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## President's Message

*Richard Martin*

I would like to start by thanking the membership of the Canadian Phytopathological Society for providing me the opportunity to assume the office of President for 2003-04. Since becoming a member in the mid 70's, I have found the professional and scientific activities a rewarding experience. When I gaze back over the list of past presidents of our Society, it is with a certain amount of trepidation. Our Society has been blessed with excellent role models, from the executive to the many volunteers on committees, who have guided the Society through challenging times, to a point where it is a society to be proud of. I look forward to the privilege of working with the many energetic members who are volunteering their time, effort and ideas, as we work towards meeting old and new goals for the CPS.

Our Society is not large but it does have a dynamic character, which makes being a member a positive experience. Our Society was formed in 1929 and as we move towards the 75th anniversary meeting in Ottawa, next June, it is not only a time to reflect on the past but also a time to do some forward thinking as to where you think the Society should be going in the future. I would raise the challenge to all members to consider where the Society has been and where it is going, what can individuals contribute, what

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works and what doesn't, where can we as a Society make improvements, what policy stands should the Society take, etc.

**Annual Meeting of the CPS:** The annual meeting of the CPS in Montreal was a great

success and the Local Arrangements Committee should be proud of their accomplishment. It requires the hard work and organizational skills of many and I would like to extend, on behalf of the Society, thanks to all those who made the meeting a positive experience.

A number of awards were presented at the annual meeting and on behalf of the Society I would like to congratulate the various recipients: Yu Chen for the graduate student travel award; Amélie Dauch (1<sup>st</sup>) and Lisa Wegner (2<sup>nd</sup>) in the oral presentations and Jennifer Wang (1<sup>st</sup>) and Rafiqul Islam (2<sup>nd</sup>) in the poster presentations; to Albert Tenuta of OMAFRA as the first recipient of the Award for Achievements in Plant Disease Management; the Gordon J. Green Outstanding Young Scientist Award went to Paul Goodwin of the University of Guelph; and Henry Huang received the award for Outstanding Research. The newest CPS Fellow is Andy Tekauz (AAFC - Winnipeg). All are congratulated on their awards and for their efforts.

It was a real pleasure to see Wally Sackson and Ralph Estey at the banquet, both of whom were given certificates of appreciation for their many contributions to the CPS.

**CPS Board and Committees:** As in every year there are a number of new faces on the Board. This year we see the change in Secretary from Ken Mallett to Deena Errampalli. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Deena, who is already hard at work for the Society. In addition, to Ken I would like to extend the Society's thanks for his excellent work as secretary. This year Greg Boland also departs the Board, and it has been a pleasure working with him over the last number of years. Many members will not be aware of how active Greg has been, not only on the Board but also as

being the driving force on the CPS web site (which as we all know is [www.cps-scp.ca](http://www.cps-scp.ca)), both in construction and maintenance. Odile Carisse, as senior director, departs the Board and Anthony Hopkin joins as the junior director. Our new vice-president is André Lévesque, who is already hard at work with the LAC for the Ottawa meeting. President elect Richard Hamelin is leading the Symposium and Workshop Committee for what promises to be an excellent meeting in Ottawa. Karen Bailey moves to the Past President's position, and I am sure she is looking for a bit of a lower work load this year. Karen will still be very active however, helping keep me on track, as a wealth of society information, and as chair of the financial advisory committee.

The success of a society lies in the strength of its membership and leadership. For this the CPS depends on our various committees and the effort that members put into them. The various standing committees, subject

matter committees and Ad Hoc committees are listed in both the membership directory and CPS website. Members, both on and off committees, are encouraged to become involved, through direct participation or

through dialog with the committee chairs on issues of concern or interest. We are an entirely volunteer organization and it is only through the contributions of all that the Society will continue to be successful in addressing membership needs.

**Looking forward:** The Strategic Plan for the CPS, developed a number of years ago, has been a blueprint for activity in the Society. I will not dwell on the achievements to date but note several areas where activity is ongoing or which will require addressing in the current year.

