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## President's Message

It is so good that the winter is behind us; although, in many parts of the country spring has been long awaited, but not fully enjoyed! In Manitoba, after a long, cold and snowy winter, we are still "appreciating" rainy days, especially during the weekends. I like the fact that everything is green



**Fouad Daayf**  
CPS-SCP President/président

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wherever I turn my eyes, but people waiting for ground moisture to decrease so that they can seed have to wait a bit longer than expected. Regardless of the weather, it is an exciting time of the year, as many of us are preparing to enjoy the pleasures of field trials and of the annual meeting of our Society. It is a particularly exciting time for students who are preparing posters or oral communications to present at our meeting in Edmonton, especially if it is their first time. It has been an honour and an immense pleasure to serve as President of CPS for the past twelve months. Like many before me have said, it is both an inspiring and a very enriching experience. The most valuable benefit is to have worked with a wonderful group of competent and friendly people. The wisdom and experience of those who have served on the board for a longer time than me, combined with the energy and enthusiasm of

newer board members, have provided an incredible stimulation for my role as President. I long thought that being President of anything means to inspire people, guide them, and teach them ways to do things better. After one year serving as CPS president, I realize that it is quite a learning experience. I was inspired by many colleagues, and their help and wisdom were instrumental in making sound decisions as a group. In a word, it is a humbling position, in which consultation and feeling part of a family drives many actions. Now, I will be passing the torch to my successor, Janice Elmhirst, and I wish her every possible success. After June 19, I will be Past President, but that does not mean that I will be done with the CPS Board activities.

From my interaction with our current Past President, Mary Ruth McDonald, I know that the latter position is almost as busy as, if not more than, that of President. Mary Ruth has been a great source of information and help to me over the past three years, and she will retire from the Board at the end of her term as Past President. I wish to offer my sincerest thanks to Mary Ruth. Deena Errampalli will be our President-elect for 2013-2014, and I wish her the best of luck. Deena had previously served on the Board as Secretary, and it was great to have her on the Board as Vice President because many times she provided advice on past practices to those who were not around when she was Secretary. I sincerely thank Tony Hopkin and Khalid Rashid for the tremendous amount of work they have done on the Board for several years as CPS Secretary and Membership Secretary, respectively. Both Tony and Khalid are stepping down from their respective positions and I wish them the best of luck in their future endeavours. I would like to also thank Aiming Wang, whose term has ended as Senior Director, and to congratulate Curt McCartney for stepping up to this position. My thanks to Ken Conn, who has always been on top of the budget and related issues. I hope he will be able to stay with us as Treasurer for a long term. Finally, I would like to thank Zamir Punja, our journal's Editor-in-Chief, who

is making sure that our journal and relations with our publisher are always in a good shape.

## Committees

In my message in the March issue of CPS News, I invited you, respected members of this Society, to take an active role in the CPS by joining one of its committees. That call continues. As a follow-up to our strategic planning exercise, we were determined to pursue the launch of initiatives that would benefit our society at various levels. It

quickly became obvious that the Society's website would be central to many of the potential initiatives. The Strategic Planning Committee also mentioned

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the need to improve the website. Therefore, we focused on creating a committee to revamp the website design in order to serve our members better. A committee was struck and has had several calls/meetings to discuss ways to improve the Society's service to its members and to the community through the website. As a result, terms of reference of the website committee were developed, and several members volunteered to get the wheels moving. Following a recommendation from this committee, the Society will recruit a web designer to change the look of the website and improve its functionality. I would like to thank Tom Hsiang for serving as our Website Editor for many years. I also thank Lorne Adam who agreed to serve as interim Website Editor, and all those who volunteered to serve on the website committee. Finally, thank you to all of those whose terms have ended as committee members.

## New Substances Notification Regulations (NSNR) update

As I mentioned in my last President's Message, the Society had struck a Science Policy Ad Hoc Committee to deal with Environment Canada/Health Canada issue on including microorganisms

such as plant pathogens on the Domestic Substances List, in collaboration with Crop Life and AAFC. A consultation was held and we are expecting amendments to this legislation. It has been a long process, but we are hopeful that in the end, Environment Canada will make amendments that will best serve the public, the industry, and members of our society. On a different note, and along with other Canadian scientific societies, we co-signed a letter to the Federal Minister of the Environment offering assistance in reviewing the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA). Although most of our members do not directly deal with this issue, it was important to show solidarity with the other societies and increase the society's exposure at the national level.

## Regional meetings

I was glad to see that regional meetings were well attended this year. It was definitely a good move to double the CPS allocation to these meetings from \$150 to \$300. I would like to remind the regional representatives that the CPS Board would be glad to examine proposals to invite speakers to annual meetings of the CPS regional sections, especially if doing so can increase the Society's regional activities and exposure. This option has not been used much so far. Another area that really needs more prospection is the engagement of our youth in more plant pathology education and activities. I believe that regional meetings would be a good place to start, and I am confident that the Board would be happy to examine proposals to fund the organization of satellite activities, such as plant pathology-related workshops for youth, at regional meetings. Some regional sections have done that in the past, but it would be beneficial if it was done more often.

## Joint future meetings

For several months now, we have been in talks with the American Phytopathological Society for the joint organization of our respective annual meetings in 2014 in Minneapolis. Such talks have been fruitful and we are anticipating a successful joint meeting in Minnesota. I am glad to let you know that our Board has agreed to sponsor the *Glen Anderson Lecture* as part of the Plenary Session at this meeting.

In 2015, our annual meeting will be also a joint one, this time with Plant Canada, and will be held in Edmonton. We now have our Board representation ensured by the Vice President and the President-elect, so that we can warrant continuity in such representation within the Plant Canada Board. I would like to thank both Janice Elmhirst (President-Elect) and Deena Errampalli (Vice-President) who did a great job liaising between Plant Canada and our Board this year.

Finally, I am happy to announce that our Board has also agreed to sponsor a *Glen Anderson Lecture* at the International Conference on Plant Pathology that will be held in Beijing, China, this year. This is another meaningful activity that will increase the exposure of our society and maintain our already strong international reputation.

Many past members of the CPS have left us this year, and I would like each one of us to take a minute of silence for these deceased members.

In closing, I thank you all for your trust, and simply for being part of this great society. The CPS is in very good shape. It is up to us to invest more into our youth and early career colleagues to take the Society to even higher heights, and allow it to be an even more important player in education, research dissemination, and policy making in this country.



## Message du président

On se réjouit tous que l'hiver soit enfin terminé. A plusieurs endroits au pays, on attend toujours le printemps. Au Manitoba, par exemple, après un hiver long, froid et neigeux, nous « profitons » toujours des journées pluvieuses, particulièrement durant les fins de semaine. J'aime bien que tout soit vert, où que je dirige mon regard, mais les gens qui veulent semer devront attendre encore un peu plus longtemps que d'habitude.

En dehors des aléas climatiques, c'est une période passionnante de l'année, particulièrement pour ceux qui se préparent à profiter des plaisirs des essais au champ et de la réunion annuelle de notre Société. C'est également une période excitante

pour les étudiants qui préparent des affiches scientifiques ou des présentations orales pour notre réunion qui se tiendra à Edmonton, surtout lorsqu'il s'agit de la première réunion à laquelle ils assisteront.

Ce fut un honneur et un immense plaisir pour moi d'agir à titre de président de la Société canadienne de phytopathologie (SCP) durant ces 12 derniers mois. Comme plusieurs l'ont dit avant moi, c'est une expérience à la fois inspirante et très enrichissante. Ce que j'en tire de plus précieux, c'est d'avoir travaillé avec un groupe merveilleux de gens compétents et sympathiques. La sagesse et l'expérience de ceux qui ont siégé au conseil d'administration plus longtemps que moi, combinées à l'énergie et à l'enthousiasme des plus jeunes membres, m'ont grandement stimulé dans ma fonction de président. J'ai longtemps pensé qu'être président d'une organisation quelconque signifiait inspirer les gens, les guider et leur montrer comment améliorer les façons de faire les choses. Après une année comme président de la SCP, j'ai réalisé qu'il s'agissait aussi d'une occasion inespérée pour apprendre. Plusieurs collègues m'ont inspiré et leur aide ainsi que leur sagesse ont été déterminantes dans la prise de décisions éclairées en tant que groupe. En un mot, c'est une leçon d'humilité au cours de laquelle la consultation mutuelle avec les autres membres et le sentiment d'appartenance à une même famille guident plusieurs de nos actions.

