I can get out to the field to see research plots on a more or less regular basis. Within the CPS, the focus is on the upcoming annual meeting and all that entails, with summarizing the events of



Mary Ruth McDonald
CPS-SCP President/Présidente

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the past year and recognizing the service and accomplishments of our members.

State of the Society

It has been a pleasure and an honour to serve as President of the CPS this year. The Society is in a good financial situation, which allows us to look at ways to better serve the membership and to raise awareness of plant pathology. The current Board can't take much credit for the positive account balance. It was the agreement with Taylor and Francis for the publication of the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology that improved our financial position. This was a result of the foresight of CJPP Editor Zamir Punja and the Boards of 2008 and 2009, under the leadership of Jim Menzies and Mary Leggett. Because the Society now has funds, we plan to continue to update the CPS website and to

continue publishing and reprinting works such as *Diseases of Field Crops in Canada* and the new volumes of *Diseases of Vegetable Crops in Canada*. Input and ideas on how the Society can be more relevant are always welcome.

Networking opportunities, continuing education, and career development are important to all of our members. The annual meeting, and regional meetings, provide great opportunities for all of these, but we would like to see even more developments. For those of you who are established in your careers, remember to post employment and grad student opportunities on the web site and in the newsletter. For those of you who are in grad school and early stages of career development, make the most of the annual meeting to meet new people and showcase your research.

Environment Canada and plant pathology

Many of you have been following the issue of Environment Canada's recent interpretation of the NSNR (New Substances Notification Regulations [organisms]), and how this would affect field research where inoculum is applied to the field. In short, applications would have to be filled out and approved by Environment Canada before any inoculum could be increased in the lab and applied in the field. The CPS has been working closely with CropLife Canada and Agriculture and AgriFood Canada to reach a reasonable solution that would allow us to continue to do field trials involving plant pathogens, without additional paper work and delays.

The discussions, meetings and conference calls over the past year have been very positive. Recently, Environment Canada proposed an exemption for field research when plots are under a certain size (proposed example of 10 ha). The details will be worked out through consultations. Under the exemption, there would be standard operating procedures that researchers would follow, and hence, no requirement to notify Environment Canada for trials that fit the exemption. However, we are also encouraged to continue populate the DSL (Domestic Substances List). There is no need to notify Environment Canada when doing research with organisms on this list.

While things are moving in the right direction, there is still more to be done to achieve this exemption for research. CPS will continue to be actively involved in resolving this issue and in the consultations under the umbrella of the Science Policy Committee.

The cooperation among all the groups has been excellent and Environment Canada staff have noted several times that this cooperation has been very important in moving toward a resolution. Of course there is much work to be done, and details to be sorted out. As we continue to work on this, Environment Canada is not able to say "business as usual" for our field work, but things are definitely moving in the right direction. I'm hoping that the exemption will be in place within the coming year. Watch this newsletter for updates.

Strategic Plan

The strategic plan of CPS is an important map and reference for the executive to chart the path for the CPS. David Kamiski and his group have completed the current strategic plan and presented it to the Board. There will be a short presentation of the highlights at the annual general meeting in Niagara Falls. Interestingly, about one third of the items involve the web site in one form or another. Webmaster Tom Hsiang has done a good job of keeping the web site up to date, but he isn't the one who creates the content. Keep those items coming in! To address these points in the strategic plan, there will be a committee to review and make recommendations about the website.

Get Involved

As you know, this is an organization run by volunteers, and it is great to see the dedication of time and effort that so many of the members devote to the Society. Recently, we had an inquiry about whether grad students could be committee members. The answer is an unequivocal YES. Many times over the past years, I have been struck by the effective organizational plan for the Society. The four year Presidential stream and rotation of Directors works remarkably well. All of the positions are important, but those of Membership Secretary, Secretary and Treasurer are essential. Treasurer Sarah Hambleton will be stepping down

as of the annual meeting. Sarah has provided exceptional service in her quiet and competent manner, and her contributions are much appreciated. Past-president Jeannie Gilbert and Senior Director Randy Kutcher are also rotating off the Board. In addition to the executive, the society runs through the contributions of committees. Participation on a committee is another great way to meet people and get involved in the Society. Time commitments vary. For instance, being on the Awards Committee is very fulfilling because you get to recognize excellence in the discipline, but it

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also takes quite a bit of time to review nominations and assess student presentations. If you have an interest in a committee, let me know. In a few weeks I will be the Past-President and will have the job of finding new committee members next year. In closing, I have appreciated this opportunity to serve as CPS President and being involved with items such as resolving the issues with Environment Canada. I look forward to working with the new President, Fouad Daayf, and the incoming board, as we move forward with new initiatives.