The first Strategic Plan is coming to an end

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and it is time to begin the process of establishing a new committee to formulate the next edition. This is not something to be taken lightly as it will furnish future Boards with needed direction and continuity. Input from all members becomes very important in developing a new plan, so stay tuned. Greg at the annual meeting gave a very comprehensive review of where we stand relative to the first Strategic Plan and where we need to provide further emphasis. Some of the areas which are ongoing or are in progress include: the promotion of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, expanding/developing the role of the Science Policy Committee, development of teaching resources, evaluating and initiating a new Strategic Plan, improving the Society's five year financial plan, review of the Board structure and workload, to name a few.

We also need to look at new funding initiatives and potential new major projects. With the current success of our books and journal it is perhaps time to consider our next venture in the publishing field. At the annual meeting several people indicated potential areas which our Society could capitalize. I would suggest that if you have an idea, don't keep it to yourself but bring it forward to the Board or appropriate committee.

The CPS has become part of Plant Canada, of which more will be coming in future issues of the CPS-News. Suffice to say Plant Canada is a developing umbrella group made up of societies with interest in plants. There is no fee to be a member and Plant Canada will be meeting every two years. We will be participating in a joint meeting with Plant Canada in 2005 in Edmonton and the CPS will be hosting a joint meeting in Saskatoon in 2007. Plant Canada is made up of the Canadian Society of Plant Physiologists, Canadian Botanical Association, Canadian Weed Science Society, the CPS and the Canadian Society of Soil Science. A number of other societies are also considering associating themselves with Plant Canada.

**Diseases of Field Crops in Canada:** I would be remiss in not commenting on the release of the new version of *Diseases of Field Crops in Canada*. Around 100 contributors are to be thanked for their effort. Special recognition and thanks are due the editors (Karen Bailey, Bruce Gossen, Richard Gugel and Robin Morrall), whom we all know put in a supreme effort to produce an excellent quality publication, a work well done. Initial sales indicate that this will be as successful as the previous version. The Society is now in the process of working on a French translation of the book and on potential funding sources to offset the costs associated with the translation.

## Mot du président

*Richard Martin*

Je veux remercier les membres de la Société canadienne de phytopathologie pour me fournir l'occasion de servir comme président pour l'année 2003-04. Depuis que je suis devenu membre au milieu des années 1970, j'ai trouvé que les activités professionnelles et scientifiques étaient gratifiantes. Lorsque je consulte la liste des anciens présidents de notre Société, je sens comme une certaine agitation. Notre Société a eu le bonheur d'avoir d'excellents modèles, que ce soit au Conseil exécutif ou parmi les nombreux volontaires des comités, qui ont guidé la Société à travers des périodes exigeantes, à un point tel que c'est une société dont nous pouvons être fier. J'attends avec impatience le privilège de travailler avec les nombreux membres énergiques qui contribuent de leur temps, de leurs efforts et de leurs idées, dans le but commun d'atteindre d'anciens et de nouveaux objectifs pour la SCP.

Notre Société compte de nombreux membres, mais elle a un caractère dynamique, ce qui fait qu'en être membre est très constructif. Notre Société fut fondée en 1929, et

bientôt ce sera la réunion du 75<sup>e</sup> anniversaire à Ottawa, en juin prochain; ce n'est pas seulement le temps de réfléchir sur le passé, mais le temps de faire de la réflexion prospective sur l'avenir de notre Société. Je lance un défi à tous les membres, soit celui d'examiner d'où vient et où s'en va notre société, comment y contribuer individuellement, de réfléchir sur ce qui fonctionne et ce qui ne fonctionne pas, sur ce qui peut être amélioré à la Société, quelles positions la Société doit prendre, etc.

**Réunion annuelle de la SCP:** La réunion annuelle de la SCP à Montréal fut un vif succès, et le Comité local d'organisation doit en être fier. C'est un travail exigeant qui fait appel aux habiletés organisationnelles de plusieurs et, au nom de la Société, je veux remercier tous ceux qui ont contribué à en faire une expérience positive.

Un certain nombre de prix furent présentés à la réunion annuelle et, au nom de la Société, je veux féliciter les récipiendaires : Yu Chen pour la bourse d'études pour indemnités de voyage; Amélie Dauch (1<sup>re</sup>) et Lisa Wegner (2<sup>e</sup>) pour les présentations orales, et Jennifer Wang (1<sup>re</sup>) et Rafiqul Islam (2<sup>e</sup>) pour les affiches; Albert Tenuta du MAAO en tant que premier récipiendaire du prix de l'Accomplissement dans la lutte aux maladies; le prix de jeune chercheur éminent Gordon J. Green est allé à Paul Goodwin de l'Université de Guelph; et Henry Huang a reçu la récompense pour Recherche exceptionnelle. Le plus récent membre associé est Andy Tekauz (AAC - Winnipeg). Félicitations à tous pour leur prix et leurs efforts.

