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President's Message



Maria Antonia Henriquez
CPS-SCP President/présidente

Dear CPS Members,

I am honoured and privileged to serve as the 95th President of the Canadian Phytopathological Society (CPS) for the 2025–2026 term. For those who don't know me, let me briefly introduce myself. I am originally from Colombia. My father greatly influenced my decision to pursue agricultural research. At home, he had a large library filled with books and encyclopedias covering a wide range of topics, including science, philosophy, medicine, and history. When I was nine or ten years old, he challenged me to explore different topics to discuss with him. Reading those books became my hobby during my childhood and adolescence. I spent hours in the library each day, and science—particularly genetics—captivated me. I was also inspired to conduct research with plants. During my undergraduate studies (1993–1998) and while completing my

thesis (1998–2000), I developed a passion for plant pathology and plant–microbial interactions at the molecular level. I received a Laureate Thesis Award for my B.Sc. thesis, which I completed under the supervision of Dr. George Mahuku and Dr. Jaime Eduardo Muñoz Florez. It was only the second thesis in the history of my university to receive this award. The thesis also earned the Outstanding Research Publication Award (ORPA) from the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), Colombia. CIAT is part of CGIAR (formerly the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research), a global partnership of organizations engaged in food security research.

I graduated with honors for achieving the highest GPA among all agronomy graduates at the National University of Colombia (Palmira) in 2000. I also received a postgraduate scholarship for having the highest GPA among all graduates that year. I accepted the scholarship and pursued a Master's degree in Plant Breeding at the National University of Colombia and CIAT, graduating in 2005 under the supervision of Dr. George Mahuku. During my master's program, I worked at CIAT as a Research Assistant in the bean pathology program, serving as the laboratory manager for the pathology and molecular biology section. I moved to Canada to pursue my Ph.D. and earned a doctorate in Plant Pathology from the University of Manitoba in 2011 under the supervision of Dr. Fouad Daayf. I received several scholarships, including the International Graduate Student Entrance Scholarship (IGSES), the University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowship (UMGF), the International Graduate Student Scholarship (IGSS), and the Douglas L. Campbell Graduate Fellowship. My doctoral research

focused on the molecular characterization of potato defense suppression by *Phytophthora infestans*. After my Ph.D., I completed a postdoctoral fellowship (NSERC Visiting Fellowship in Canadian Government Laboratories Program) at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in Brandon, Manitoba, under the supervision of Dr. Debra McClaren. My research focused on root rot pathogens in dry bean, field pea, and soybean.

In 2015, I joined Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada as a research scientist in wheat pathology at the Morden Research and Development

Centre in Manitoba. My research program uses cutting-edge technologies and bioinformatic

tools to develop innovative and sustainable strategies for enhancing genetic resistance and managing Fusarium head blight (FHB) and leaf spot diseases in wheat. I collaborate closely with breeders, plant pathologists, geneticists, and agronomists to incorporate disease resistance into Canadian wheat cultivars and to carry out applied plant pathology research in areas such as crop rotation, biopesticide development, digital agriculture, and disease surveillance.

I have been a CPS member since 2006 and have served in various capacities, including:

- International Cooperation Committee (2014–present)
- Financial Advisory Committee (2020–present)
- Science Policy Committee (2023–2025)
- Virtual Workshop Committee (2024–2025)
- Workshops and Symposia Committee (2023–2025)

Additionally, I have served on the CPS Board as:

- Junior Director-at-Large (2016–2017)
- Senior Director-at-Large (2017–2018)
- Vice-President (2023–2024)
- President-Elect (2024–2025)

“I hope that together we can help our society grow with new initiatives and ideas. Best wishes to everyone for a nice and a productive year ahead!”

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing board members.

Special thanks to **Dr.**

Guillaume Bilodeau (Past President) for his exceptional service to our society and the Board, and to **Dr. Gurcharn Brar** (Past Senior Director-at-Large) for his valuable contributions during his tenure. I also want to acknowledge all CPS Board members for their hard work and dedication to our Society. My appreciation goes to **Dr. Kenneth Conn** for his many years of dedicated service as Treasurer and Assistant to the Treasurer–Membership Secretary. I also thank all retiring members of CPS Standing and Ad Hoc Committees for their service.

Special thanks to **Dr. Gurcharn Brar** and the entire Local Arrangement Committee for

organizing the 2025 Annual Meeting in Vancouver, which was held jointly with the 17th International Cereal Rusts and Powdery Mildew Conference.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to:

- **Dr. Brent McCallum** – recipient of the **Award for Outstanding Research**, recognizing his exceptional contributions to plant pathology through innovative research, scientific rigor, and dedication.
- **Dr. Edel Pérez-López** – recipient of the **Outstanding Young Scientist Award**, acknowledging his impressive achievements early in his career.
- **Dr. Sheau-Fang Hwang** – recipient of the **CPS Fellow Award**.
- **Dr. Harpinder Randhawa** – recipient of the **Award for Achievements in Plant Disease Management**.
- **Dr. Tom Hsiang** – recipient of the **Education Award**.

The CPS is in excellent financial condition. Accordingly, the Board has approved funding for several new initiatives aligned with our Strategic Plan.

I'm excited to announce that the 2026 Annual CPS Meeting will be held in **Halifax, Nova Scotia**, from **June 14–18, 2026**, at **The Lord Nelson Hotel & Suites**. Meeting Chair **Dr. Shawkat Ali** and the Local

Arrangement Committee are working hard to prepare for this major event. We're planning an exciting program and a day tour on the first day of the meeting (June 14) before the welcome reception. Make sure to mark your calendars and stay tuned for more updates on the CPS website.

I am pleased to present the new board of directors as follows and warmly welcome new members to the board.

- President: **Maria Antonia Henriquez**
- President Elect: **Stephen Strelkov**
- Vice-President: **David Joly**
- Secretary: **Tom Fetch**
- Treasurer: **Michelle Hubbard**
- Membership Secretary: **Sara Stricker**
- Senior Director-at-Large: **Rudolph Fredua-Agyeman**
- Junior Director-at-Large: **Miao (Mindy) Liu**
- CJPP Editor-in-Chief: **Linda Jewell**
- Website Editor: **Michael Holtz**

I hope that together we can help our society grow with new initiatives and ideas. Best wishes to everyone for a nice and a productive year ahead!

Maria Antonia Henriquez

President of CPS

Research Scientist

Morden Research and Development Centre
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



Message de la présidente

Chers membres,

C'est pour moi un honneur et un privilège d'agir à titre de 95^e présidente de la Société canadienne de phytopathologie (SCP) pour le mandat 2025-2026. Pour les personnes qui ne me connaissent pas, permettez-moi de me présenter brièvement. Je suis originaire de Colombie. Mon père m'a grandement influencée quant à mon choix d'opter pour le domaine de la recherche agricole. À la maison, il avait une vaste bibliothèque remplie de livres et d'encyclopédies couvrant un large éventail de sujets, y compris les sciences, la philosophie, la médecine et l'histoire. Quand j'avais neuf ou dix ans, il m'a mise au défi d'explorer différents sujets et d'en discuter avec lui. Au cours de mon enfance et de mon adolescence, la lecture de ces livres est devenue mon passe-temps. Chaque jour, j'ai passé des heures dans la bibliothèque, et les sciences — particulièrement la génétique — me captivaient. J'ai également été inspirée à mener des recherches avec des plantes. Durant mes études de premier cycle (1993-1998) et tandis que je rédigeais ma thèse (1998-2000), j'ai développé une passion pour la phytopathologie et les interactions plantes-microorganismes à l'échelle moléculaire. J'ai reçu le Prix de la meilleure thèse pour ma thèse de baccalauréat ès sciences que j'ai terminée sous la direction de George Mahuku et de Jaime Eduardo Muñoz Florez. C'était seulement la deuxième thèse dans l'histoire de mon université à recevoir ce prix. La thèse a également reçu le Prix d'excellence pour

une publication scientifique du Centre international d'agriculture tropicale (CIAT) de la Colombie. Le CIAT fait partie du GCRAI (anciennement le Groupe consultatif sur la recherche agricole internationale), un partenariat mondial d'organisations impliqué dans la recherche sur la sécurité alimentaire.