Maintenant, je m'apprête à passer le flambeau à la personne qui me succédera, Janice Elmhirst, et je lui souhaite tout le succès possible. Après le 19 juin, je serai président sortant, mais cela ne signifie pas que je n'aurai plus rien à voir avec les activités du conseil de la SCP. Pour avoir côtoyé notre présidente sortante actuelle, Mary Ruth McDonald, je sais que ce poste comporte autant de travail sinon plus que celui de président. Au cours des trois

dernières années, Mary Ruth a été pour moi une source d'information intarissable de même qu'une aide précieuse et elle quittera son poste au conseil à la fin de son terme. Je tiens à la remercier très chaleureusement. Deena Errampalli sera notre présidente-désignée pour la période 2013-2014 et je lui souhaite la meilleure des chances. Deena avait déjà siégé au conseil à titre de secrétaire et ce fut fantastique de l'avoir à nos côtés comme vice-présidente, ne serait-ce que pour ses conseils sur les politiques passées du conseil. Je tiens à remercier sincèrement Tony Hopkin et Khalid Rashid pour la somme colossale de travail qu'ils ont accompli à titre de membres du conseil pendant de nombreuses années respectivement comme secrétaire de la Société et secrétaire aux adhésions. Tony ainsi que Khalid nous quittent en tant que membres du conseil et je leur souhaite la meilleure des chances dans leurs futures entreprises. J'aimerais également remercier Aiming Wang dont le terme à titre de directeur principal s'est achevé, et féliciter Curt McCartney qui occupera désormais le poste. Merci à Ken Conn qui tient toujours efficacement les cordons de la bourse et qui gère bien les aspects financiers de la Société. J'espère qu'il pourra occuper le poste de trésorier pendant encore longtemps. J'aimerais enfin remercier Zamir Punja, rédacteur en chef de notre journal, qui s'assure de la qualité de notre revue et que les relations avec notre éditeur soient à leur meilleur.

## Comités

Dans mon message du numéro de mars de *CPS/SCP News*, je vous invitais, chers membres, à vous impliquer activement dans la SCP en joignant un de ses comités.

L'invitation tient toujours. En ce qui a trait au suivi de notre exercice de planification stratégique, nous étions déterminés à poursuivre le lancement d'initiatives qui favoriseraient notre Société à divers degrés.

Nous nous sommes vite rendu compte que notre

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site Web jouerait un rôle essentiel quant à plusieurs initiatives potentielles. Le Comité de la planification stratégique a également souligné le besoin d'améliorer le site. Par conséquent, afin de mieux servir nos membres, nous avons mis l'accent sur la création d'un comité dont la responsabilité serait de procéder à une refonte du site. Un comité a donc été créé et s'est réuni à plusieurs reprises pour discuter des façons visant à améliorer les services de la Société offerts à ses membres et à la communauté par l'entremise du site Web. En conséquence, le mandat du comité a été précisé et plusieurs membres se sont portés volontaires pour enclencher le processus. Donnant suite à une recommandation de ce comité, la Société embauchera un concepteur de site Web pour modifier l'aspect du site et améliorer sa fonctionnalité. J'aimerais remercier Tom Hsiang qui a agi à titre de responsable du site pendant plusieurs années. Je voudrais également remercier Lorne Adam d'avoir accepté d'assumer l'intérim à titre de responsable du site et tous ceux qui se sont portés volontaires pour faire partie du comité. Finalement, je tiens à remercier tous ceux dont les mandats se sont terminés à titre de membres de nos comités.

## **Mise à jour sur le Règlement sur les renseignements concernant les substances nouvelles**

Comme je l'ai mentionné dans mon dernier message, la Société a formé un comité spécial des politiques scientifiques pour discuter avec Environnement Canada et Santé Canada en ce qui a trait à l'ajout de microorganismes, tels les agents pathogènes des plantes, sur la Liste intérieure des substances, en collaboration avec CropLife Canada et Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada. Une consultation a été tenue et nous nous attendons à ce que des modifications soient apportées à cette loi. Le processus est long, mais nous avons bon espoir que, au bout du compte, Environnement Canada apportera les modifications qui serviront les intérêts du public, de l'industrie et des membres de notre Société. Dans un autre ordre d'idées et de concert avec d'autres sociétés scientifiques canadiennes, nous avons cosigné une lettre adressée au ministre fédéral de l'Environnement lui offrant notre aide en ce qui a trait à la révision de la Loi sur les espèces en péril. Bien que la grande

majorité de nos membres n'ait rien à voir directement avec cette question, il importait d'être solidaire des autres sociétés et d'accroître la visibilité de SCP à l'échelle nationale.

## **Réunions régionales**

J'ai été heureux de constater que, cette année, le taux de participation aux réunions régionales était à un bon niveau. Somme toute, cela a été une bonne idée de doubler, de 150 \$ à 300 \$, l'allocation de la Société à ces réunions. Je voudrais rappeler aux représentants régionaux que le conseil d'administration de la SCP accueillerait favorablement des propositions relatives à l'invitation de conférenciers aux réunions annuelles des sections régionales de la SCP, particulièrement si cela accroît le nombre d'activités de la Société et sa visibilité. À ce jour, la possibilité n'a pas été exploitée à très grande échelle. Un autre domaine qui requiert davantage de prospection est l'implication des plus jeunes dans plus d'activités et de formations relatives à la phytopathologie. Je crois que les réunions annuelles sont un bon point de départ et je suis sûr que le conseil serait disposé à examiner des propositions visant à financer l'organisation d'activités parallèles comme des ateliers de phytopathologies lors des réunions régionales. Certaines sections régionales l'ont fait dans le passé, mais cela serait bénéfique de le faire plus souvent.

## **Futures réunions conjointes**

Depuis plusieurs mois déjà, nous avons amorcé des pourparlers avec la Société américaine de phytopathologie pour l'organisation conjointe de nos réunions annuelles respectives à Minneapolis en 2014. Ces pourparlers ont été fructueux et nous anticipons une réunion conjointe très intéressante au Minnesota. J'ai le plaisir de vous annoncer que notre conseil d'administration a accepté de commanditer une conférence *Glenn Anderson* en tant que partie intégrante de la session plénière de cette réunion.

En 2015, notre réunion annuelle sera également conjointement organisée. Nous la tiendrons cette fois avec Plant Canada et elle aura lieu à Edmonton. Notre conseil est représenté par le ou la vice-

président(e) et le ou la président(e) désigné(e), ce qui nous permet de garantir la continuité d'une telle représentation au sein du conseil de Plant Canada. Je voudrais remercier Janice Elmhirst, présidente désignée, et Deena Erampalli, vice-présidente, qui, cette année, ont fait un travail remarquable pour ce qui a été d'assurer la liaison entre Plant Canada et notre conseil d'administration.

Finalement, j'ai le plaisir d'annoncer que notre conseil a également accepté de commanditer une conférence *Glenn Anderson* à la Conférence internationale de phytopathologie qui se tiendra à Beijing cette année. Il s'agit d'une autre activité importante qui accroîtra la visibilité de notre Société et contribuera à maintenir la solide réputation dont elle jouit déjà à l'étranger.

Plusieurs anciens membres nous ont quittés cette année et j'aimerais que chacun de nous observe une minute de silence en leur mémoire.

En terminant, je vous remercie de votre confiance et tout simplement de faire partie de cette éminente Société. La SCP se porte à merveille. Il ne tient qu'à nous d'investir encore davantage dans notre jeunesse et dans nos jeunes collègues qui amorcent leur carrière afin qu'ils propulsent la Société vers de nouveaux sommets et qu'elle joue un rôle encore plus important dans les domaines de l'éducation, de la diffusion de la recherche et de l'élaboration des politiques au Canada.



## Committee Reports

### 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 93 of the Canadian Plant Disease Survey (CPDS), reporting mainly on disease highlights in 2012, was posted in late May on the CPS website. Forty-eight reports and one corrigendum were published in 188 pages, the largest number in several years. The distribution of reports per section was: cereals 23; oilseeds and special crops 12; diagnostic labs 8; vegetables 3; forage crops 1; forest trees 1. No reports were received for the section on fruit, nuts and berries, ornamentals and turf grass. Forty-seven reports were in English and one in French. The journal is dominated by reports from the western provinces on cereals, oilseeds and special crops. Only the section for diagnostic laboratories has almost nation-wide support.

Thanks to the section editors (Marilyn Dykstra, Andy Tekauz, Bruce Gossen, Robin Morrall, Mary Ruth McDonald, Paul Hildebrand and Jean Bérubé) for trying to solicit reports and for their editorial work. Thanks also to the authors who conducted the surveys and to compiler Deidre Wasyliw for her skills in concatenating multiple files into a coherent final product. This is the 17th year that CPDS has been published electronically and the second in which it is exclusively an on-line journal. There was no publication charge for articles in Volume 93, following an announcement by the CPS Board at the 2012 Annual Meeting of better financial conditions for the Society!