See you in Niagara Falls!



Message de la Présidente

Cette période de l'année est ma préférée! Tout est vert et je peux me rendre aux champs pour visiter plus ou moins régulièrement les parcelles de recherche. Au sein de la Société canadienne de phytopathologie (SCP), l'accent est mis sur la prochaine réunion annuelle et tout ce que cela implique, y compris la synthèse des événements de la dernière année et la reconnaissance des services rendus par nos membres ainsi que leurs réalisations.

État de la Société

Cela a été pour moi un plaisir cette année d'exercer la fonction de présidente de la SCP. La situation financière de la Société est saine, ce qui

nous permet d'envisager des façons de mieux servir nos membres et de mieux faire connaître la phytopathologie. Le conseil ne peut pas s'approprier tout le crédit pour ce solde positif. C'est l'entente conclue avec Taylor and Francis relative à la publication de la *Revue canadienne de phytopathologie* (RCP) qui a contribué à améliorer notre situation financière. Ceci est le résultat de la perspicacité du rédacteur en chef de la RCP, Zamir Punja, et des conseils de la Société de 2008 et 2009, sous la direction de Jim Menzies et de Mary Legget. Parce que la Société possède maintenant des fonds, nous envisageons de poursuivre la mise à jour de notre site Web ainsi que la publication et la réédition d'ouvrages comme *Maladies des grandes cultures au Canada* et des nouveaux tomes de

Maladies et ravageurs des cultures légumières au Canada. Les idées quant aux façons de rendre la Société encore plus pertinente sont toujours les bienvenues.

Les possibilités de réseautage, la formation continue et le développement de la carrière sont des motivations importantes pour tous nos membres. La réunion annuelle et les réunions régionales sont des occasions idéales de susciter ces motivations, mais nous voudrions voir une plus grande impulsion encore. Vous dont la carrière est bien amorcée, n'oubliez pas d'afficher sur le site Web et dans le bulletin les emplois et les occasions pour les étudiants des cycles supérieurs. Quant à vous, étudiants des cycles supérieurs ou diplômés en début de carrière, profitez de l'occasion que vous offre la réunion annuelle de rencontrer de nouvelles personnes et de présenter vos travaux.

Environnement Canada et la phytopathologie

Plusieurs d'entre vous êtes au fait de la position d'Environnement Canada concernant sa récente interprétation du Règlement sur les renseignements concernant les nouvelles substances (organismes) (RRSN) et comment cela influencera la recherche dans le cas où un inoculum est utilisé au champ. En bref, des formulaires de demande devraient être remplis par les chercheurs et approuvés par Environnement Canada avant qu'un inoculum puisse être multiplié en laboratoire et utilisé par la suite au champ. La SCP travaille en étroite relation avec CropLife Canada et Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada pour trouver une solution raisonnable qui nous permettrait de poursuivre des essais au champ faisant appel à l'utilisation d'agents phytopathogènes, et ce, sans délais ou documents administratifs additionnels. Les discussions, les réunions et les conférences téléphoniques qui se sont tenues dans le courant de la dernière année ont été des plus positives. Dernièrement, Environnement Canada a proposé une exemption pour la recherche au champ lorsque les parcelles sont de moins d'une certaine dimension (exemple proposé de 10 ha). Les détails seront précisés lors de consultations. Selon l'exemption, les chercheurs devraient se conformer à certaines procédures d'utilisation normalisées et, par conséquent, ils n'auraient pas à aviser

Environnement Canada pour des essais qui correspondraient à cette exemption. Toutefois, nous sommes également encouragés à alimenter la Liste intérieure des substances (LIS). Il n'est pas nécessaire d'aviser Environnement Canada lors que des recherches sont effectuées avec des organismes inscrits sur la LIS.

Bien que tout semble aller dans le bon sens, il reste encore beaucoup à faire pour obtenir cette exemption pour la recherche. La SCP continuera de s'impliquer activement dans la solution de ce problème et dans les consultations qui se dérouleront sous l'égide du Comité de la politique scientifique.