En 2000, j'ai obtenu mon diplôme avec mention pour avoir obtenu la moyenne pondérée cumulative (MPC) la plus élevée de tous les diplômés en agronomie de l'Université nationale de Colombie (Palmira). Cette même année, ma MPC m'a également valu une bourse d'études supérieures. J'ai accepté la bourse et poursuivi des études de deuxième cycle en sélection des végétaux à l'Université nationale de Colombie et au CIAT, obtenant mon diplôme en 2005 sous la direction de George Mahuku. Durant mes études de deuxième cycle, j'ai travaillé au CIAT en tant qu'adjointe de recherche dans le programme sur les maladies des fèves, agissant à titre de directrice de laboratoire pour la section de pathologie et de biologie moléculaire. J'ai déménagé au Canada pour poursuivre mes études doctorales où j'ai obtenu un doctorat en phytopathologie de l'Université du Manitoba en 2011 sous la direction de Fouad Daayf. J'ai reçu diverses bourses d'études, y compris la Bourse d'entrée pour étudiants diplômés internationaux, la Bourse d'études supérieures de l'Université du Manitoba, la Bourse d'études pour étudiants étrangers de cycles supérieurs et la Bourse d'études supérieures Douglas L. Campbell. Ma

recherche doctorale portait sur la caractérisation moléculaire de la suppression des défenses chez la pomme de terre par *Phytophthora infestans*. Après avoir obtenu mon doctorat, j'ai effectué un stage postdoctoral (bourse de séjour du CRSNG dans les laboratoires du gouvernement canadien) au Centre de recherche et de développement de Brandon, au Manitoba, d'Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada, sous la direction de Debra McClaren. Ma recherche doctorale portait sur les agents pathogènes causant le pourridié chez le haricot sec, le pois potager et le soja.

En 2015, je me suis jointe à Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada comme chercheuse sur les maladies du blé au Centre de recherche et de développement de Morden, au Manitoba. Mon programme de recherche utilise des technologies de pointe et des outils bio-informatiques en vue de développer des stratégies innovantes et durables pour améliorer la résistance génétique et gérer la fusariose de l'épi et la tache foliaire chez le blé. Je collabore étroitement avec des sélectionneurs, des phytopathologistes, des généticiens et des agronomes pour conférer une résistance aux cultivars de blé canadiens et mener des recherches appliquées en phytopathologie dans des domaines tels que la rotation des cultures, le développement de biopesticides, l'agriculture numérique et la surveillance des maladies.

Je suis membre de la SCP depuis 2006 et j'y ai occupé plusieurs postes sur divers comités, dont :

- Comité de coopération internationale (de 2014 à aujourd'hui);
- Comité consultatif des finances (de 2020 à

aujourd'hui);

Comité des politiques scientifiques (de 2023 à 2025);

Comité de l'atelier virtuel (de 2024 à 2025);

Comité des ateliers et des colloques (de 2023 à 2025).

En outre, j'ai siégé au conseil de la SCP en tant que :

Directrice adjointe (de 2016 à 2017);

Directrice principale (de 2017 à 2018);

Vice-présidente (de 2023 à 2024);

Présidente élue (de 2024 à 2025).

Je voudrais profiter de cette occasion pour remercier les membres sortants du conseil. Un merci spécial à **Guillaume Bilodeau** (président sortant) pour son service exceptionnel à notre société et au conseil, ainsi qu'à **Gurcharn Brar** (directeur principal sortant) pour ses précieuses contributions durant son mandat. Je souhaite également remercier tous les membres du Conseil de la SCP pour leur travail acharné et leur engagement envers notre société. Ma reconnaissance va à **Kenneth Conn** pour ses nombreuses années de service dévoué en tant que trésorier et adjoint au trésorier et au secrétaire aux adhésions. Je remercie également tous les membres sortants des comités thématiques et spéciaux pour leur service. Un merci spécial à **Gurcharn Brar** et à tout le comité organisateur local pour avoir organisé la réunion annuelle de 2025 qui s'est tenue à Vancouver, conjointement avec la 17e Conférence internationale sur les rouilles et l'oïdium des céréales.

Je voudrais adresser mes plus sincères félicitations à :

- **Brent McCallum** — lauréat du **Prix de la recherche exceptionnelle**, reconnaissant ses contributions exceptionnelles à la phytopathologie grâce à des recherches innovantes, sa rigueur scientifique et son dévouement;
- **Edel Pérez-López** — lauréat du **Prix du jeune scientifique exceptionnel**, reconnaissant ses réalisations impressionnantes si tôt en carrière;
- **Sheau-Fang Hwang** — lauréate du **Prix de Fellow de la SCP**;
- **Harpinder Randhawa** — lauréat du **Prix pour les réalisations en gestion des maladies des plantes**;
- **Tom Hsiang** — lauréat du **Prix de l'éducation**.

La situation financière de la

SCP est excellente. En conséquence, le conseil a approuvé le financement de plusieurs nouvelles initiatives en accord avec notre plan stratégique.

Je suis ravie d'annoncer que la réunion annuelle de 2026 se tiendra à **Halifax, en Nouvelle-Écosse**, du **14 au 18 juin**, à l'**Hôtel et Suites Lord Nelson**. Le président de la réunion, **Shawkat Ali**, et le comité organisateur local travaillent d'arrache-pied pour se préparer à cet événement. Nous planifions un programme passionnant et une excursion d'une journée durant la première journée de la réunion (le 14 juin), avant la réception de bienvenue. Prenez

soin de le noter dans votre agenda et restez à l'écoute pour de nouvelles mises à jour sur le site Web de la SCP.

Je suis heureuse de vous présenter le nouveau conseil d'administration comme suit et je souhaite la bienvenue aux nouveaux membres du conseil.

- Présidente : **Maria Antonia Henriquez**
- Président élu : **Stephen Strelkov**
- Vice-président : **David Joly**
- Secrétaire : **Tom Fetch**
- Trésorier : **Michelle Hubbard**
- Secrétaire aux adhésions : **Sara Stricker**
- Directeur principal : **Rudolph Fredua-Agyeman**
- Directrice adjointe : **Miao (Mindy) Liu**
- Rédactrice en chef de la RCP : **Linda Jewell**
- Éditeur Web : **Michael Holtz**

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Maria Antonia Henriquez
Présidente de la SCP
Chercheuse
Centre de recherche et de développement de Morden
Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada



Society Business

Minutes from the 96th Annual Meeting of Members Canadian Phytopathological Society/ La Société canadienne de phytopathologie

Canadian Phytopathological Society / La Société Canadienne de Phytopathologie
Minutes for the 96th Annual Meeting of Members / Agenda Assemblée Générale
Annuelle

11:50 AM - 1:40 PM, June 16, 2025 (Monday), Forest Science Atrium

1. Welcome remarks from the President / **Gary Peng** on behalf of Guillaume Bilodeau:
Started at 12:15 PDT
2. Determination of quorum / **Tom Fetch**: 70 members present, quorum reached
3. Moment of silence for deceased CPS members / **Sara Stricker**: Dr. David Punter
4. Approval of the agenda / **G. Peng**: Moved by Gary Peng, Mary Ruth McDonald 2nd,
carried
5. Approval of the minutes from the 95 AMOM (2024) / **T. Fetch**: Posted in September 2024
CPS Newsletter, Tom Fetch moved, Gary Peng 2nd, carried
6. President's report / **Maria Antonia Henriquez** on behalf of Guillaume Bilodeau: Maria
gave oral presentation of highlights of CPS Board activities for 2024-2025. Talked about Plant
Canada meeting in 2024, workshop led by Dr. Wen Chen, new CPS website, new DFCC
book release in 2025, 2026 CPS meeting in Halifax, welcome to all present at Vancouver.
7. Treasurer's report / **Michelle Hubbard, Ken Conn**
Financial statement and auditor's report for 2024-2025
Appointment of auditors for 2025 Motion: to use BDO as auditors for 2026 by Ken Conn, 2nd
by Sara Stricker, question about using different company. Ken indicated all auditors costing
more now. Ken could look for other options. Vote: carried.
8. Report from the Financial Advisory Committee / **G. Peng, K. Conn**: Gary Peng gave report
from the FAC committee. Reviewed budget and gave recommendations to the board. Have
a lot of funds, want to support students more. Increasing student scholarship award from
\$1500 to \$2000 and student travel awards from \$1000 to \$1500. Student travel up to 5
awards per year.