Paul Hildebrand has recently stepped down as the section editor for fruit, nuts and berries, ornamentals and turf grass. The Society would like a volunteer to replace him as editor of this very diverse section, possibly expanded to include other non-field crops or forage crops. Please contact Robin Morrall.

Members of CPS are reminded that even anecdotal reports from informal surveys or special observations are worth publishing. They are somewhat similar to reports from diagnostic laboratories and they may indicate what the “buzz” was in Canadian phytopathology in a year. Thus they help to document the historical occurrence of plant diseases and could provide information valuable to future research or regulatory work. Reports

covering survey data collected over several years are equally valuable.

Respectfully submitted, May 17, 2013  
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## Canadian Phytopathological Society Membership Committee Annual Report - 2013

### 2013 Membership Total (as of May 28, 2013): 359

The membership number for 2013 as of May 28 is approximately 7% higher than the membership of 2012, with an income of \$31,563.00 in membership dues and \$2,760.00 in donations. It is expected that the final membership count by year end will exceed this total, and hopefully draw nearer to the average record (~392), as there are many 2011 and 2012 members who have not renewed their membership yet, and new members are expected from the registration to the Annual Meeting. Membership numbers have been fairly constant over the last several years with a slight decrease in 2008 and 2010-2012. Total membership varied between 336 and 432 members in the last 12 years.

### CPS Membership Totals 2001 - 2013:

(05/28)

2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
359	336	352	363	419	367	413	432	395	401	409	418	405

### 2013 Membership by member type:

Regular 245; Emeritus 62; Student 33; Sustaining Associates 19.

### 2013 Membership by Geographic Region:

Canada - 315; US - 33; International – 11.

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

AB - 48; BC - 48; MB - 61; NB - 7; NL - 1; NS - 5; ON - 79; PE - 8; QC - 19; SK - 59.

### CJPP – Members Journal Selections:

In 2013, all CPS paid members have online access to the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology (CJPP). Only 44% of members choose only electronic access to the Journal, and 56 % choose both electronic and paper copy of the Journal. Most of the Emeritus members (18% of membership) are non-paying members and did not apply for CJPP.

### New Members:

CPS has 38 new members as of May 27, 2013. **On behalf of CPS, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new Regular, Student, and Sustaining Associate Members:**

**Regular Members:**

Mehrdad **ABBASI**; Trevor **BLOIS**; Caressa **ALDWELL**; Heting **FU**; Michael **FURLAN**; Richard **GARDINER**; Michael **HOLTZ**; Michelle **HUBBARD**; Mohammad **ISLAM**; Kithsiri E. **JAYASURYIA**; Muluaem **KASSA**; Krishan **KUMAR**; Genyi **LI**; Vinay **PANWAR**; Cecilia **PELUOLA**; Keri **PRIEST**; Mandeep **RANDHAWA**; Ramona **RANDOLPH**; Catarina **SAUDE**; Miriam **SCHULTE**; Shelagh **STECKLER**; Chad **STEWART**; Amanda **TEICHROEB**; Yalong **YANG**; Christine **ZETTLER**.

**Student Members:**

Pratisara **BAJRACHARYA**; Laura **BARBISON**; Gurcharn Singh **BRAR**; Vindhya Priyangi **EDIRISINGHE**; Yaakoub **GHARBI**; Sarah **HEALY**; Mihaela **STANESCU**; Dennis **VAN DYK**; Sean **WALKOWIAK**; Rushikesh **WARALE**; Xiaohan **ZHU**; Krista **ZUZAK**.

**Sustaining Associate Member: BIOVISION SEED LABS.**

**The following Sustaining Associates have generously supported the CPS in 2013:**

**Ag-Quest Inc.; Agricultural Certification Services Inc.; BASF Canada; BAYER CropScience; BioVision Seed Labs; 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 2013:**

**On behalf of the CPS, I would also like to thank the following members who generously support CPS with donations (\$2760.00) in 2013 to the funds of the various awards.**

Reem **ABOUKHADOUR**, Paige E. **AXELROOD**, Karen K. **BEDFORD**, Louis **BERNIER**, Guillaume **BILODEAU**, Robin K. **CAMERON**, Bob **COPEMAN**, Luc **COUTURE**, Lilian **de LUNA**, Daniel **DOSTALER**, Deanna **FUNNELL-HARRIS**, Bruce D. **GOSSSEN**, Steve M. **HABER**, Michael W. **HARDING**, Yasuyuki **HIRATSUKA**, Ronald J. **HOWARD**, Lawrence (Larry) M. **KAWACHUK**, Prem D. **KHARBANDA**, George **LAZAROVITS**, C. André **LÉVESQUE**, John W. **MARTENS**, Colin D. **MCKEEN**, James G. **MENZIES**, Robin A. A. **MORRALL**, Knud **MORTENSEN**, Chrystel **OLIVIER**, Eric A. **PEDERSEN**, Stéphan **POULEUR**, Zamir K. **PUNJA**, David **PUNTER**, TOD **RAMSFIELD**, Khalid Y. **RASHID**, D'Ann M. **ROCHON**, Xuechan (Shannon) **SHAN**, Daina **SIMMONDS**, Richard **STACE-SMITH**, Andy **TEKAUZ**, James A. **TRAQUAIR**.

This is my 8th 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 friendly phone calls sometimes, so please realize that keeping an active membership and recruiting new members are very important for the CPS and the profession of plant pathology. Feel free to contact me for any further information, Tel: 204-822-7520, or email at [khalid.rashid@agr.gc.ca](mailto:khalid.rashid@agr.gc.ca)

**Suggestions to improve membership**

1. Encourage members to use the online registration and payment.
2. Choice of multi-year registration.
3. Encourage the Regional Reps to participate in the renewal process.
4. Encourage university Professors to enrol their graduate student 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 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  
Ken Conn, 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 28, 2013

**Khalid Y. Rashid**

**Membership Secretary and Chairman of the  
Membership Committee.**

## **Annual Report of the CPS-SCP Education Committee**

Activities of the CPS Education Committee in 2012-2013 were primarily focused revitalizing the committee. We took on two major initiatives: 1) selection of the recipient of the CPS Education Award, and 2) a review of the education section on the website provision of suggestions for improvement.

The Education Award was designed to recognize the development of effective plant pathology-related educational resources or activities by individuals within or outside of CPS-SCP. In 2013 it was promoted through both email announcement to the membership and an article in *CPS News*, and we were extremely happy to receive four nominations.

The education section on the website was reviewed and several suggestions were made which were passed onto the Website Committee. In addition, Linda Jewell prepared an exercise on Koch's postulates which will be made available on the website.

Katrina Serlemitsos Jordan will chair the committee in the next year, and we have plans to develop a position paper on the decline in plant pathology teaching, and the possibility of using on-line courses to supplement teaching in plant pathology.

Submitted by Mary Leggett

**Note to CPS members: the following item is the 2013 revised CPS By-Laws to be voted on by the membership at the Annual General Meeting**

## **THE CANADIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY INC. - LA SOCIETE CANADIENNE DE PHYTOPATHOLOGIE INC. BY-LAWS**

### **I. DUTIES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

#### PRESIDENT

##### *General Responsibilities:*

1. The President normally assumes office after a one-year term as President-Elect. He or she assumes office at the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting of the Society.
2. The President shall cause the spirit of the Constitution and the decisions of the Annual Business Meeting and of Board meetings to be carried out.
3. The President is the presiding officer at all Board meetings that are held during his or her term of office and at the Annual Business Meeting of the Society.
4. The incoming President, in consultation with the President-Elect and the Secretary, is responsible for scheduling a meeting of the new Board at the close of the Annual Business Meeting of the members of the Society.
5. The President shall maintain close liaison with the chairpersons of all Society committees to encourage and assist in their efforts, and is an ex officio member of these committees.
6. Between Annual Business Meetings, the President will seek the guidance of the Board before taking action.
7. The President shall keep the Board and Society members advised on significant activities of the Society and solicit their suggestions.
8. The President has the power to appoint Ad Hoc committees to perform a specific function. Such committees shall normally serve only until the expiry date specified by the President at the time a committee is established.
9. The President shall schedule a meeting of the outgoing Board immediately before the Annual

Business Meeting *of the members* of the Society. The President, in consultation with the Secretary and President-Elect, shall prepare the agenda for the Annual Board Meeting, and submit information to other members of the Board in advance of the meeting so that issues can be properly considered.