Ce fut un véritable plaisir de voir Wally Sackston et Ralph Estey au banquet, à qui un certificat d'appréciation fut offert pour leur contribution à la SCP.

**Le Conseil d'administration de la SCP et les Comités:** Comme à chaque année, il y a un certain nombre de nouveaux visages au Conseil. Cette année, Deena Errampalli remplace Ken Mallett au poste de secrétaire. Je souhaite bienvenue à Deena, qui a déjà travaillé fort pour la Société. De plus, au nom de la Société, je veux remercier Ken pour son excellent travail comme secrétaire. Greg Boland quitte aussi le Conseil cette année, et ce fut un plaisir de travailler avec lui au cours des dernières années. Plusieurs membres ne savent pas jusqu'à quel point Greg fut actif, non seulement au Conseil, mais aussi en tant que moteur du site Web de la SCP (que nous savons tous être à [www.cps-scp.ca](http://www.cps-scp.ca)), tant pour sa construction que pour sa maintenance. Odile Carisse, en tant que conseillère sénior, quitte le Conseil et Anthony Hopkin s'y joint comme conseiller junior. Notre nouveau vice-président est André Lévesque, qui travaille déjà fort avec le CLO pour la réunion d'Ottawa. Le

président désigné, Richard Hamelin, préside le Comité des colloques et ateliers pour ce qui promet d'être une excellente réunion à Ottawa. Karen Bailey devient la présidente sor-

tante, et je suis certain qu'elle essayera de travailler un peu moins fort cette année. Karen sera quand même très active puisqu'elle sera là pour me garder sur les rails, avec son bagage de connaissances sur le Société et comme présidente du Comité consultatif sur les finances.

La réussite d'une société dépend de la force de ses membres et du leadership. Ainsi, la SCP est tributaire de ses divers comités et de l'effort que ses membres y investissent. Les divers comités permanents et comités spéciaux sont listés dans le répertoire des membres et sur le site Web de la SCP. Les membres, qu'ils fassent partie ou non des comités, sont invités à s'impliquer, soit directement ou par le biais de dialogues avec des présidents de comité, sur des sujets qui

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les préoccupent ou les intéressent. Notre organisation est basée sur le volontariat et c'est par la contribution de chacun que notre Société pourra continuer à répondre aux besoins des membres.

**Regard sur l'avenir:** Le Plan stratégique de la SCP, élaborée il y a quelques années, a servi de canevas pour les activités de la Société. Je ne m'attarderai pas sur les réalisations à ce jour, mais sur plusieurs sujets où il y a du progrès ou sur lesquels il faudra mettre l'accent pendant l'année qui vient.

Le premier Plan stratégique arrive à sa fin, et il faut déjà songer à mettre en place un nouveau comité pour en rédiger une nouvelle mouture. Ce n'est pas quelque chose à prendre à la légère, étant donné que les futurs Conseils s'y réfèrent pour s'orienter et s'assurer d'une continuité. La contribution de tous et chacun devient très importante pour développer un nouveau plan; soyez prêt. À la réunion annuelle, Greg a fait le point sur notre situation en relation avec le premier plan et a identifié les zones sur lesquelles nous devons mettre l'accent. Les sujets en développement continu ou en progrès incluent la promotion du 75<sup>e</sup> anniversaire, l'expansion et le développement du rôle du Comité de la politique scientifique, le développement de ressources pour l'enseignement, l'évaluation et l'amorce d'un nouveau Plan stratégique, l'amélioration du plan financier quinquennal de la Société, la révision de la structure et de la charge de travail du Conseil, pour n'en nommer que quelques-uns.

Nous avons aussi besoin d'examiner de nouveaux moyens de financement et la possibilité de nouveaux projets d'envergure. Vu le succès actuel de nos livres et de la revue, il est peut-être temps d'envisager notre prochaine initiative dans le domaine de l'édition. Lors de la réunion annuelle, plusieurs ont identifié des domaines potentiels dont la Société pourrait tirer profit. Si vous avez une idée, ne la gardez pas pour vous, mais acheminez-la au Conseil ou au

comité approprié.