9. Membership Secretary's Report / **S. Stricker**: Sara gave report, up to 339 members, new directory will have numbers by region. Have 71 student members.

10. Update on Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology / **Linda Jewell**: presented PowerPoint,

10b. Awards for OYSA, student travel, and student scholarship/ **Maria Antonia Henriquez**: Maria and Tom Hsiang presented awards for student travel and scholarship, Achievements in Plant Disease Management and Education award.

11. Bylaw changes / **Sara Stricker** Sara presented two changes to bylaws, changes in Motions 2024-2025 document presented to AMOM members. Tom moved both motions, Sara 2nd, carried.

12. Nomination of new members for Standing Committees / **G. Peng**

- Awards Committee: *Sean Westerveld*
- Nomination Committee: *Randy Kutcher* (3-yr), *Wen Chen* (2-yr), *Dawn Bignell* (1-yr)

13. Nomination of new members to the Board of Directors / **G. Peng**

- Vice President: *David Joly*
- Junior Director: *Mindy Liu*
- Secretary: *Tom Fetch* (by acclamation)
- Membership Secretary: *Sara Stricker* (by acclamation)

14. Membership payment to the International Society of Plant Pathology -discussion / **Michelle Hubbard** / **Ken Conn**: ICPP conference every 5 years, membership for CPS is \$355 per year, CPS Board approved 3-year payment.

15. Installation of M.A. Henriquez as the incoming President / **G. Peng**: Gary installed Dr. Maria Antonia Henriquez as CPS President and gave gavel.

16. The President's plaque to Guillaume Bilodeau and incoming President's remarks / **M.A. Henriquez**: Maria indicated plaque for Guillaume, Sarah H will get to Guillaume. Maria gave short oral presentation and gratitude to serving as President for CPS.

17. Other business? None

18. Adjournment / **M.A. Henriquez** at 13:38 PDT



Appendix - CPS Financial Statements for Year End Dec. 31, 2024 /Auditor 's Report

Canadian Phytopathological Society Inc. Statement of Financial Position										
December 31	General Fund	BSPA Fund	GAL Fund	GSTA Fund	ORA Fund	OYSA Fund	GBIS Fund	JYGSS Fund	2024 Total	2023 Total
Assets										
Current										
Cash	\$ 84,683	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84,683	\$ 59,557
Investments (Note 2)	-	16,306	11,787	14,870	13,312	7,122	12,476	28,166	104,039	77,489
Accounts receivable	26,855	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,855	32,131
Inventory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97
HST rebate recoverable	12,843	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,843	16,340
Prepaid expenses	21,025	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,025	59,363
	145,406	16,306	11,787	14,870	13,312	7,122	12,476	28,166	249,445	244,977
Investments (Note 2)	594,726	71,635	30,097	67,967	33,992	33,183	31,855	71,917	935,372	848,889
	\$ 740,132	\$ 87,941	\$ 41,884	\$ 82,837	\$ 47,304	\$ 40,305	\$ 44,331	\$ 100,083	\$ 1,184,817	\$ 1,093,866
Liabilities and Net Assets										
Current										
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 22,871	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,871	\$ 18,313
Deferred revenue	95,780	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95,780	39,170
	118,651	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	118,651	57,483
Net Assets										
General Fund	621,481	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	621,481	667,748
Restricted Funds	-	87,941	41,884	82,837	47,304	40,305	44,331	100,083	444,685	368,635
	621,481	87,941	41,884	82,837	47,304	40,305	44,331	100,083	1,066,166	1,036,383
	\$ 740,132	\$ 87,941	\$ 41,884	\$ 82,837	\$ 47,304	\$ 40,305	\$ 44,331	\$ 100,083	\$ 1,184,817	\$ 1,093,866

Statement of Financial Position (p. 4, 2024 Auditor's Report)

Canadian Phytopathological Society Inc.
Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances

	2024										2023	
	General Fund	BSPA Fund	GAL Fund	GSTA Fund	ORA Fund	OYSA Fund	GBIS Fund	JYGSS Fund	Total	Total	General Fund	Total
For the year ended December 31												
Revenue	\$ 392,875	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 392,875	\$ 157,507		
Annual national meeting C.JPP (Schedule 1)	71,276	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71,276	79,089		
Investment income (Note 2)	27,373	1,573	1,137	1,434	1,284	686	1,203	2,717	37,407	50,427		
Membership dues	19,395	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,395	14,665		
Regional meetings	9,151	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,151	9,045		
Donations	-	645	-	2,570	100	-	-	100	3,415	3,560		
Information products (Schedule 2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,278		
National workshops	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	296		
	520,070	2,218	1,137	4,004	1,384	686	1,203	2,817	533,519	319,867		
Expenses												
Annual national meeting	391,493	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	391,493	150,680		
Assistant to CPS Treasurer	25,404	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,404	10,000		
National office and general	18,803	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,803	12,291		
Professional fees	17,795	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,795	23,570		
Travel	15,338	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,338	22,892		
National awards	1,580	3,400	-	3,000	-	-	-	5,999	13,979	13,633		
Regional meetings	7,114	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,114	7,802		
Newsletter and website	4,997	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,997	3,090		
CJPP (Schedule 1)	4,438	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,438	10,294		
Regional awards	2,812	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,812	1,570		
Information products (Schedule 2)	1,245	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,245	7,371		
Regional office and general	318	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	318	311		
	491,337	3,400	-	3,000	-	-	-	5,999	503,736	263,504		
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 28,733	\$ (1,182)	\$ 1,137	\$ 1,004	\$ 1,384	\$ 686	\$ 1,203	\$ (3,182)	\$ 29,783	\$ 56,363		
Interfund transfers (Note 3)	(75,000)	30,000	-	30,000	-	15,000	-	-	-	-		
Fund balances - Beginning of year	667,748	59,123	40,747	51,833	45,920	24,619	43,128	103,265	1,036,383	980,020		
Fund Balances - End of year	\$ 621,481	\$ 87,941	\$ 41,884	\$ 82,837	\$ 47,304	\$ 40,305	\$ 44,331	\$ 100,083	\$ 1,066,166	\$ 1,036,383		

Canadian Phytopathological Society Inc.
Schedule 1
Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology

For the year ended December 31	2024	2023
Revenue		
Royalties	\$ 36,950	\$ 40,305
Author page charges	21,826	21,661
Publisher support	12,500	9,948
Journal fees from members	-	7,175
	<u>71,276</u>	<u>79,089</u>
Expenditures		
Editing and publishing	3,988	6,461
Editor office supplies	450	-
Translation	-	2,678
Bad debt	-	1,155
	<u>4,438</u>	<u>10,294</u>
	<u>\$ 66,838</u>	<u>\$ 68,795</u>

**Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology Revenue (p. 13, 2024
Auditor's Report)**

Canadian Phytopathological Society Inc.
Schedule 2
Information Products

For the year ended December 31	2024	2023
Revenue		
DFCC sales	\$ -	\$ 5,278
Expenditures		
DFCC costs	97	3,795
CPDS costs	1,148	3,576
	<u>1,245</u>	<u>7,371</u>
	<u>\$ (1,245)</u>	<u>\$ (2,093)</u>

Information Products Revenue (p. 14, 2024 Auditor's Report)

Ébauche du compte rendu de la 96e réunion annuelle des membres de la Société canadienne de phytopathologie/ Canadian Phytopathological Society

Canadian Phytopathological Society / La Société Canadienne de Phytopathologie
Minutes for the 96th Annual Meeting of Members / Compte rendu de la 96e
Assemblée générale annuelle
11 h 50 à 13 h 40, 16 juin 2025 (lundi), Forest Science Atrium

1. Mot de bienvenue du président / **Gary Peng** au nom de Guillaume Bilodeau : début 12 h 15 HAP
2. Établissement du quorum / **Tom Fetch**; le quorum a été atteint
3. Moment de silence à la mémoire des membres de la SCP décédés / **Sara Stricker** : David Punter
4. Approbation de l'ordre du jour / **Gary Peng**; Proposée par Gary Peng, appuyée par Mary Ruth McDonald, adoptée
5. Approbation du compte rendu de la 95e AGA (2024) / **Tom Fetch**; Publié dans le numéro de septembre 2024 du CPS/SCP News; Proposée par Tom, appuyée par Gary Peng, adoptée
6. Rapport de la présidente / **Maria Antonia Henriquez** au nom de Guillaume Bilodeau; Maria a présenté les faits saillants des activités du conseil pour 2024-2025. Elle a parlé de la réunion de 2024 de Plant Canada, de l'atelier animé par Wen Chen, des mises à jour du site Web de la SCP, de la parution en 2025 de la nouvelle édition de MGCC, de la réunion à Halifax en 2026 et a souhaité la bienvenue à tous ceux présents à Vancouver.
7. Rapport de la trésorière / **Michelle Hubbard / Ken Conn**
État financier et rapport de l'auditeur pour 2024-2025
Nomination de l'auditeur pour 2025; utiliser les services de BDO pour 2026, proposée par Ken Conn, appuyée par Sara Stricker; question sur la possibilité de faire appel à une autre firme. Ken a souligné que toutes les firmes d'auditeurs coûtent plus cher maintenant. Ken pourrait explorer d'autres possibilités. Adoptée
8. Rapport du Comité consultatif des finances / **G. Peng, K. Conn**; Gary Peng a présenté le rapport du CCF. Il a examiné le budget et a fait des recommandations au conseil. Nous avons beaucoup d'argent et nous voulons soutenir davantage d'étudiants. Augmentation des bourses d'études destinées aux étudiants de 1 500 \$ à 2 000 \$ et des bourses de voyage pour étudiants de 1 000 \$ à 1 500 \$. Voyage étudiant : jusqu'à 5 bourses par année.

9. Rapport de la secrétaire aux adhésions / **Stara Stricker**; Sara a présenté son rapport, nous en sommes rendus à 399 membres, le nouvel annuaire comportera les nombres par région. Nous comptons 71 membres étudiants.

10. Mise à jour sur la Revue canadienne de phytopathologie / **Linda Jewell**, présentation PowerPoint.

10b. Prix pour JSCE, voyage étudiant et bourses d'études / **Maria Antonia Henriquez**; Maria et Tom Hsiang ont présenté les prix pour voyage étudiant et bourses d'études, pour réalisations en gestion des maladies des plantes et éducation.

11. Modifications aux règlements / **Sara Stricker**; Sara a présenté deux modifications aux règlements, modifications apportées aux Motions 2024-2025 : document présenté aux membres durant l'AGA. Tom a proposé les deux motions, appuyée par Sara, adoptée.

12. Nominations de nouveaux membres aux comités permanents / **G. Peng**

- Comité des prix : *Sean Westerveld*
- Comité des nominations : *Randy Kutcher* (3 ans), *Wen Chen* (2 ans), *Dawn Bignell* (1 an)

13. Nomination des nouveaux membres du conseil d'administration / **G. Peng**

- Vice-président : *David Joly*
- Directrice adjointe : *Mindy Liu*
- Secrétaire : *Tom Fetch* (à l'unanimité)
- Secrétaire aux adhésions : *Sara Stricker* (à l'unanimité)

14. Paiement de l'adhésion à la Société internationale de pathologie végétale — discussion / **Michelle Hubbard** / **Ken Conn**; conférence de la SIPV tous les 5 ans, frais d'adhésion pour la SCP : 355 \$ par année; paiement de 3 ans approuvé par le conseil.

15. Installation de M. A. Henriquez à titre de présidente désignée / **G. Peng**; Gary a installé en tant que présidente de la SCP Maria Antonia Henriquez et lui a remis le marteau.

16. Plaque du président remise à Guillaume Bilodeau et mot de la présidente entrante / **M. A. Henriquez**; Maria a souligné la plaque pour Guillaume, Sarah H. la remettra à Guillaume. Maria a fait une brève présentation et a exprimé sa reconnaissance pour l'honneur qui lui échoit de présider la SCP.

17. Autres affaires à traiter? Non.

18. Clôture de l'assemblée / **M. A. Henriquez** à 13 h 38 HAP

Annexe: États financiers de la SCP pour l'année se terminant le 31 décembre 2024: Rapport de l'auditeur

La Société canadienne de phytopathologie inc.											
État de la situation financière											
Au 31 décembre	Fonds général	FMPE	FGAC	FDEDC	FCER	FJCE	FGBCI	FBEDCJY	2024 Total	2023 Total	
Actifs											
Court terme											
Trésorerie	84 683 \$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84 683 \$	59 557 \$	
Placements (Note 2)	-	16 306	11 787	14 870	13 312	7 122	12 476	28 166	104 039	77 489	
Débiteurs	26 855	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26 855	32 131	
Stocks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97	
Remboursement de TVH recouvrable	12 843	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12 843	16 340	
Charges payées d'avance	21 025	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21 025	59 363	
	145 406	16 306	11 787	14 870	13 312	7 122	12 476	28 166	249 445	244 977	
Placements (Note 2)	594 726	71 635	30 097	67 967	33 992	33 183	31 855	71 917	935 372	848 889	
	740 132 \$	87 941 \$	41 884 \$	82 837 \$	47 304 \$	40 305 \$	44 331 \$	100 083 \$	1 184 817 \$	1 093 866 \$	
Passifs et actif net											
Court terme											
Crediteurs et charges à payer	22 871 \$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22 871 \$	18 313 \$	
Produits reportés	95 780	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95 780	39 170	
	118 651	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	118 651	57 483	
Actif net											
Fonds général	621 481	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	621 481	667 748	
Fonds affectés	-	87 941	41 884	82 837	47 304	40 305	44 331	100 083	444 685	368 635	
	621 481	87 941	41 884	82 837	47 304	40 305	44 331	100 083	1 066 166	1 036 383	
	740 132 \$	87 941 \$	41 884 \$	82 837 \$	47 304 \$	40 305 \$	44 331 \$	100 083 \$	1 184 817 \$	1 093 866 \$	

État de la situation financière, p. 4, Rapport de l'auditeur, 2024

La Société canadienne de phytopathologie inc.
État des résultats et de l'évolution des soldes des fonds