La coopération de tous les groupes a été exemplaire et l'équipe d'Environnement Canada a souligné à plusieurs reprises à quel point elle a été déterminante dans l'élaboration d'une solution. Il reste bien sûr beaucoup de travail à effectuer et de détails à régler. Comme nous poursuivons nos efforts, et étant donné notre domaine d'expertise, Environnement Canada ne peut pas s'engluer dans la routine bureaucratique, mais tout va dans le bon sens. J'espère que l'exemption entrera en vigueur dans le courant de l'année. Lisez les mises à jour dans ce bulletin.

Plan stratégique

Le plan stratégique de la SCP est une référence précise qui permet au gestionnaire de baliser son parcours. David Kamiski et son groupe ont achevé l'actuel plan stratégique et l'ont présenté au conseil. Nous profiterons de la réunion annuelle à Niagara Falls pour vous en présenter les grandes lignes. Chose intéressante, environ le tiers des sujets qu'il contient ont à voir, d'une manière ou d'une autre, avec le site Web. Le webmestre, Tom Hsiang, a fait du bon travail pour maintenir le site à jour, mais il ne crée pas le contenu. Continuez à nous faire parvenir tout ce qui peut l'alimenter! Un comité sera formé pour aborder ces points du plan stratégique concernant le site Web et faire des recommandations.

Engagez-vous!

Comme vous le savez, la SCP est une organisation gérée par des volontaires, et c'est réconfortant de

constater toutes les heures et tous les efforts que plusieurs de ses membres y consentent. Dernièrement, on a demandé si les étudiants des cycles supérieurs pouvaient être membres de comités. La réponse est OUI, sans aucune équivoque.

Plusieurs fois dans le passé, j'ai été frappée par l'efficacité du plan organisationnel de la Société. Le système de

rotation quadriennal du président et des directeurs fonctionne remarquablement bien. Tous les postes sont importants, mais ceux de secrétaire aux adhésions, de secrétaire et de trésorier sont essentiels. La trésorière, Sarah Hambleton, terminera son mandat à la réunion annuelle. Sarah, avec sa calme compétence, nous a rendu de précieux services et ses contributions sont grandement appréciées. La présidente sortante, Jeannie Gilbert, et le directeur principal, Randy Kutcher, cèderont également leur place au conseil.

En plus du conseil de direction, la Société fonctionne grâce au travail de ses comités. La participation à un comité est une autre façon sensationnelle de rencontrer des gens et de

s'impliquer dans la Société. Le temps qui est requis des membres varie. Par exemple, la participation au comité des prix est très épanouissante. Vous en venez à reconnaître l'excellence dans votre discipline, par ailleurs, la revue des candidats et

l'évaluation des présentations des étudiants requièrent beaucoup de votre temps. Si un comité vous intéresse,

faites-le-moi savoir. Dans quelques semaines, je serai présidente sortante et ce sera mon travail, l'année prochaine, de trouver de nouveaux membres pour les comités.

Finalement, j'ai apprécié cette occasion de servir à titre de présidente de la SCP et d'avoir été impliquée dans des dossiers tels que la résolution des problèmes avec Environnement Canada. Comme nous allons de l'avant, nouveaux projets en main, je me réjouis à l'idée de travailler avec le nouveau président, Fouad Daayf, ainsi qu'avec les nouveaux membres du conseil.

À bientôt à Niagara Falls!

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Canadian Phytopathological Society/International Plum Pox Virus Joint Meeting

Final notice of invitation to 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. Please go to the CPS website (<http://phytopath.ca/index.shtml>) for more information. Hope to see you there!

Location: Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

Date: June 24-27, 2012

Preliminary meeting schedule overview:

Sunday evening: opening reception

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

Monday afternoon: concurrent CPS/PPV sessions; CPS/PPV contributed poster session

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

Tuesday afternoon: concurrent CPS/PPV sessions

Tuesday evening: banquet and awards ceremony

Wednesday morning: concurrent CPS/PPV sessions

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

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 (\$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)

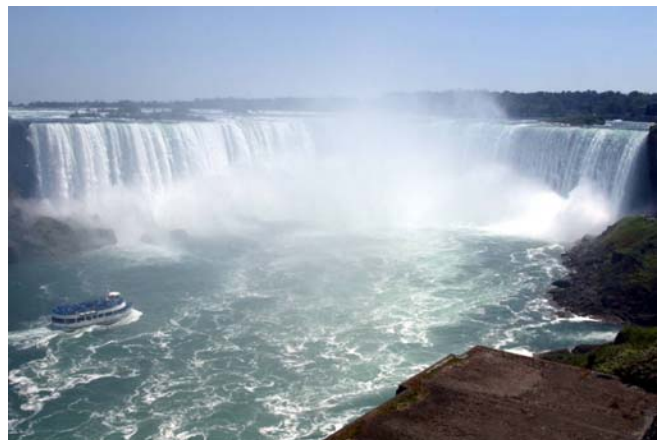
3-day student (\$325, \$375 for late registration (after May 23)) - Includes everything listed above plus a student social on Monday evening (June 25)