La SCP fait maintenant partie de Plant Canada, ce dont nous parlerons plus en détails dans les prochains numéros du CPS/SCP-News. Je me contenterai de dire que Plant Canada est un groupe de coordination composé de Sociétés intéressées aux plantes. Il n'y a pas de frais d'adhésion pour en faire partie, et Plant Canada se réunira aux deux ans. Nous aurons une réunion conjointe avec Plant Canada en 2005 à Edmonton, et la SCP sera l'hôte d'une réunion conjointe à Saskatoon en 2007. Plant Canada est composé de la Société Canadienne de Physiologie Végétale, de l'Association Botanique du Canada, de la Société canadienne de malherbologie, de la SCP et de la Société Canadienne de la Science du Sol. Un certain nombre d'autres sociétés envisagent de joindre les rangs de Plant Canada.

**Diseases of Field Crops in Canada:** Je ne voudrais pas rater l'occasion de commenter la parution de la récente version de *Diseases of Field Crops in Canada*. Environ une centaine de collaborateurs sont à remercier pour leurs efforts. Une mention spéciale et des remerciements sont adressés à ceux qui ont dirigé cette publication (Karen Bailey, Bruce Gossen, Richard Gugel et Robin Morrall) qui, nous le savons tous, ont fait un effort suprême pour produire une publication d'excellente qualité, un travail bien fait. Les premières ventes indiquent que ce sera un succès aussi grand que les premières versions. La Société a maintenant commencé à travaillé en vue de la traduction du livre en français et à la recherche de sources financement afin de diminuer les coûts de production d'une version traduite.

**Canadian Phytopathological Society  
La Société canadienne de phytopathologie**

*Minutes for the Annual General Meeting*

*Minutes Assemblée Générale Annuelle de la Société canadienne de phytopathologie*

*Montreal, Quebec June 25, 2003*

There were 43 CPS members in attendance. Quorum is 25 members.

Start Time: 8:20 AM

Finish Time: 9:43 AM

**1. Welcoming remarks from the President**

Karen Bailey welcomed delegates and guests. She reminded everyone of the accomplishments of CPS for the year 2002. She then outlined the general meeting agenda.

**2. Moment of silence for deceased members in 2002-03**

There was a moment of silence held for the charter member, Melville Wallace Cormack.

**3. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted without additions. Moved by Bruce Gossen; Seconded by Rudra Singh. **Carried.**

**4. Adoption of Minutes from the AGM in Waterton, AB, June 19, 2002 (See CPS News December 2002)**

Moved by Richard Martin; Seconded by George Lazarovits. **Carried.**

**5. Presidents's Report**

Reports by K. Bailey were published throughout the year in CPS News. New initiatives decided by the board at the June meeting were presented. She thanked Greg Boland for his contributions to the Society as Past President and Website Editor, Odile Carisse as Senior Director, Ken Mallett as Secretary, David Kaminski as CPS News Editor, and Terry Anderson for assisting with the storage and distribution of Diseases of Field Crops in Canada, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.

**6. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement**

**6.1 Auditor's report**

The auditors report for 2002 will not be completed until September 2003. D. Fernando moved that the auditor's report for 2002 will be published in CPS News and the motion for its acceptance be deferred until the next AGM. Moved by Robin Morrall; Seconded by Albert Tenuta. **Carried.**

**6.1 Appointment of Auditors for 2003**

D. Fernando moved that The Exchange Group be selected as the auditors for 2003. Moved by Jim Menzies; Seconded by Andy Tekauz. **Carried.**

**7. Report of the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC)**

G. Boland presented a summary and indicated that the details will be presented in the annual report of the FAC. G. Boland moved for adoption of the report. Moved by Verna Higgins; Seconded by Rudra Singh. **Carried.**

**8. Report on the implementation of the strategic plan**

G. Boland reported that third year of the five-year strategic plan was completed and outlined the achievements. Motion to accept report by Mike Celetti; Seconded by Jim Menzies. **Carried.**

## 9. Proposed By-law-changes

K. Bailey presented two proposed by-law amendments that were published in the March and June issues of CPS News.

**9.1 I Duties of the Governing Board (March 2003, CPS News).** Motion to accept by Richard Martin; Seconded by Albert Tenuta. **Carried.**