	2024									2023
Pour l'exercice terminé le 31 décembre	Fonds général	FMPE	FGAC	FDDEC	FCER	FJCE	FGBCI	FBEDCJY	Total	Total
Produits										
Assemblée générale annuelle	392 875 \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	392 875 \$	157 507 \$
Revue canadienne de phytopathologie (Annexe 1)	71 276	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71 276	79 089
Produits financiers (Note 2)	27 373	1 573	1 137	1 434	1 284	686	1 203	2 717	37 407	50 427
Cotisations des membres	19 395	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19 395	14 665
Réunions régionales	9 151	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9 151	9 045
Dons	-	645	-	2 570	100	-	-	100	3 415	3 560
Produits d'information (Annexe 2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 278
Ateliers nationaux	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	296
	520 070	2 218	1 137	4 004	1 384	686	1 203	2 817	533 519	319 867
Charges										
Assemblée générale annuelle	391 493	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	391 493	150 680
Trésorier adjoint du trésorier de la Société	25 404	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 404	10 000
Frais de bureau et frais généraux - National	18 803	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18 803	12 291
Honoraires professionnels	17 795	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17 795	23 570
Déplacements	15 338	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15 338	22 892
Prix nationaux	1 580	3 400	-	3 000	-	-	-	5 999	13 979	13 633
Réunions régionales	7 114	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7 114	7 802
Bulletin et site Web	4 997	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 997	3 090
Revue canadienne de phytopathologie (Annexe 1)	4 438	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 438	10 294
Prix régionaux	2 812	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 812	1 570
Produits d'information (Annexe 2)	1 245	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 245	7 371
Frais de bureau et frais généraux - Régional	318	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	318	311
	491 337	3 400	-	3 000	-	-	-	5 999	503 736	263 504
Excédent des produits sur les charges										
	28 733 \$	(1 182) \$	1 137 \$	1 004 \$	1 384 \$	686 \$	1 203 \$	(3 182) \$	29 783 \$	56 363 \$
Virements interfonds (Note 3)										
	(75 000)	30 000	-	30 000	-	15 000	-	-	-	-
Soldes des fonds, au début de l'exercice	667 748	59 123	40 747	51 833	45 920	24 619	43 128	103 265	1 036 383	980 020
Soldes des fonds, à la fin de l'exercice	621 481 \$	87 941 \$	41 884 \$	82 837 \$	47 304 \$	40 305 \$	44 331 \$	100 083 \$	1 066 166 \$	1 036 383 \$

L'état des résultats et de l'évolution des soldes de fonds, p. 5,
Rapport de l'auditeur, 2024

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Annexe 1

Revue canadienne de phytopathologie

Pour l'exercice terminé le 31 décembre	2024	2023
Produits		
Redevances	36 950 \$	40 305 \$
Frais de publication des auteurs	21 826	21 661
Soutien de l'éditeur	12 500	9 948
Cotisations des membres pour la revue	-	7 175
	<u>71 276</u>	<u>79 089</u>
Charges		
Édition et publication	3 988	6 461
Fourniture de l'éditeur	450	-
Traduction	-	2 678
Créance irrécouvrable	-	1 155

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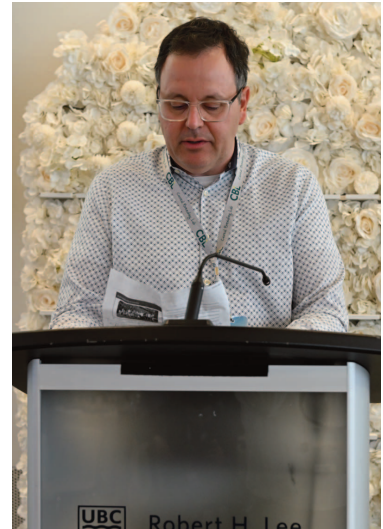
Annexe 2

Produits d'information

Pour l'exercice terminé le 31 décembre	2024	2023
Produits		
Ventes du <i>Diseases of Field Crops in Canada</i>	- \$	5 278 \$
Charges		
Coûts associés au <i>Diseases of Field Crops in Canada</i>	97	3 795
Coûts associés au <i>Canadian Plant Disease Survey</i>	1 148	3 576
	<u>1 245</u>	<u>7 371</u>
	<u>(1 245) \$</u>	<u>(2 093) \$</u>

Produits d'information (p. 14, Rapport de l'auditeur, 2024)

CPS Award Winners and Scenes from the CPS-ICPMRC Meeting



Scenes from the Awards Ceremony at the 2026 CPS Annual Meeting.

Top row (from left): **Gurcharn Brar**, **Bruce Gossen**; and **Stephen Strelkov**

Middle row (from left): **Maria Antonia Henriquez**, **Tom Hsiang**; and **Brent McCallum**

Bottom row: **Edel Pérez-López**

Photo credit: **Dmytro Yevtushenko**



Congratulations CPS Award Winners!

Top row (from left): **Brent McCallum**, winner of the **Award for Outstanding Research**, receives his award from CPS President **Maria Antonia Henriquez**; CPS President **Maria Antonia Henriquez** presents **Edel Pérez-López**, with the **Outstanding Young Scientist Award**

Bottom row: **Sheau-Fang Hwang** receives the **CPS Fellow Award** from CPS President **Maria Antonia Henriquez**; **Brian Duarte** is presented with the award for **1st place in the student Oral Presentation Competition** by CPS President **Maria Antonia Henriquez**

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CPS Poster Presentation Winners

From left: CPS President **Maria Antonia Henriquez** with 2nd place winner **Cassidy Ball**; 1st place winner **Madison Kist**; and 3rd place winner **Kaitlyn Pidherny**.

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CPS Oral Presentation Winners

From left: 1st place winner **Brian Duarte**; 2nd place winner **Xinlong Dong**; and 3rd place winner **Jacqueline Gonzalez** with CPS President **Maria Antonia Henriquez**

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Meeting participants and organizers enjoying the conference

Top (from left): **Xinlong Dong, Stephen Strelkov, Sheau-Fang Hwang, Marwa Laribi, and Rudolph Fredua-Agyema**

Below (from left): **Reem.Aboukhaddour, Ryan Gourlie, and Dmytro Yevtushenko**

Photo credit: **Dmytro Yevtushenko**





Meeting participants and organizers enjoying the conference

From left: **Tracy Gartner** with **Jennifer Fetch**; and **Gurcharn Brar** with **Sam Holden**

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Congratulations to all award winners! Photos are unavailable for the following award winners:

Winners of the **CPS Scholarship**:

- **McKenna Campbell**
- **Muhammad Javed**
- **Kelsey Wog**

Winners of the **CPS Travel Award** and the **Taylor & Francis Travel Award**:

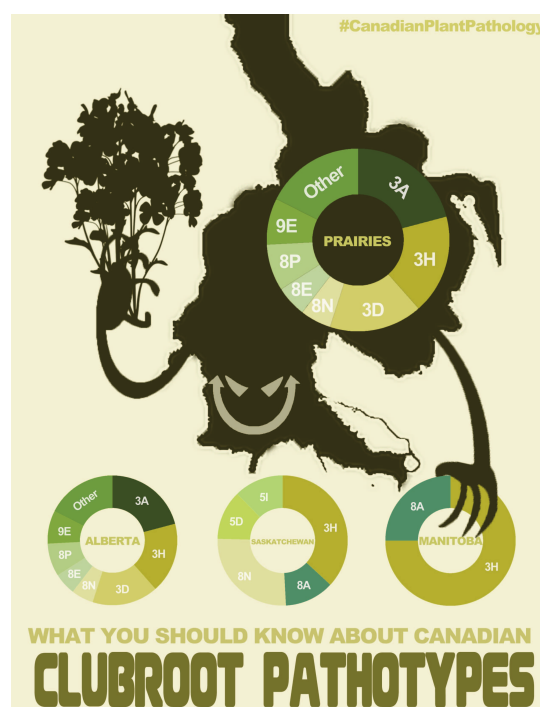
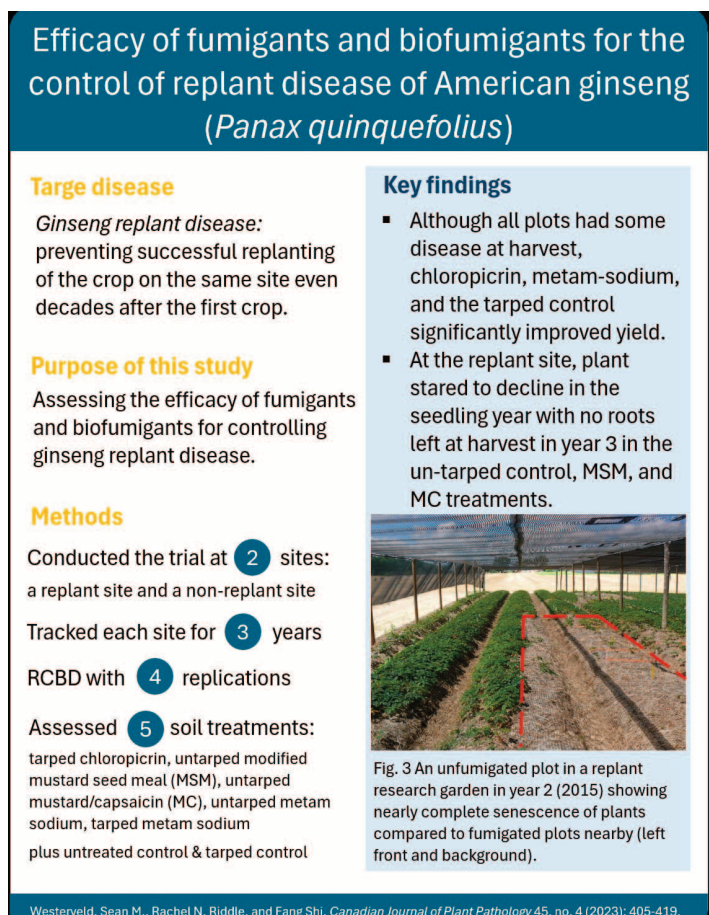
- **Edward McNab**
- **Kelly Ann Ruigrok**
- **Kaitlyn Pidherny**

Congratulations to all award winners! We hope you all enjoyed the meeting!

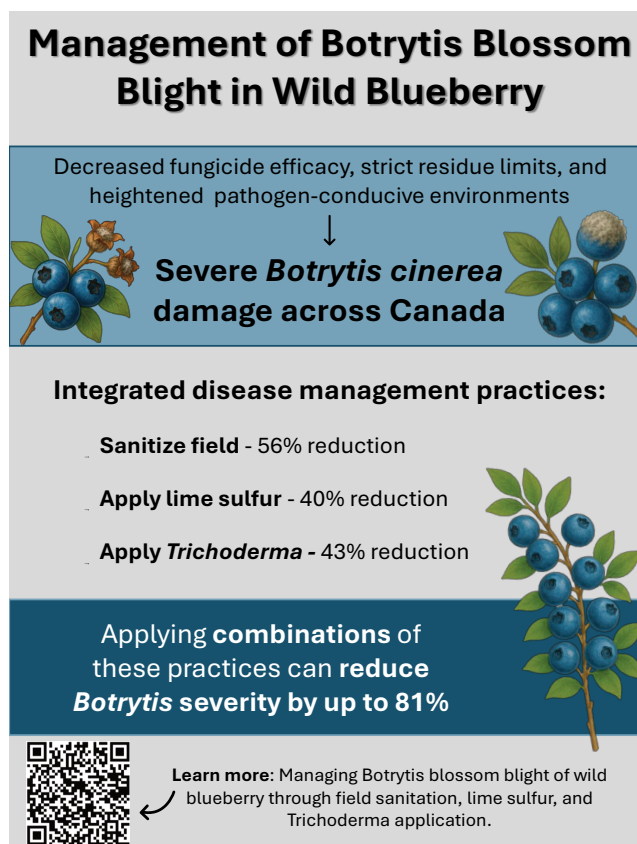


CPS Education Committee Infographic Contest Award Winners

The CPS Education Committee challenged students to prepare an infographic related to a recent publication in the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology. Thank you to all who participated! The winners and their infographics are presented below.

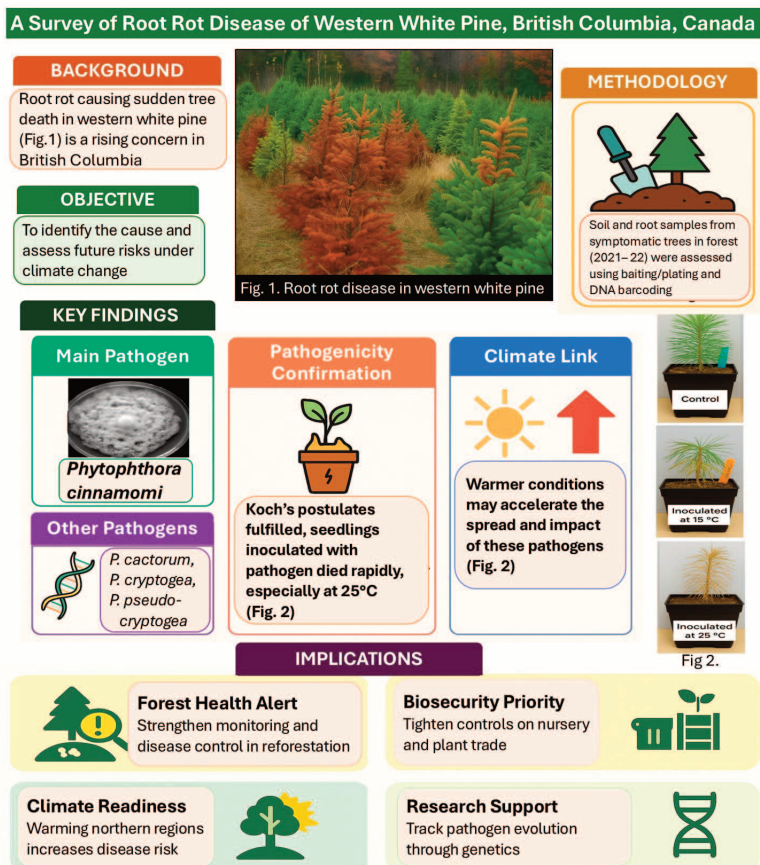


Amy Fang Shi's infographic based on Westerveld et al. 2023
(DOI:10.1080/07060661.2023.2196518) (left); and Xinlong Dong's infographic based on
Hollman et al. 2024 (DOI:10.1080/07060661.2023.2212639) (right)

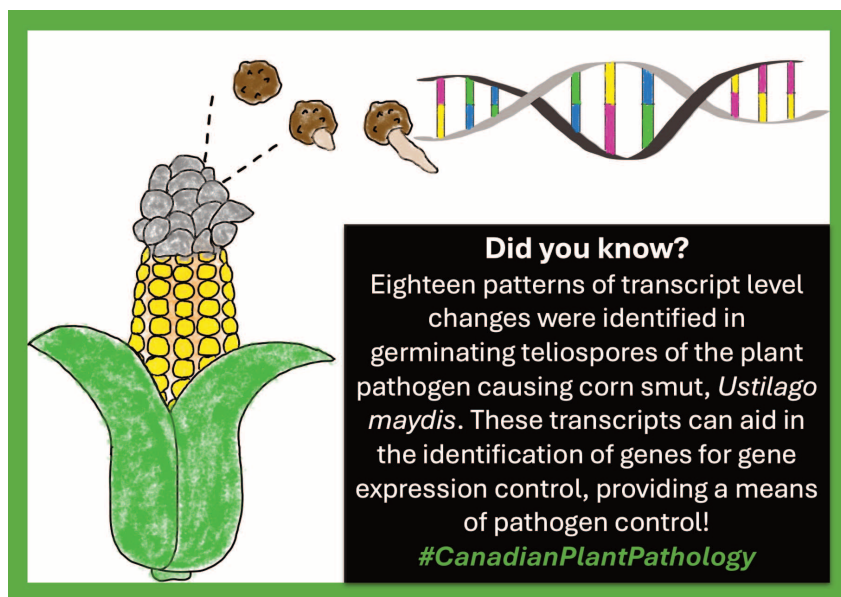


McKenna Campbell's infographic based on Abbey et al. 2022 (DOI:10.1080/07060661.2021.2023649) (above); and Kelly Ruigrok's infographic based on Walkowiak et al. 2022 (DOI:10.1080/07060661.2022.2077451) (below)





Umbrin Ilyas's infographic based on Shamoun et al. 2024 (DOI:10.1080/07060661.2024.2383588) (above); and Amanda Turpin's infographic based on Seto et al. 2025 (DOI:10.1080/07060661.2024.2413557) (below)



Update from the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology: Congratulations Award Winners!

As Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology (CJPP), I am pleased to announce that new awards have been created to recognize the important contributions of student authors to the CJPP and to recognize the very hard work of the editorial team.

The new awards and their winners are:

- **Liam Buirs** has won the **2024 Student Manuscript of the Year** for his manuscript entitled “Symptomology, prevalence, and impact of *Hop latent viroid* on greenhouse-grown cannabis (*Cannabis sativa* L.) plants in Canada.” The authors of this manuscript are Zamir Punja, Keri Wang, Samantha Lung, and Liam Buirs.
- **Rishi Burlakoti** has won the **2024 Section Editor of the Year**
- **Harvinder Bennypaul** has won the **2024 Associate Editor of the Year**

Thank you to the editorial board and reviewers who collectively volunteer hundreds of hours of their time to the CJPP, and thank you also to all authors who have contributed manuscripts to the CJPP. Our journal is a significant source of pride and revenue to the society, and it would not be possible without all of your contributions!

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Jewell, Editor-in-Chief, Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology



List of Motions for CPS Board, July 2024 - May 2025

July 11 2024:

- **Motion:** that CPS is willing to provide funds to cover all of the meeting shortfall by Gary, Gurcharn 2nd, GB: sometimes hard to understand the numbers for joint society meetings, thinks they could cover part of it. Tom: let the others offer as well. Want to add a % number? Gary: leave as is. Vote: 9-0 yes, carried.
- **Motion:** there were people volunteering many days (Brenda, Jennifer, Coree, Santosh) and want to provide \$100 gift cards for restaurant for each, up to \$1500 by Gary, Sara 2nd, 9-0 carried.
- **Motion:** that CPS pay for the hotel bill for Brenda Trask by Tom, Guillaume 2nd, 9-0 carried.

September 26 2024:

Motion: to put \$110,000 into CIBC in a 5-year GIC as restricted funds, and \$130,000 into Meridian credit union for 3 years at 3.75% in non-restricted funds by Rudolph, Maria-Antonia 2nd, approved 9-0.

Motion: to pay up to \$3000 to translate the bylaws into a French version by Sara, Gary 2nd, approved.

Motion: to adjust the cost for technical editing by additional \$2700 plus tax for DFCC by Gary, Maria 2nd, approved.

November 8, 2024: No motions

December 3, 2024: No motions

February 4, 2025: No motions

Motion: to give \$1000 to the International leaf spot symposia if CPS is not doing a joint meeting by Sara, Maria 2nd, discussion: Tom do not support non-CPS symposia. Steve: does contribute to pathology education, will have CPS members attending. Linda: is this precedent setting? If the meeting is in Canada and related to plant pathology we can support. Gary: need consistency, declined a meeting in Quebec. Maria: this was very molecular. Gary: not easy to draw the line, what to support and what not to support. The FHB head blight in Niagara Falls was not supported. Vote: 0 support, 4 object, 4 abstain, not carried.

Motion: Change bylaw 31.1b as follows: The Nominating Committee consists of the Past President (as Chair), the retiring Past President, and three additional members who shall serve three-year staggered terms, which can be renewed an additional term, by Tom, Gary 2nd, all supported.

Motion: support Ken Conn to attend the 2025 CPS meeting in Vancouver using CPS funds by Guillaume Bilodeau, Michelle 2nd, carried.

March 6, 2025: no motions

April 17, 2025:

- **Motion:** to change bylaw 31 (3i) as follows to: A recommendation for an award shall be submitted by the Awards Committee to the President of the Society for discussion and ratification by the Board. Each recommendation shall be accompanied by a document which includes a carefully prepared statement usable as a citation, details of relevant employment and positions held by the nominee, and the nature, scope and impact of the nominee's contribution. (identified award recipient) and excluding the student awards winners, shall be accompanied by a copy of the nomination file in pdf format. If an award category has no limit of winners, a copy of the nomination file in pdf format should be provided for each nominee. Moved by Maria, Steve 2nd, 6 approve, 2 abstain

May 22, 2025: No motions

CPS Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) Report (2025)

The FAC reviewed the financial statements presented by Ken Conn, Assistant to the CPS Treasurer and Membership Secretary. These statements were also reviewed by the CPS-appointed auditor.

The Committee is satisfied with the Society's strong financial position. A key contributor to this stability is the continued robust revenue from publication of the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology, which is expected to remain steady for the next few years under the current contract with Taylor & Francis. Membership fees and investment income also provide significant contributions to annual revenue.

The FAC recommends that the Board accept the financial statements and budget projections as presented. Given the Society's solid financial standing, the Committee discussed opportunities to invest in the future—particularly through enhancing graduate student scholarships and travel awards. The final decision on specific increases, whether in award amounts or number of recipients, will rest with the Board in consultation with the Awards Committee.

The Committee also reviewed CPS's available cash. In addition to a \$40,000 buffer, the Society has over \$20,000 in available funds, which is considered sufficient to support operations following the 2025 Annual Meeting.

The Society's finances are audited annually by BDO Canada LLP (London, ON), which has served in this role for many years. The audit costs approximately \$18,000 per year, making it one of the Society's major annual expenses. As this external audit is a requirement under the By-Laws, the FAC recommends continued engagement of BDO Canada LLP for the review of the Society's 2025 financial statements. This recommendation was approved at the 2025 Annual Meeting of Members.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Gary Peng, Chair of the FAC, at gary.peng@agr.gc.ca.

Submitted by:

Gary Peng
Chair, FAC



Announcements

Call for Submissions: Canadian Plant Disease Survey

NOTICE TO AUTHORS / AVIS AUX AUTEURS 2026 CANADIAN PLANT DISEASE SURVEY (CPDS) – Volume 106 / INVENTAIRE DES MALADIES DES PLANTES AU CANADA (IMPC) 2026

Reports of the 2025 Crop Season / Rapports de la saison des cultures 2025

The Canadian Plant Disease Survey documents the incidence of plant diseases in Canada. Formal plant disease surveys as well as important anecdotal observations may be submitted. Reports benefit agencies planning or funding research on disease control and may be useful to federal authorities dealing with plant health issues in international trade. The CPDS can be downloaded from the CPS web site (<http://phytopath.ca/publication/cpds/>).

L'Inventaire (IMPC) témoigne de la présence des maladies des plantes au Canada. Des relevés de maladies ainsi que des observations fortuites importantes peuvent être présentés. Ces relevés aident les organismes publics à planifier et à subventionner la recherche sur la lutte contre les maladies et sont aussi de grande utilité à l'autorité fédérale pour traiter des questions de commerce international impliquant l'état sanitaire des cultures. L'IMPC peut être téléchargé du site web de la SCP (<http://phytopath.ca/publication/cpds/>).