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)

For further information contact Kenneth Conn (Chair of local arrangement committee).
Phone: 519-457-1470 ext. 285
Email: ken.conn@agr.gc.ca



Committee and Other Reports

Membership Committee Annual Report - 2012

2012 Membership Total (as of May 24, 2012): **336**

Regular - 234
 Emeritus - 53
 Student - 31
 Sustaining Associates - 18

The number of members renewed by May 16, 2012 is 1.4% lower than the number renewed by the same date in 2011, generating an income of \$31,215.00 in membership and \$2,485.00 in donations. It is expected that late membership renewals and additional new members will bring the total close to last year's numbers, and hopefully closer to the average record (~398) by the year end since there are many 2011 and 2010 members who have not yet renewed their 2012 membership.

CJPP – Members Journal Selections:

In 2012, all CPS paid members receive online access to the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology (CJPP). 37.5% of members chose electronic access only to the Journal, and 62.5 % chose both electronic and paper copy of the Journal. Most Emeritus members (14% of membership) are non-paying members and did not apply for CJPP.

New Members

CPS has 28 new members as of May 16, 2012. **On behalf of CPS, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new Regular, Student, and Sustaining Associate Members:**

Regular Members:

Saman **ABEYSINGHE**; Vijai **BHADAURIA**; Takuya **CHIBA**; Joshua **COWAN**; Nicole **GIRARD**; Baozhong **MENG**; Xianzhou **NIE**; Megan **ROBINSON**; Ileana **STRELKOV**; Mirko **TABORI**; Stephen **WEGULO**; Darlene **KLASSEN**.

CPS Membership Totals 2001 - 2012:

May 24, 2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
336	352	363	419	367	413	432	395	401	409	418	405

Membership numbers have been fairly constant over the last several years with a slight decrease in 2008-2012. Total membership has varied between 352 and 432 members in the last 11 years.

2012 Membership by Geographic Region:

Canada - 290; US - 32; International - 14

Number of Canadian Members by Province (including Sustaining Associates and contacts):

AB - 37; BC - 43; MB - 49; NB - 6; NL - 1; NS - 5; ON - 78; PE - 9; QC - 22; SK - 40;

Student Members:

Naoui **ABDELWAHED**; Alireza **AKHAVAN**; Laura **BARBISON**; Christian Danve **CASTROVERDE**; Brian **COLLINS**; Mamadou Lamine **FALL**; Michelle **FRASER**; Sakaria **LIBAN**; Chong **LIU**; Lisa **MALO**; Zokou Frank **ORO**; Evelyn Valera **ROGAS**; Diganggana **TALUKDAR**; Andrew **WYLIE**; Xuehua **ZHANG**; Barbara **ZIESMAN**.

Sustaining Member:

FMC Corporation, Agricultural Products Group

The following Sustaining Associates have generously supported the CPS in 2012:

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

Donations to CPS in 2012:

On behalf of the CPS, I would also like to thank the following members who generously supported CPS with donations (\$2,485.00) in 2012 for the various awards funds.

Karen K. BEDFORD, Robin K. CAMERON, Bob COPEMAN, Luc COUTURE, Lilian de LUNA, Megan DEWDNEY, Katherine F. DOBINSON, Daniel DOSTALER, Bruce D. GOSSEN, Steve M. HABER, Ronald J. HOWARD, Lawrence (Larry) M. KAWACHUK, H. Randy KUTCHER, George LAZAROVITS, Mary E. LEGGET, C. André LÉVESQUE, Xiang (Sean) LI, Mary Ruth MCDONALD, Colin D. MCKEEN, James G. MENZIES, Robin A. A. MORRALL, Agnes M. MURPHY, Angela ORSHINSKY, Eric A. PEDERSEN, Stéphan POULEUR, Robert H. PROCTOR, Zamir K. PUNJA, TOD RAMSFIELD, Khalid Y. RASHID, D'Ann M. ROCHON, Barry SAVILLE, Xuechan SHAN, Daina SIMMONDS, Andy TEKAUZ, James A. TRAQUAIR, Ronald E. WALL