**9.2 II Graduate Student Travel Award (June 2003, CPS News).** Motion to accept Robin Morrall; Seconded by Mike Celetti. **Carried.**

## 10. Approval of annual reports from committees and representatives published in CPS News

### Standing Committees

**10.1** Awards Committee, - CPS News September 2002 (Higgins report at banquet), - CPS News June 2003 (Rashid)

**10.2** Financial Advisory, - CPS News December 2002 from Waterton meeting

**10.3** Future Meeting, - CPS News June 2003

**10.4** Journal Editorial, - CPS News September 2002

**10.5** Membership, 2002 - CPS News September 2002, June 2003

**10.6** Science Policy, - No report

### Subject Matter and Ad Hoc committees

**10.7** Education and Public Awareness, - CPS News December 2002, June 2002

**10.8** Historical Resources, - no report

**10.9** Industry Relations Committee, - no report

**10.10** Information Products Marketing, - no report

**10.11** International Cooperation, - CPS News March 2003

**10.12** Local Arrangements, - CPS June 2003

**10.13** Workshop and Symposium, - CPS News March 2003

### Ad Hoc Committees

**10.14** Microbial Genetics Resources & Culture Collections, - no report

**10.15** SPEC (Special events for 2004), - CPS News June 2003

Motion to accept all standing, subject matter and ad hoc reports as published or recorded at AGM Andy Tekauz ; seconded by Bruce Gossen. **Carried.**

## 11. Other reports

**11.1** CPDS, CPS News June 2003

**11.2** CPS News, Editor, CPS News June 2003

**11.3** CPS Website, CPS News September 2002

**11.4** Plant Canada, CPS News December 2002

Motion to accept other reports as published by Andy Tekauz ; seconded by Bruce Gossen. **Carried.**

## 12. Reports from the Resolution Committee

J. Gilbert moved that CPS members thank the LAC, particularly A. Kushalappa, O. Carisse, S. Jabaji-Hare, C. Beaulieu, V. Toussaint, T. MacDonald, T. Jobin, and also the Financial sponsors for this years meeting. Moved by Mike Celetti; Seconded by Mary Ruth McDonald. **Carried**

### **13. Report from the Nomination Committee (CPS News, March 2003)**

Outgoing Board members are Past President Greg Boland; Senior Director, Odile Carisse; Secretary, Ken Mallett.

The following individuals were nominated for incoming Board Positions: Vice President, Andre Lévesque; Secretary, Deena Errampalli; Junior Director, Anthony Hopkin.

The following individuals have been nominated for standing committees, Mike Celetti, Awards; Anthony Hopkin, Financial Advisory; Tony Sturz, Future Meetings; Gary Peng, Nominating; Tom Fetch, Resolutions; Javier Gracia-Garza, Science Policy.

Note: CPS News Editor, David Kaminski retired and Kelly Turkington will be the new Editor of the CPS News.

G. Boland moved that the submitted report (CPS News March 2003) be adopted and the nominations be accepted; seconded by Sue Boyetchko. **Carried**

#### **13.1. Installation of new Members on Standing Committees**

#### **13.2. Installation of new Board Members**

##### **CPS/SCP Board Members for 2003-2004**

President: Richard Martin  
President Elect: Richard Hamelin  
Vice President: André Lévesque  
Past President: Karen Bailey  
Secretary: Deena Errampalli  
Treasurer: Dilantha Fernando  
Membership Secretary: Gayle Jespersion  
Senior Director: Jim Menzies  
Junior Director: Anthony Hopkin

Karen Bailey thanked the Society for the opportunity to serve as President and welcomed Richard Martin as the incoming CPS President. Richard Martin thanked the retiring board and committee members for their work. He presented past-president K. Bailey with a plaque in recognition of her service. He then outlined some of the things that would be conducted in the upcoming year, including, the development of a revised financial statement; explanation for allocation of extra funds for travel of the President to CPS regional meetings etc. as he is located in the East coast of Canada; and the development of a strong science policy and in conjunction with this he invited the members to contribute to the Science Policy Committee. He closed the meeting by inviting everyone to next year's 75<sup>th</sup> CPS annual meeting to be held in Ottawa in June 2004.