Starting with Volume 99, the CPDS has been published as a special edition of the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology. **References, citations, and table formatting should match that of the CJPP (see CPDS Vol. 105 on the CPS website and https://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/authors/style/reference/tf_CSE.pdf).**

À partir de Volume 99, l'IMPC a été publié dans une édition spéciale de la Revue canadienne de phytopathologie. **Références, citations et autres mises en forme doit correspondre à celui de la RCP (voir l'exemple de l'IMPC Vol. 105 sur le site de la SCP et https://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/authors/style/reference/tf_CSE.pdf).**

SUBMISSION OF REPORTS / SOUMISSION DES RAPPORTS:

Authors should send a copy of their report(s), including graphs, maps, and tables to the appropriate **Section Editor by November 30, 2025, copied to the National Editor janice.elmhirst@shaw.ca. Section Editors** are listed below.

The **Section Editor** will review the report for scientific content and editorial format and return the report to the author with their comments. **Section Editors** will email final copies of the papers in their section to the **National Editor by January 31, 2026**.

Les **auteurs** doivent envoyer une copie de leur(s) rapport(s), y compris les graphiques, les cartes et les tableaux, à l'**éditeur de section approprié par le 30 novembre 2025, c.c. l'éditrice nationale janice.elmhirst@shaw.ca**. Voir la liste des **éditeurs de section** pour

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2026 CPS Annual Meeting: See you in Halifax!

Mark your calendars! The 2026 annual meeting of the CPS will be held in Halifax, NS, from **June 14-18, 2026** at the **Lord Nelson Hotel**. More details about registration and the scientific program will be shared in future issues of the News, on the CPS website, and by email to the membership. We look forward to seeing you next summer!

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International Symposium on Cereal Leaf Blights (ISCLB) 2026: May 2026 in Banff, AB



The website for the International Symposium on Cereal Leaf Blights (ISCLB) 2026, scheduled for May 2026 in Banff, is now live. Updates and additional details will be posted over the coming months.

Please feel free to circulate the link <https://www.isclb.com/> to colleagues and students. Don't forget to mark your calendars; this exciting event is less than a year away!



People

Congratulations to Bohan Wei!

Congratulations to Bohan Wei on successfully defending her Ph.D. thesis at the University of Alberta on April 28, 2025. Her thesis, “Genetic Diversity and Evolution of *Puccinia striiformis* in Canada,” examined the population structure and evolutionary dynamics of the stripe rust pathogen across Canada. Her project was co-supervised by Drs. Reem Aboukhaddour and Stephen Strelkov. Her Examination Committee included Drs. Sheau-Fang Hwang and Boyd Mori from the University of Alberta, as well as Dr. Frédéric Suffert of UR INRAE BIOGER in France.

Bohan completed her B.Sc. in Forestry Protection at Northeast Forestry Institute in Harbin, China. She then pursued a Master’s degree on tan spot of wheat, also under the co-supervision of Drs. Strelkov and Aboukhaddour.

During her doctoral studies, Bohan earned multiple academic awards, including recognition as one of nine “Plant Science Polymaths” by *SeedWorld* magazine.

Submitted by Stephen Strelkov and Sheau-Fang Hwang



Bohan Wei (second from left) with her supervisory committee: **Stephen Strelkov** (far left), **Reem Aboukhaddour** (second from right) and **Sheau-Fang Hwang** (right),
Congratulations to Bohan on successfully defending her Ph.D. thesis.

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Young Scientists' Corner

Jacqueline Gonzalez
University of Saskatchewan



I'm Jacqueline Gonzalez. I was born in Ecuador, a small yet beautiful country in South America, literally at the middle of the world. My fascination with microbes began in high school when I first observed paramecia under a microscope. That moment sparked a lifelong curiosity about these tiny organisms and their enormous impact on life.

I earned my B.Sc. in Microbiology and had the opportunity to complete internships in Agricultural and Food Microbiology in Mexico, where I learned about biocontrol, bio-stimulants, and quality control, as well as a Molecular Biology internship at Ohio University. For my undergraduate thesis, I worked on isolating *Pseudomonas* spp. from hydrocarbon-contaminated soils in the Ecuadorian Amazon and studied their ability to produce exopolysaccharides under abiotic stress—an experience that deepened my interest in soil microbes as “tiny giants” driving nutrient cycling, organic matter decomposition, and bioremediation.

After graduation, I joined the pharmaceutical industry during the pandemic, gaining valuable experience in quality assurance, teamwork, and good laboratory practices. In 2023, I embarked on a new adventure: a Master's in Soil Science at the University of Saskatchewan under the supervision of Dr. Bobbi Helgason. My research explores the canola microbiome under the influence of *Olpidium brassicae*, a canola fungal endophyte, and *Plasmodiophora brassicae*, the causal agent of clubroot. Understanding how microbial communities interact with pathogens and influence disease progression is key to developing sustainable agricultural practices that harness beneficial soil microbes.

Beyond research, I enjoy science outreach through programs like Let's Talk Science and Kámskenow, and I've participated in award-winning conferences and competitions such as the 3-Minute Thesis, which strengthened my science communication skills. As I near the completion of my degree, I'm excited to continue exploring plant-microbe interactions and their role in building more resilient and sustainable food systems.



Publications

ISPP - International Newsletter on Plant Pathology



The International Society for Plant Pathology promotes the world-wide development of plant pathology and the dissemination of knowledge about plant diseases and plant health management. News and announcements from all on any aspect of Plant Pathology are invited for the Newsletter.

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- ICPP2028 update
- Global Plant Health Assessment Phase II: The Future of Plant Health - Synthesis of a Workshop held in Toulouse
- 25th Australasian Plant Pathology Society Conference Report, Sydney, 2025
- ISPP Executive meeting held in Sydney ahead of APPS 2025 conference
- In memory of Prof. Paolo Montalbini (1942–2023)

- Report on the XVII meeting of the IOBC-WPRS Working Group
- 'Biological and Integrated Control of Plant Pathogens'
- Fungal endophytes: An insight into diversity, stress tolerance, biocontrol and plant growth-promoting potentials
- Mario Riolo receives the "Filippo Re" award
- Unveiling yellow rust resistance in the near-Himalayan region
- Current Vacancies
- Acknowledgements
- Coming Events

ISPP Newsletter 55 (8) August 2025

- 2025 World Food Prize goes to Mariangela Hungria
- PhD Award on sustainable crop protection
- From herbarium to life: Reviving 80-year-old fungi offers new clues for sustainable agriculture
- AI-powered plant immunity could protect crops from bacterial diseases

- Endophytic fungi as biocontrol agents: A metabolite-driven approach to crop protection and sustainable agriculture
- 21st Reinhardtsbrunn Symposium 2026 – Modern Fungicides and Antifungal Compounds
- First-ever mapping of soil pathogens offers hope for Ethiopian farmers
- Unusal gene duo in wild wheat offers hope against crop diseases
- Functional team selection as a framework for local adaptation in plants and their belowground microbiomes
- Current Vacancies
- Acknowledgements
- Coming Events
- Biological control of *Pratylenchus* and its impact on rhizosphere microbiome interactions
- Climate change impacts on plant pathogens, food security and paths forward
- 160 million years ago, this fungus pierced trees like a microscopic spear
- Drought-fighting soil bacteria helping wheat beat the heat
- Effectors of plants pathogenic fungi and fungal like microbes: a comprehensive review on mechanisms, roles, and host interactions
- Current Vacancies
- Acknowledgements
- Coming Events

ISPP Newsletter 55 (9) September 2025

- Mycotoxins: A silent risk to plants, people and animals
- Planet Fungi – A Photographer's Foray. New book
- Study offers new insight into mixed virus interactions in plants
- Hidden impacts of spraying: New study explores effects of fungicide use on corn health and microbiome



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