*Specific Responsibilities:*

1. The President shall dispose of properly approved resolutions by sending each to the person(s) or organization specified and provide for subsequent release or distribution as appropriate.
2. Following the Annual Business Meeting, the incoming President shall:
  - a) Send letters of congratulations to: recipients of Honorary Membership, Fellows, or other awards given by the Society; new officers and directors; new officers of regional groups of the Society as they are appointed.
  - b) Send letters of appreciation to: Chairperson of the Program Committee; President or other appropriate administrative officers of host institution for the Annual Business Meeting; outgoing Society officers and directors; invited speakers and other participants at Society functions; outgoing chairpersons of Standing, Subject Matter and Ad Hoc Committees.
  - c) Send letters of appointment to Chairpersons of the Subject Matter and Ad Hoc Committees.

PRESIDENT-ELECT

1. Assumes office at the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting of the Society.
2. Presides at Board meetings and the Annual or Special Business Meeting of the members in the absence of the President.
3. Assists the President and Secretary in preparing the agenda for the Annual Business Meeting of the Society.
4. Assists the incoming President and Secretary in preparing the agenda for the first meeting of the new Board.
5. Serves as the Board's liaison with the Local Arrangements Committees particularly in developing the scientific program of the Annual Business Meeting of the members.
6. Serves as Chairperson of the Science Policy Committee.
7. Along with Vice President, serves as representative to Plant Canada

PAST-PRESIDENT

1. Assumes office at the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting of the Society.
2. Serves as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.
3. Serves as Chairperson of the Financial Advisory Committee.

VICE-PRESIDENT

1. Assumes office at the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting of the members of the Society.
2. Presides at all Board meetings in the absence of the President and President-Elect.
3. Serves as a member of all Subject Matter committees.
4. Along with President Elect, serves as representative to Plant Canada

SECRETARY

1. The Secretary shall be elected for a two-year term and shall be eligible for re-nomination. A new Secretary will not normally be elected in the same year as a new Treasurer.
2. Assumes the responsibilities of the office at the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting of the Society.
3. Assists the President in preparing the agenda for all regular and special meetings of the Board.
4. Prepares the Report of the Annual General Meeting to be published by the Society in *CPS News*.
5. Maintains a current file of all Society correspondence, Board records, updated Constitution, By-Laws, awards etc.

*Meetings of the Board:*

1. Notifies all Board members of the dates and places of all Board meetings in advance of the meeting and distributes the agenda and other pertinent information.
2. Records the minutes of all Board meetings and distributes the minutes to all members of the Board without undue delay after the meeting.

*Annual Business Meeting of the Society:*

1. Four months before the Annual Business Meeting receives from the Nominating Committee a slate of nominees for membership on the Board and on Standing Committees.
2. Not less than three months before the Annual Business Meeting notifies all members of the Society of the nominations made by the Nominating Committee by means deemed suitable by the Board.
3. Whenever a vote is necessary for the election of members of the Board or of Standing Committees, provides each member of the Society with a means to vote for the vacant position(s); each member is eligible to one vote for each vacant position. The results to be announced in *CPS News*.
4. Calls for annual reports from the Treasurer, chairpersons of Committees, regional representatives and International Society for Plant Pathology to be published in *CPS News* prior to the Annual Business Meeting.
5. Assists the President in the preparation of the agenda for the meeting of the Board before the Annual Business Meeting.
6. Assists the President in the preparation of the agenda for the Annual Business Meeting.
8. Assists the President in the preparation of the agenda for the meeting of the Board immediately following the Annual Business Meeting.
9. Arranges for plaques, certificates and medals, as required for the Annual Business Meeting.

*Annual Report:*

The annual report is prepared by the Secretary of the Society and is published in *CPS News*.

1. A summary of the Annual Business Meeting of members, including dates, location, registered attendance, symposium topics, special sessions, guest speakers, contributed paper sessions, discussion sessions, number of papers presented, Board meetings, demonstrations, displays, commercial and scientific exhibits, and other scheduled events.
2. The minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of members.
3. Report of the Treasurer including the most recently audited report of income and expenses and changes in net worth of Society holdings.
4. Report of the Secretary.
5. Report of the Membership Secretary.
6. Report of the Editor-in-Chief of the *Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology*.
7. Report of the Editor of *CPS News*.
8. Reports of the Standing Committees.
9. Reports of the Subject Matter and Ad Hoc Committees.
10. Report of the Representatives to ISPP.
11. Reports of the Regional Representatives.
12. Summary of amendments to the By-Laws duly made at the past Annual Business Meeting.

TREASURER

1. The Treasurer shall be elected for a two-year term and shall be eligible for renomination. A new Treasurer will not normally be elected in the same year as a new Secretary and Membership Secretary.
2. Assumes the responsibilities of office at the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting of the Society.
3. The Treasurer has signing authority for the Society and his or her signature is required for disbursement of Society funds.
4. The Treasurer is a member of the Financial Advisory Committee, which is responsible for the preparation of the annual budget of the Society for consideration and approval by the Board before submission to the Annual Business Meeting of members.

5. The Treasurer is responsible for the annual audited financial statement for presentation to the Board and the Annual Business Meeting of the Society.
6. The Treasurer has direct responsibilities for the accounting, record keeping, budgeting and preparation of financial statements. All financial transactions should be recorded in such a manner that they are satisfactory to the auditors.
7. The Treasurer is responsible for preparing and mailing tax receipts for dues for the current year to all members before the last day of December.
8. The Treasurer is responsible for recommending an auditor to the Annual Business Meeting of members.

#### MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

1. The Membership Secretary shall be elected for a two-year term and shall be eligible for renomination. A new Membership Secretary will not normally be elected in the same year as a new Treasurer.
2. Assumes office at the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting of members.
3. The Membership Secretary shall serve as chairperson of the Membership Committee.
4. The Membership Secretary is responsible for dues statements for the coming year and for forwarding payments and completed membership renewal forms to the Treasurer for processing.
5. The Membership Secretary is responsible for devising follow-up procedures to recover dues in arrears before removing any member from the roll and mailing list.
6. The Membership Secretary is responsible for updating and maintaining a current membership roll, a data-file containing all information on members, and a mailing list. The mailing list is not available for sale or for non-Society use without the formal consent of the Board.
7. The Membership Secretary is responsible for preparing and mailing Sustaining Associate certificates.
8. The Membership Secretary is responsible for the list of CPS officers and the Board for the coming year as well as a list of members of committees, as directed by the Nominating Committee, and maintains the lists of all Awards recipients and fellows.
9. The Membership Secretary shall provide the CJPP Publisher with lists of all members requesting online access and/or paper copy of the CJPP, and in consultation with the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal and the Journal Accounts Manager, shall collaborate in maintaining a current Journal subscription list.
10. Notifies the following societies and organizations of the new officers of the Society: International Society for Plant Pathology (ISPP) and the American Phytopathological Society (APS).
11. The Membership Secretary prepares the annual Directory of Members to include the lists of Board members and various committees before and after the Annual General Meeting, the lists of all CPS Awards recipients, a list of all members with information provided by members, a list of members by geographic distribution, and a list of Sustaining Associate Members with information provided by each SA member. The Membership Secretary also emails the Directory to all members, and sends two paper copies to the National Library in Ottawa.
12. Distributes to members by email relevant information disseminated by the Board and/or Committee chairs.
13. Provides the Website Editor lists of Board members, Committee members and Awards recipients to be posted on the website.

#### DIRECTORS

The Society has two Directors. They are elected by the members of the Society for staggered two-year terms and shall be eligible for nomination for a second term. They shall be designated Senior (serving second year) and Junior (serving first year of a two-year term) Directors.

#### *General Responsibilities:*

1. The newly elected Director assumes office at the meeting of the new Board at the Annual Business Meeting of the Society.
2. As members of the Board, the Directors are expected to participate fully in the affairs of the Society, to attend meetings of the Board, and to be consulted on all issues requiring Board action between Annual Business Meetings of members.

3. The Junior and Senior Directors shall assume an active role in providing direction to and ensuring that the goals of the various CPS Subject Matter Committees are achieved. The specific committee responsibilities shall be assigned by the Board at the time of appointment.

## II. PROVINCIAL SOCIETIES, REGIONAL GROUPS AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The Society recognizes that independent provincial societies exist in Canada which promote plant pathology and which may have members in common with CPS. Where independent societies exist, CPS maintains liaison with these societies through persons who are selected by the provincial society as representatives to CPS. CPS also maintains Regional Groups and Regional Representatives. Regional Representatives promote the interests of CPS and its members in that region. Regional Representatives are normally appointed or elected by the members of the group that they represent and serve terms of office at the discretion of those members. In exceptional circumstances the Board may appoint a Regional Representative where no Regional Group exists or a representative to maintain liaison with an independent provincial society. There are nine regions recognized by the Society, namely Newfoundland and Labrador, Maritimes, Quebec, Eastern Ontario, Western Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia.