This is my sixth year as CPS Membership Secretary and Chairman of the Membership Committee; I have been trying hard to get members to renew membership on time and to recruit new members by sending reminder emails, and making friendly phone calls sometimes, so please realize that keeping an active Membership is very important for the Society and the profession of plant pathology. For any further information, please feel free to contact me at (204)822-7220, or by email at khalid.rashid@agr.gc.ca

Suggestions to improve membership

1. Implementation of the online registration and payment
2. Choice of multi-year registration
3. Encourage the Regional Representatives to participate in the renewal process
4. Encourage university Professors to enrol their graduate students, and perhaps pay their dues
5. Encourage staff of private sector and industries in Plant Protection to join CPS
6. Get the International Communication Committee to recruit members from outside of Canada.
7. Encourage Regional groups to sponsor members from underdeveloped countries for one year (i.e. MB Branch has been sponsoring foreign members for several years)
8. Advertise in the CJPP for international exposure

Membership Committee:

Khalid Y. Rashid, Chairman & Membership Secretary
Sarah Hambleton, Treasurer of CPS
Rick Peters, Reg. Rep, Maritimes
Russell Tweddell, Reg. Rep. Quebec.
Bernard Vigier, Reg. Rep. Eastern Ontario.
Ken Conn, Reg. Rep. Western Ontario.
Fouad Daayf, Reg. Rep. Manitoba
Cheryl-Armstrong Cho, Reg. Rep. Saskatchewan.
Denis Gaudet/Kelly Turkington, Reg. Rep. Alberta.
Vippen Joshi, Reg. Rep. British Columbia.

**Respectfully submitted, May 24, 2012
Khalid Y. Rashid, Membership Secretary/
Membership Committee**



Report of the Nominations Committee

The following nominations for positions within CPS that will be coming vacant at the annual general meeting in 2012 were received and supported by the Nominations Committee. Survey Monkey was used for the vote. There were two nominees for each of the executive board positions, Vice President and Junior Director.

Executive Board:

Vice-President: Odile Carisse and Deena Errampalli

Junior Director: Curt McCartney and Siva Sabaratnam

Treasurer: Ken Conn accepted the position of Treasurer.

By narrow margins, the successful candidates were **Deena Errampalli** and **Curt McCartney**.

Changes and additions to Standing Committees:

Future meetings: Brent McCallum (Chair)

Resolutions: Rona Sturrock (Chair), Syama Chatterton (2012)

Public Relations: Karen Bedford

International Cooperation Committee: Khalid Rashid (Chair) Fernanda Gamba-Fuica

Financial Advisory: Mary Ruth McDonald (Chair), Tom Fetch

Awards: Karen Bailey (Chair), Mark Gijzen, Ron Knox

Membership: Vippen Joshi

Nominations: Mary Ruth McDonald (Chair)

Science Policy: Janice Elmhirst (Chair)

Local Arrangements Committee: Kelly Turkington (Chair), Ken Conn

Education Committee: Mary Leggett (Chair) Lilian Z. de Luna, Wayne Barton, Linda Jewell

The full membership of the Executive Board and all the Standing Committees will be updated on the website shortly after the 2012 AGM and can be viewed under Committees and Executive Board. Our thanks to all who let their names stand for positions or who agreed to serve on a committee. Our strength lies with the membership and their willingness to volunteer their time and energy to keep CPS a thriving society.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Nominations Committee
Jeannie Gilbert (Chair)

Report on Website Editing Activities from May 2011- May 2012

From May 2011 through April 2012, there were over 60 sets of changes made to the CPS website (which is similar in number to the previous year). Many of these were requests to post materials, such as job ads or CPS publications, and some were to make corrections to outdated links and materials. The major change was the migration of the website from the previous web hosting service (neocode) to the current web hosting service (hostpapa) in fall 2012. In addition to costing much less (perhaps one-third the price), administrative functions such as the addition of regional website accounts can be downloaded by the web editor directly without the aid (and additional cost) imposed by the web hosting service. Each CPS regional site now has its own dedicated portion of the main website. In addition, the old URL (cps-scp.ca) is also directed to the same site as the new URL (phytopath.ca). The new one was needed for the transition period since two locations cannot have the same name. Another major change was the adoption of the Paypal service for renewal of memberships, and also implementation of its use for the Annual Meeting registration. Because the web hosting service on

neocode ended in January 2012, and the access data was not recorded, we only have data at this point for web access in May 2012 (once I realized that the data was being collected daily but not stored and then enabled the storage mechanism).