### *General Responsibilities and Activities of Regional Representatives:*

1. The Membership Secretary will be informed promptly of newly elected or appointed representatives so that their names may be published annually in the CPS Membership Directory.
2. Representatives serve as reporters and contributors to *CPS News*. In this way, Society members may be kept informed of activities in Canada relating to plant pathology.
3. Representatives are automatically members of the Membership Committee.
4. Representatives serve as a liaison between the group they represent and the Board and as such they communicate to the Board any issue, which they feel may warrant the attention of the Board.
5. Representatives should assume leadership roles in the nomination of persons for CPS awards.
6. Representatives are expected to promote and advance the objectives of the Society within the region they represent by holding an annual regional meeting, if feasible and practical.
7. An amount, not normally exceeding \$150.00 annually, shall be available to Regional Groups for promoting regional activities. The Board may approve a larger amount following consideration of the merits of the request on an individual basis. The extra funds will only be sent to the Regional Group following an itemized expense report to the CPS Treasurer.

## III. FEES

1. Annual fees shall be at the discretion of the Board. Honorary Members and Emeritus Members who receive only *CPS News* shall be exempt from fees.
2. Fees for the year of membership are due on January 31, after which a late charge will apply. Renewal notices will normally be mailed to members beginning in November the previous year. Those who have not paid their membership fees by January 1 shall be removed from the roll and mailing list. A late fee will be assessed on members renewing after this date.
3. Sustaining Associate status with the Society requires an annual contribution of at least double the annual membership fee. A list of Sustaining Associates shall be published in each issue of the *Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology*.

## IV. PUBLICATIONS

### 1. The Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology

- a) The journal shall be published at least quarterly and each issue of the journal shall be distributed to all Regular Members, Student Members, Fellows, and Sustaining Associates of the Society by the publisher. Both electronic and print versions of each issue of the journal shall be made available.

- b) Abstracts of papers and symposium papers submitted from the Annual Business Meeting and regional meetings shall be published in the Journal.
- c) Authors shall be charged a publication fee for all manuscripts published in the journal as well as each meeting abstract published. The fee structure shall be determined by the CPS Board.

## 2. The CPS News

- a) The *CPS News* will be published quarterly.
- b) Copies of each issue of the *CPS News* shall be distributed to all members of the Society.
- c) The report of the Annual Business Meeting, excluding abstracts of papers presented, shall be published in the *CPS News*.

## 3. Other Publications

The Board may authorize other publications as official publications of the Society. The Board shall have full authority to determine editorial policy, appoint editors, establish sale price, and supervise production of these publications. For each publication, the Board shall receive prior approval by motion at an Annual General Meeting and submit an annual report of the year's activities during the planning and production phase of each publication.

## **V. EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, CANADIAN JOURNAL OF PLANT PATHOLOGY**

### *General Responsibilities:*

1. The Editor-in-Chief assumes office at the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting of the Society.
2. The Board will appoint the Editor-in-Chief for a renewable three year term
3. The Editor-in-Chief will be required to attend and participate in all meetings as a non-voting Board member .
4. The Editor-in-Chief has the responsibility for formulating the general editorial and publication policy of the Journal, subject to approval by the Board.
5. The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for the content of each issue of the journal and shall ensure timely publication and distribution of the journal.
6. The Editor-in-Chief shall appoint the members of the journal Editorial Board who will have responsibility for manuscript review. The Editor-in-Chief is chairperson of the Editorial Committee.
7. The Editor-in-Chief shall be the contact person with the publisher in all matters pertaining to the journal.
8. The Editor-in-Chief shall be responsible for invoicing authors for page charges and will communicate with the treasurer to keep the journals accounts in good standing.
9. The Editor-in-Chief shall collaborate with the Membership Secretary in maintaining a current Journal subscription list.

## **VI. EDITOR, CPS NEWS**

### *General Responsibilities:*

1. The Editor, *CPS News*, is appointed by the Board and assumes office at the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting.
2. The Editor or the Editor and Editorial Committee assumes responsibility for the editorial policy of *CPS News*, subject to approval of the Board.
3. The Editor is responsible for collating news items from across Canada. Regional Representatives and other members selected by the Editor shall serve as correspondents.
4. The Editor is responsible for the publishing the *CPS News* on a quarterly basis with the issues normally appearing in September, December, March, and June.
5. The Editor of *CPS News* shall be one of the Society's representatives to the ISPP.

## VII. WEB SITE EDITOR

1. The Board shall appoint an individual for a renewable two-year term to serve as the CPS Web Site Editor and whose responsibility will be to maintain a current Web site for the Society.

### *General responsibilities:*

1. The Web Site Editor will make the necessary arrangements with internet service providers and obtain technical assistance as needed to maintain the Web Site.
2. The Web Site Editor will be responsible for assembling and posting information on CPS publications and activities to the CPS-Web site on a regular basis.

## VIII. COMMITTEES

There shall be three types of committees of the Society, namely:

- Standing Committee - as designated in the By-Laws of the Society.
- Subject Matter Committee - appointed by the President and reviewed periodically by the Board. Members to include volunteers and people suggested by other committee members.
- Ad Hoc Committee - appointed by the President to serve for a term specified by the President.

The chairperson of each committee shall prepare a report on the committee activities for the Board and the members at the Annual Business Meeting. The report should be submitted to the Secretary at least one month before the Annual Business Meeting or at the call of the Secretary.

### 1. Nominating Committee

- a) The Nominating Committee assumes office at the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting.
- b) The Nominating Committee consists of the Past-President (as Chairperson), the retiring Past-President and three additional members who shall serve for one-year renewable terms.
- c) The Nominating Committee is responsible for submitting a slate of nominees for membership on the Board and Standing Committees (except for Past-President, President, President-Elect, Senior Director, Journal Editorial Committee, and Membership Committee) to the Secretary four months before the Annual Business Meeting.
- d) The Nominating Committee prepares a report for the Board at the Annual Business Meeting.

### 2. Awards Committee

- a) The Awards Committee assumes office at the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting.
- b) Membership on the Committee shall normally be for a five-year period.
- c) The Awards Committee shall be comprised of five members of the Society. The composition should reflect different areas of expertise and a good knowledge of the workings and membership of the Society. Each year the member with the most seniority will act as chairperson, after which he or she shall be replaced by a new member.
- d) The Awards Committee is responsible for recommending nominees for all categories of awards specified in By-Law VIII, except for the Glenn Anderson Lectureship.
- e) The Awards Committee shall invite nominations for the various awards from Society members. The invitation shall normally be made via an announcement in the December issue of *CPS News*.
- f) The Awards Committee shall solicit appropriate nominations as required to fill vacant positions.
- g) Nominations shall be sent directly to the Chairperson of the Awards Committee by the nominator at least three months before the Annual Business Meeting of the members of the Society. Nominations shall include a citation prepared according to the style of previously published citations (*Can. J. Plant Pathol.*). This citation will be edited by the Awards Committee and approved by the Awardee before publication. The files of unsuccessful nominees in any given year shall be carried over without priority for consideration in two subsequent years. Unsuccessful nominees shall not be so notified; however, the chairperson of the Awards Committee shall advise the nominators that the unsuccessful nominees will be considered in subsequent years and shall invite the nominators to submit new or revised nomination material.

- h) The Awards Committee will review the nominations and decide on the recommendation of an award at least two months before the Annual Business Meeting. A four-fifths majority of the Awards Committee is required to recommend nominees to the Board, but the Board is prepared to receive minority reports.
- i) The Committee may recommend that nominees be considered for a different award.
- j) A recommendation for an award shall be submitted by the Awards Committee to the President of the Society for ratification by the Board. Each recommendation shall be accompanied by a document which includes a statement usable as a citation,
- k) The ratification of an award by the Board requires a unanimous vote of approval.
- l) The Chairperson of the Awards Committee shall notify all awardees, and the President, at least six weeks before the Annual Business Meeting.
- m) The responsibility for preparation of the award, and its presentation shall rest with the Board.
- n) The Committee may recommend to the Board that it increase the number of awards in cases of backlog, outstanding nominees or on the occasion of a special event.
- o) The Awards Committee will prepare a report for the Board and the Annual Business Meeting.
- p) The criteria for awards and the need for change the awards sponsored by the Society shall be reviewed by the Awards Committee and the Board at least every five years.

### 3. Membership Committee

- a) The committee shall consist of the Membership Secretary (chairperson), the Treasurer and the Regional Representatives as members
- b) The committee is responsible for promoting membership in the regular, student and Sustaining Associate categories.