This table shows CPS website access from May 1 to May 14, 2012

Webpage	hits
/education/kochspostulates.html	782
/phytopath.ca	512
/index.shtml	355
/regional/west-ontario/CPS-PPV%202012.htm	324
/meetings.shtml	197
/journallinks.shtml	196
/regional/west-ontario/program.htm	151
/cpds.shtml	98
/publications.shtml	95
/members.shtml	76
/regional/west-ontario/payment.htm	59
/awards.shtml	54
/education/atelier.html	47
/regional/west-ontario/abstract%20format.htm	43
/cjppeng.shtml	40
/cps_region.shtml	40
/positions.shtml	39
/educationalresources.shtml	39
/sustainingassociates.shtml	31
/news.shtml	29
/pathologynews/naturalweedcontrol.html	28
/visitors.shtml	25
/pest_mangement-reports.shtml	24
/dpvcc.html	22
/dfccfrontcover.html	22
Others	323

Interestingly, one of the education resources which we offer (<http://www.cps-scp.ca/education/kochspostulates.html>, "What are Koch's Postulates") has been the most highly ranked access item in the first part of May 2012, and was also the top access in the first months of 2011, supplanting journal links which was usually the top hit in years previous. Perhaps more items such as this (accessed from the middle of the page of <http://www.cps-scp.ca/educationalresources.shtml>) could be provided to stimulate traffic to our site.

In response to a survey of CPS membership conducted before the last General Meeting, some changes were made to the website. Many of these were cosmetic to make certain parts more visible, while other requests were for additional material most of which needs to be generated by the membership.

Submitted by Tom Hsiang, May 15, 2012
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REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CO-ORDINATOR, CANADIAN PLANT DISEASE - DISEASE HIGHLIGHTS

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

Volume 92 of the Canadian Plant Disease Survey (CPDS), reporting mainly on disease highlights in 2011, was posted in late May on the CPS website. Forty-seven reports were published in 157 pages. The number of reports per section was: cereals 26; oilseeds and special crops 14; diagnostic labs 6; vegetables 1. No reports were received on forage crops; forest trees; or fruits, nuts and berries, ornamentals and turf grass. Forty-five reports were in English and two in French. As usual, the journal is dominated by reports from the western provinces on cereals, oilseeds and special crops. The number of reports from diagnostic laboratories has held constant in recent years.

Thanks to the section editors (Marilyn Dykstra, Andy Tekauz, Bruce Gossen, Robin Morrall, Mary Ruth McDonald, Paul Hildebrand and Jean Bérubé) for soliciting reports and for their editorial work. Thanks also to the authors who prepared reports and to compiler Deidre Wasyliw for her skills in concatenating multiple reports without massive destruction of the format! This is the 16th year that CPDS has been published electronically and the fifth since there has been a publication charge of \$35.00 per report. As well as being web-based, CPDS has been printed for a small number of libraries and individuals who pay \$15.00 to receive the hard copy. Since this number is now reduced to only five, I recommend that the CPS Board consider discontinuing the practice.

Members of CPS are reminded that even anecdotal reports from informal surveys are worth publishing. These are somewhat similar to reports from diagnostic laboratories as they document the historical occurrence of plant diseases in Canada and could provide information valuable to future scientific work. Reports covering survey data collected over several years are equally valuable.

Respectfully submitted, May 25, 2012
Robin Morrall, CPDS National Coordinator
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University of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon, S7N 5E2.

Announcements

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,
Cheryl Armstrong-Cho
CPS-Sask Regional Representative
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Grad Students' Corner

Successful MSC at U of Guelph

Hema Kasinathan successfully completed her M.Sc. in plant pathology in April, 2012. She conducted her grad studies in the Department of Plant Agriculture at the University of Guelph under the supervision of Dr. Mary Ruth McDonald and co-supervision of Dr. Bruce Gossen. Her thesis title is, "Influence of pH, temperature and biofungicide on clubroot of canola".



Note from the Editor....

...to Graduate Students and Graduate Student Supervisors: To echo the words of our CPS President, "get involved!". I'd like to encourage supervisors and students alike to submit news of interest for the Grad Students' Corner section of this Newsletter. The Society would like to hear about you - what you're working on and how it's going. If you're a new member, tell us about yourself. If you have won a scholarship or award, we'd like to hear about it. If you have fantastic photos to show, we'd like to see them. If you have great ideas to share and would like to become more involved in the CPS, let us know. Articles can be submitted any time to me at coreen.franke@viterra.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

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