### 4. Local Arrangements Committees (LAC)

- a) At least two Local Arrangements Committees will function simultaneously, each having the responsibility for organizing a specific Annual Business Meeting.
- b) Each Committee shall be elected at least two years in advance of the Annual Business Meeting for which it is responsible. The Chairperson of the current year's Committee is automatically a member of the following year's Committee.
- c) Each Local Arrangements Committee is responsible for developing the format and schedule of events for the Annual Business Meeting of the Society.
- d) At the meeting of the new Board following the Annual Business Meeting, the Local Arrangements Committee responsible for the next Annual Business Meeting shall bring to the Board for approval a tentative outline of symposia, discussion sessions and special events being planned, as well as a budget for the meeting.
- e) The Local Arrangements Committee is responsible for preparing a budget and running the meeting on a break-even basis. They may apply to the Board for an advance to handle those expenses that are incurred before registration fees are collected. Following the meeting, the Committee is responsible for preparing a detailed, accurate financial statement and forwarding this to the Treasurer before the end of the fiscal year. Any surplus funds shall be turned over to the Society; conversely, the Society assumes responsibility for any reasonable deficit that may be incurred.
- f) The President-Elect shall serve as the Board's liaison with the current year's Local Arrangements Committee, particularly in developing the scientific aspect of the program.
- g) The Committee prepares a report for the Board and the Annual Business Meeting.
- h) The Chair LAC will join the Future Meetings Committee the year following.

### 5. Future Meetings Committee

- a) The Committee assumes office at the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting.
- b) The Committee consists of three members. The senior member serves as Chairperson, after which he or she is replaced by a new member. The new member will be the past Chair of the Local Arrangement Committee for the CPS Annual General Meeting.



- c) The Committee is responsible for confirming those sites that have been recommended by the previous committee for the next three Annual Business Meetings, and for investigating and recommending a site for the Annual Business Meeting four years hence.
- d) In selecting suitable sites, the Committee shall consider invitations received by the Society to hold joint meetings with other societies, availability of adequate accommodation, and rotation of sites in such a way that the various regions have an opportunity to host an Annual Business Meeting.
- e) The Committee prepares a report for the Board and the Annual Business Meeting.

#### 6. Resolutions Committee

- a) The Committee shall consist of three members. The senior member will act as chairperson, after which he or she shall be replaced by a new member.
- b) The Committee is responsible for drafting resolutions for consideration at the Annual Business Meeting of the Society.
- c) The Committee is responsible for preparing a series of “appreciation” and “acknowledgement” resolutions at the Annual Business Meeting.
- d) The Committee solicits, via *CPS News*, views of members on issues that should be discussed by the Society and developed into resolutions for consideration at the Annual Business Meeting.
- e) The Committee presents a report at the Annual Business Meeting.

#### 7. Financial Advisory Committee

- a) The Financial Advisory Committee assumes office at the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting.
- b) The Committee consists of 10 members: Past-President (Chairperson), President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Treasurer, Editor-in-Chief of the *Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology*, three Members-at-Large appointed by the Board, and one Member-at-Large elected by the members at the Annual Business Meeting.
- c) The Members-at-Large shall serve for a two-year period.
- d) The Committee is responsible for the development and preparation of the budget for consideration by the Board at the Annual Business Meeting.
- e) The Committee gives guidance in the development of the Journal budget.
- f) The Committee is responsible for developing a long-range financial plan (5 years) involving Society funds and awards monies.
- g) The Committee prepares a report which becomes part of the Treasurer’s annual report.
- h) The Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Society’s five-year Strategic plans.

#### 8. Science Policy Committee

- a) The Committee shall consist of the four elected persons in the presidential stream of the Executive Board; the Past President, the President, the President-Elect and the Vice-President. Normally, the committee Chairperson shall be the President-Elect and the Vice-Chairperson will be the Vice-President.
- b) The Committee is responsible for identifying areas of concern to the Society as these relate to the conduct of science in Canada. This may involve issues relating to federal or provincial legislation, priorities in education or science funding, or public awareness as this affects the science and practice of plant pathology and constituent disciplines in Canada. Once an issue of interest is identified, the Science Policy Committee shall appoint an ad hoc committee of persons with the appropriate expertise and interest. The Committee shall address the issue, as directed by the Science Policy Committee, and submit a final report to the Executive Board. Once the final report is approved by the Executive Board, the Ad Hoc Committee will be dissolved.

#### 9. Subject Matter and Ad Hoc Committees

Ad Hoc and Subject Matter Committees are established by the Board to carry out various specific, normally shorter-term, tasks required by the Society. Subject Matter Committees have a broader mandate and

normally are of longer duration. The Terms of reference of Subject Matter and Ad Hoc Committees shall be determined by the Board.

## **IX. AWARDS**

The Society administers a number of awards. All new awards and changes to the criteria or funds associated with the awards are approved by the Board. Details on each award can be found in the operations manual on the CPS web site.

## **X. AWARDS TRUST FUND**

All awards monies and bequests and donations to Awards will be held in an Awards Trust Fund portfolio which shall consist of a diversity of secure investments of differing maturity dates. The earnings credited to each award shall be proportional to the contribution of that award fund to the total portfolio. Capitalization of named awards may not be decreased for 20 years.

All cash awards will be a fixed amount. This amount shall be set by the Board; it may be adjusted at intervals and in accordance with the prestige of the award. Any expenses incurred in the presentation of the award, i.e. for medals, certificates, plaques, engraving, complimentary registration and banquet/presentation ceremony costs for the awardee plus one companion, shall be paid for out of the Awards Trust Fund. Travel costs for awardees to attend the Annual Business Meeting shall not be paid for out of the Awards Trust Funds, except as specified under the individual award sections. The Glenn Anderson Lectureship Fund must be held separately and in American dollars.

## **XI. BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS TO AWARDS**

The Society entrusts such bequests and donations to the Awards Trust Fund. The Society is committed to identification of bequests for a minimum of 20 years but not in perpetuity. The terms of reference for awards may be changed but named identification will be maintained for the minimum of the specified period. Further, bequests and donations will be recognized by publication if requested.

Bequests and/or donations may be made for at least three purposes:

- a) To increase the capitalization of existing awards.
- b) To establish a General Awards Fund to be used for special purposes, the creation of new awards by the Society or the equalizing of income from existing awards.
- c) To establish new initiatives by members and regional groups. Such new initiatives must be approved by the Board.

## **XII. SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

The Board shall appoint representatives to other organizations in which the Society is entitled to representation.

## **XIII. AFFILIATION**

1. The Society shall be an associate member of the International Society for Plant Pathology.
2. The Society shall be a member of Plant Canada.

## **XIV. RECORDS**

Those records that are of historical interest but not necessary for current operations of the Society shall be deposited for safekeeping with the Public Archives of Canada.

## **XV. FINANCIAL YEAR**

The financial year of the Society shall coincide with the calendar year.

## **XVI. TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY**

1. Society members who are required to travel on essential Society business are entitled to reimbursement for travel costs and out-of-pocket expenses.
2. The annual budget must include a line item to cover travel expenses.
3. At the meeting of the new Board following the Annual Business Meeting, an agenda item should be the setting of priorities for drawing upon the travel item approved in the budget.
4. In calculating expenses, the following guidelines shall apply:
  - a) Travel expenses will follow Canadian federal government guidelines
  - b) Accommodation: motel or hotel accommodations shall be reimbursed up to the rate charged for single occupancy. Receipt for accommodation must accompany claim.
  - c) Meals: reimbursements will be made based on the current Canadian federal government Per Diem rates for meals not otherwise provided or covered (eg. conference meals included in registration fee).
5. Travel claims must be submitted to the Treasurer with appropriate receipts attached for approval and payment.
6. The President of CPS shall be reimbursed for hospitality-related expenses associated with their official duties. The President will inform the Board of the function, an estimate of the requested amount, and the approximate number of invitees prior to the event. The Board must pre-approve both the estimate and the final expenses. All expenses must be accompanied by receipts.

## **XVII. PROCEDURE FOR FILLING UNEXPECTED VACANCIES**

According to Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution, the Board has the power to fill any vacancy that occurs between Annual Business Meetings. This power should be used with discretion and, if possible, after consulting the Nominating Committee. The basic principle to bear in mind is that elective offices should be filled through the elective process. Technically the President is not elected, but automatically progresses through the offices of Vice-President to President-Elect before becoming President. If for any reason this succession is broken the Board should endeavor to fill the vacant position with an elected member, or delay taking action until the vacancy can be filled by election.

When any vacancy occurs, the Board should see that the vacancy is either filled or that the duties associated with the vacant office are assigned in such a way that the operations of the Society are not impaired. The action to be taken would depend upon several factors, such as the office being vacated and the difficulties of assigning the duties associated with that office to others, the amount of advance notice of the impending vacancy, and the time remaining in the term of the office that is becoming vacant.

## **XVIII. AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS**

1. These By-Laws may be amended at any Annual Business Meeting or Special (general) Meeting of the Society providing the amendment is approved by a majority of the members in attendance, following notice of motion. Copies of such notice of motion shall be sent by the Secretary to each member at least two weeks before the Annual Business Meeting.
2. No repeal or amendment of the By-Laws not embodied in the letters patent shall be enforced or acted upon until it has received the approval of the Federal Minister of Industry.

Addendum: In the preceding document all references to the singular are equal to the plural and all references to gender are meant to be gender neutral.

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**Note to CPS members: the following item is the 2013 revised CPS Constitution to be voted on by the membership at the Annual General Meeting**

## **THE CANADIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY INC. - LA SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE PHYTOPATHOLOGIE INC. CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I Names and Objectives**

*Section 1.* As prescribed in the Letters Patent of Incorporation, the Corporation shall be known as The Canadian Phytopathological Society Inc. - La Société canadienne de phytopathologie Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Society.

*Section 2.* The objectives of the Society shall be to encourage and support research and education in plant pathology, to promote public awareness of the importance of plant diseases and of the socio-economic benefits of controlling them, and to act as a forum for discussion of policies and strategies affecting all aspects of research and education in plant pathology in Canada.

*Section 3.* The Society shall operate without purpose of gain for its members, and any profits or other accretions to the Society shall be used in promoting its objectives.

### **ARTICLE II Head Office**

As prescribed in the Letters Patent of Incorporation, the head office of the Society shall be located at Agriculture Agri-Food Canada, Neatby Building, 930 Carling Ave. Ottawa, ON. K1A 0C9

### **ARTICLE III Governing Board**

*Section 1.* The Society shall be managed by a Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as the

Board. The Officers of the Society shall be the President, the President-Elect, the Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer. They shall constitute an Executive Council empowered to conduct the affairs of the Society between sessions of the Governing Board subject to ratification by the Board when it next meets. The Board shall be composed of the Officers, the Past-President, the Membership Secretary, and a Junior and Senior Director. The Editor-in-Chief is considered a non-voting member of the Board.

*Section 2.* The Board shall meet at least once each year. Meetings of the Board may be called by the President at his or her discretion, or by request of a majority of the Board, and shall be held in Canada unless the members resolve otherwise. All Board members must be given reasonable notification of a meeting. Motions can not be passed without a quorum.

*Section 3.* The officers of the Society shall hold office from the end of one Annual Meeting until the end of the next, and the directors and officers shall serve without remuneration. They and all other Board members may be removed before the completion of a normal term of office by a majority vote of an Annual or Special Meeting of the voting members of the Society.

*Section 4.* The officers of the Society and all Board members may withdraw at any time from their respective office by a written resignation delivered to the President of the Society.

*Section 5.* The powers and duties of the officers of the Society and the other members of the Board shall be as described in the By-Laws.

*Section 6.* Meetings of the Executive Council shall be held in conjunction with meetings of the Board

and be subject to the same conditions as specified in Article III, Sections 2 and 4.

*Section 7.* The Board shall have the power to fill any vacancy that occurs between Annual Meetings.

*Section 8.* A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

*Section 9.* Each Board member present at a meeting shall have the right to exercise one vote.

#### **ARTICLE IV Membership**

*Section 1.* All persons interested in the science or practice of plant pathology shall be eligible for membership.

*Section 2.* Members may withdraw from the Society by a written resignation delivered to the Membership Secretary, but dues paid shall not be refunded.

*Section 3.* Article IV Sec. 1 notwithstanding, members may be removed from the Society by majority vote at an Annual or Special Membership Meeting but dues paid shall not be refunded.

*Section 4.* There shall be the following categories of members:

a) Regular Member: Anyone interested in plant pathology may apply for regular membership.

b) Student Member: Any person who is a full-time student pursuing a degree at a recognized college or university may apply for student membership.

c) Emeritus Member: Any person who has been a member for ten (10) or more years may upon retirement apply to the Board for Emeritus status. Emeritus members shall receive the *CPS News* but shall not pay dues. They may receive the journal of the Society at student membership rates. Emeritus members must report to the Membership Secretary annually to retain their status.

d) Fellow: A regular member who has rendered outstanding service to the Society and to the profession of plant pathology.

e) Honorary Member: Any person, normally not a member of the Society, who has rendered eminent service to plant pathology.

f) Sustaining Associate: An institution, business or individual making a financial contribution to the Society of an amount prescribed in the By-Laws.

*Section 5.* Applications for regular and student membership must be approved by the Board. Applicants may be accepted into the Society at the Annual Meeting or by the Board in the interim.

*Section 6.* Nominees for Honorary Members and Fellows shall be recommended to the Board by the Awards Committee and shall be elected by unanimous consent of the Board.

#### **ARTICLE V Membership Fees**

*Section 1.* Each member shall pay such fees as are prescribed in the By-Laws.

#### **ARTICLE VI Election of Board Members and Members of Standing Committees**

*Section 1.* The Vice-President shall be elected for a one-year term and normally will progress to President-Elect, President and Past-President. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for staggered two-year terms and shall be eligible for nomination for additional terms. The Directors shall be elected for staggered two-year terms and shall be eligible for nomination for a second term.

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

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

*Section 4.* If a vote is required, the Secretary shall prepare a ballot(s) listing the vacant position(s) and nominees for the position(s), and all CPS members will be notified at least two months before the Annual Meeting. Ballots shall be returned to the Secretary by means directed by the board, a minimum of four weeks before the Annual Meeting. Results of the vote shall be confirmed by two additional CPS members. The Secretary will cast a vote only to break a tie.

*Section 5.* A member privileged to vote is any Regular, Student, Emeritus, Fellow or Honorary Member.

#### **ARTICLE VIII Corporate Seal and Certification of Documents**

*Section 1.* The Seal shall be the common seal of the Society by which all sealed instruments of the

Society shall be attested under the hands of the signing officers. All contracts, documents and instruments in writing so signed shall be binding upon the Society without any further authorization or formality. The Seal shall be in the custody of the Secretary.

*Section 2.* The signatures of two officers of the Corporation, one of whom must be the President or the Secretary shall be required to certify that a particular document is a document of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE IX Meetings**

*Section 1.* A General Meeting of members of the Society shall be held annually, and shall be held in Canada unless the members resolve otherwise. Additional Special (general) meetings may be called by the Board at its discretion.

*Section 2.* All members shall be notified by the Secretary of the place, time and purpose of the Annual or any Special (general) meeting at least two weeks before the date of the meeting. Notice of Special business meetings must give sufficient information for to justify the meeting.

*Section 3.* All Regular, Student, Emeritus, Fellow and Honorary Members have voting privileges at an Annual or Special (general) meeting. No proxy voting shall be allowed. Each voting member is entitled to one vote.

*Section 4.* A quorum at Annual or Special meetings shall be 25 members of the Society.

#### **ARTICLE X Committees**

*Section 1.* The terms of reference for Standing Committees shall be as determined by By-Law. Committee members shall serve without remuneration. They may be removed from Committees before the completion of their normal term of office by a majority vote of an annual or special meeting of members of the Society.

#### **ARTICLE XI Funds**

*Section 1.* The control of all funds received by the Society shall be vested with the Board.

*Section 2.* The financial operation of the Society shall be audited by an auditor, which shall be a firm of certified accountants, appointed by the members of the Society at the Annual Meeting. The auditor's report shall be presented to the members.

*Section 3.* The President, Treasurer and a member appointed by the Board will have signing authority

as follows: the signatures of any two of the Treasurer, the President or the appointed member are required for disbursement of Society funds.

#### **ARTICLE XII Publications**

*Section 1.* The Society shall authorize or sponsor publications by By-Law.

#### **ARTICLE XIII Affiliation**

*Section 1.* The Society shall authorize its affiliation with any other society or organization by By-Law.

#### **ARTICLE XIV Regional Groups and Representatives**

*Section 1.* Regional Groups of the Society may be established on approval by the Board and are responsible for appointing Regional Representatives to the Society.

*Section 2.* The Board may appoint Regional Representatives in areas where no Regional Group exists.

#### **ARTICLE XV Indemnity Provisions**

*Section 1.* Every Director or Officer of the Society or other person who has undertaken or is about to undertake any liability on behalf of the Society, or any company controlled by it, and/or their heirs, executors and administrators and estate and effects respectively, shall be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the Society from and against: i) all costs, charges and expenses which such directors, officers or other persons sustained or incurred in or about any actions, suits or proceeding which is brought, commenced, or prosecuted against him or her or in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever, made, done or permitted by him or her in or about the execution of the duties of his or her office or in respect of any such liability, and ii) incurs in or about or in relation to the affairs thereof except such costs, charges or expenses as are occasioned by his or her own willful neglect or default.

#### **ARTICLE XVI Amendment of the Constitution**

*Section 1.* This Constitution may be amended providing the amendment is approved by three-quarters of the members voting thereon, and providing that at least one-third of all members have returned the ballots. Except where the Act requires a meeting, the vote shall be taken by ballot, following a notice of motion and discussion

at an Annual or Special (general) Meeting called for that purpose. Members must be notified of the notice of motion the Secretary at least two weeks before the date of the Annual or Special Meeting. The Secretary shall prepare a ballot(s) and send to all CPS members after the meeting. Ballots shall be returned to the Secretary by means directed by the board a minimum of four weeks before the Annual Meeting. Results of the vote shall be confirmed by the Board. The Secretary will cast a vote only to break a tie.

*Section 2.* The Constitution and the By-Laws shall be available in English and French versions. The English version is the document of record, and in case of dispute, the English version takes precedence.

*Section 3.* No amendment, addition or deletion from the Constitution or the By-Laws not embodied in the letters patent shall be enforced or acted on until it has received the approval of the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

*Section 4.* All amendments to the Constitution shall be published in the *CPS News*.

#### **ARTICLE XVII Dissolution**

*Section 1.* In the event of dissolution of the Society, all its remaining assets after payment of liabilities, shall be distributed to one or more recognized charitable organizations in Canada.

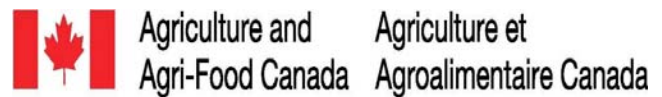
Addendum: In the preceding document all references to the singular are equal to the plural and all references to gender are meant to be gender neutral.

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## **Announcements**

### **Registrations are still being accepted for the 2013 International Clubroot Workshop**



This event will be held at the **Delta Edmonton South Hotel and Conference Centre in Edmonton, Alberta, on June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**, following the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Canadian Phytopathological Society, and promises to be larger and more grand than previous Clubroot Summits. The 2013 International Clubroot Workshop will bring together a global network of leading researchers and academics to exchange information and research results about all aspects of clubroot. This forum is the culmination of the Clubroot Risk Mitigation Initiative, a successful federally funded research program which brought together leading clubroot researchers in Canada to focus solely on this disease. This meeting will look at the practical challenges encountered with respect to clubroot and the solutions which can be adopted to promote sustainability in canola production.

The first day of this two day workshop will focus on clubroot research from Canada and from around the world. Leading Canadian and international researchers will provide the latest in clubroot research. Day two of the workshop will highlight clubroot management. The morning session will update participants on key research findings and practical applications. The afternoon session will be hands-on learning, encompassing a field tour of a clubroot research facility and a demonstration of equipment sanitization.

The 2013 International Clubroot Workshop will be preceded by an evening wine and cheese reception with poster presentations and followed by a day of touring.

## International Speakers

Dr. Geoffrey Dixon – University of Reading, United Kingdom

Dr. Elke Diederichsen – Institut für Angewandte Genetik, Germany

Dr. Yueqiu He – Yunnan Agricultural University, China

## Special Journal Edition

The 2013 International Clubroot Workshop has partnered with the Canadian Phytopathological Society to publish a Special Edition of the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology on clubroot research and management.

For more information and registration, please go directly to the event website at: <http://www.regonline.com/2013icwedmonton>. Links to this site will be established on <http://clubroot.ca> and <http://canolacouncil.org> as well.

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## Invitation to CPS-BC Regional Meeting

The 2013 CPS-BC Regional Meeting will take place at the Pacific Forestry Centre in Victoria, B.C., on Tues/Wed October 29 & 30, 2013.

If you might be interested in attending, please email Elisa Becker [elisa.becker@NRCan-RNCan.gc.ca](mailto:elisa.becker@NRCan-RNCan.gc.ca) to be included on our mailing list.

## DRAFT AGENDA

2013 CPS-BC Regional Meeting  
Pacific Forestry Centre, Victoria

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

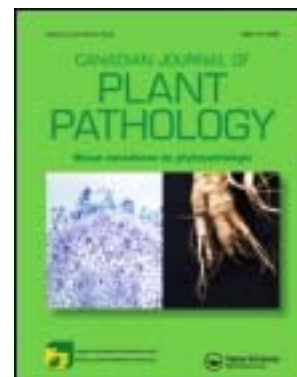
11:00-12:30	Registration, Lunch, Poster Setup
12:30-12:35	Welcome (PFC DG or Director)
12:35-13:05	Disease Updates (BC Ministry of Agriculture)
13:05-15:05	Paper Session I
15:05-15:20	Break
15:20-16:50	Poster Presentations
16:45-17:45	No-Host Bar and Music Social
17:45-??	Banquet Dinner and Entertainment

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

08:00-08:30	Registration, Coffee, Poster Viewing
08:30-09:30	Feature Presentation, Discussion & Qs: Dr. Paul Goodwin, School of Environmental Sciences, University of Guelph
09:30-10:00	Break
10:00-12:20	Paper Session II
12:20-13:00	Lunch
13:00-13:30	Business Meeting
13:30	Announcement of student awards
13:45	Meeting closed

## Back Issues of Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology Available

Available for free: *Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology* - volume 1, number 1, 1979 to volume 33, number 1, 2011. If you are interested, please contact Mike Corlett at [Mike.Corlett@agr.gc.ca](mailto:Mike.Corlett@agr.gc.ca)





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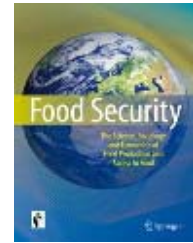
### Seeking a Research or Teaching Position in Plant Pathology/Myecology

#### Dr. Mehrdad Abbasi

As a Mycologist/Plant Pathologist, I am familiar with taxonomy and nomenclature of fungi and have a strong knowledge about identification and classification of plant parasitic fungi. In addition to strong classic knowledge in Mycology and Plant Pathology, I am also familiar with molecular plant pathology and molecular identification of fungi. I have managed several research projects in Mycology and Plant Pathology including intensive research projects about molecular phylogeny of Pucciniales. In addition to 11 years work experience as PhD researcher in mycology and plant pathology, I also had a chance to work in USA and Germany as visiting scientist. I am familiar with documentation and data-basing of fungi and have a long experience in management of Fungal Genetic Resource collections. To receive a resume and list of publications, please contact me at [puccinia@gmail.com](mailto:puccinia@gmail.com).



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### ISPP - International Newsletter on Plant Pathology

News and announcements from all on any aspect of Plant Pathology are invited for the Newsletter. Contributions from the ISPP Executive, Council and Subject Matter Committees, Associated Societies and Supporting Organizations are requested.

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#### ISPP NEWSLETTER 43(5) May 2013

- New ISPP Executive for the period 2013-2018
- About EPPO and one of its Bulletins
- Plant Protection Products containing Microorganisms
- A Natural and Potentially Manipulated Ways of Closing Stomata
- Lethal Necrosis of Maize in Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya
- Papers in Studies in Mycology Volume 74
- INRA and its Newsletter for Industry
- Articles and Reports In Chronica Horticulturae 53 (1) 2013
- How Insects Transmit Viruses to Crops
- ISPP launches a new Subject Matter Committee: Biotic Constraints to Food and Fibre Production
- Asia Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions
- Jackfruit Improvement in the Asia-Pacific Region – A Status Report
- Citrus Huanglongbing Disease

- Against this Deadly Citrus Disease
- Acknowledgements
- Coming events

#### ISPP NEWSLETTER 43(6) June 2013

- A Study within INRA
- Tanzania Cleans up
- Controversies about Ban on Pesticides Suspected of Affecting Bees
- Wheat and its Future
- 2013 National Fusarium Head Blight Forum
- 9th International Workshop on Grapevine Trunk Diseases
- Special Award to Dov Prusky
- International Society for Horticultural Science
- International Conference in St Petersburg, Russia, dedicated to the late Professor Arthur Jaczewski
- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
- Yellow Canopy Syndrome in Sugarcane in north Queensland, Australia
- Journal Impact Factors
- A Fungal Network between Roots Aids in Plant Communication
- Evaluation of PestNet
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## Submission Deadline for the September 2013 issue of CPS-SCP News

**PLEASE NOTE:** The submission deadline for the March 2013 issue of CPS - SCP News is **August 23, 2013**. 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.

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