### **14. Adjournment**

Motion of adjournment (Moved by Mike Celetti; seconded by Albert Tenuta). **Carried.**

**Canadian Phytopathological Society  
La Société canadienne de phytopathologie**

*Minutes for the Annual General Meeting*

*Procès-verbal de l'Assemblée générale annuelle*

*Montréal, Québec 25 juin/June 25, 2003*

Quarante-trois membres sont présents à l'assemblée. Le quorum est de 25 membres.

Début de la réunion : 8 h 20

Fin de la réunion : 9 h 43

**1. Mot de bienvenue de la présidente**

Karen Bailey souhaite la bienvenue aux délégués et invités. Elle rappelle à chacun les réalisations de la SCP au cours de l'année 2002. Puis elle donne un aperçu du programme de la réunion.

**2. Minute de silence pour les membres décédés en 2002-2003**

Une minute de silence est observée en mémoire du membre fondateur décédé, Melville Wallace Cormack.

**3. Adoption de l'ordre du jour**

L'ordre du jour est adopté sans modifications. Proposé par Bruce Gossen; appuyé par Rudra Singh. **Adopté.**

**4. Adoption du procès-verbal de l'AGA de Waterton, AB, 19 juin 2002 (voir CPS/SCP News de décembre 2002)**

Proposé par Richard Martin; appuyé par George Lazarovits. **Adopté.**

**5. Rapport de la présidente**

Des rapports de K. Bailey furent publiés tout au long de l'année dans le CPS/SCP News. De nouvelles initiatives adoptées par le CA lors de la réunion de juin sont présentées. Elle remercie Greg Boland pour son apport à la Société comme président sortant et éditeur du site Web, Odile Carisse comme conseillère senior, Ken Mallett comme secrétaire, David Kaminski comme directeur du CPS/SCP News et Terry Anderson pour sa contribution à l'entreposage et la distribution de la 2<sup>e</sup> édition de Diseases of Field Crops in Canada.

**6. Rapport du trésorier et états financiers**

**6.1 Rapport des vérificateurs**

Le rapport des vérificateurs pour l'année 2002 ne sera pas terminé avant septembre 2003. D. Fernando propose que le rapport des vérificateurs pour 2002 soit publié dans le CPS/SCP News et son adoption reportée à la prochaine AGA. Proposé par Robin Morrall; appuyé par Albert Tenuta. **Adopté.**

**6.2 Nomination du vérificateur pour 2003**

D. Fernando propose que The Exchange Group soit le vérificateur pour 2003. Proposé par Jim Menzies; appuyé par Andy Tekauz. **Adopté.**

**7. Rapport du Comité consultatif sur les Finances (CCF)**

G. Boland présente un résumé et indique que les détails seraient présentés dans le rapport annuel du CCF. G. Boland propose l'adoption du rapport. Proposé par Verna Higgins; appuyé par Rudra Singh. **Adopté.**

## **8. Rapport sur la mise en oeuvre du Plan stratégique**

G. Boland indique que la troisième année du plan stratégique quinquennal était terminée et présente les réalisations. Proposition d'adoption du rapport par Mike Celetti; appuyé par Jim Menzies. **Adopté.**

## **10. Changements proposés aux règlements**

K. Bailey présente deux propositions d'amendement aux règlements qui furent publiées dans les numéros de mars et de juin du CPS/SCP News.

**9.1 I Fonctions du Conseil d'administration (CPS/SCP News, mars 2003).**  
Proposé par Richard Martin; appuyé par Albert Tenuta. **Adopté.**

**9.2 II La bourse pour indemnités de voyage (CPS/SCP News, juin 2003).** Proposé par Robin Morrall; appuyé par Mike Celetti. **Adopté.**

## **10. Adoption des rapports annuels des comités et des représentants publiés dans le CPS/SCP News**

### **Comités permanents**

**10.1** Des prix - CPS/SCP News de septembre 2002 (rapport de Higgins lors du banquet) - CPS/SCP News de juin 2003 (Rashid)

**10.2** Consultatif pour les finances - CPS/SCP News de décembre 2002, réunion de Waterton

**10.3** Réunions futures - CPS/SCP News de juin 2003

**10.4** Éditorial de la revue - CPS/SCP News de septembre 2002

**10.5** De l'adhésion, 2002 - CPS/SCP News de septembre 2002 et juin 2003

**10.6** Politique scientifique - aucun rapport

### **Comités sur des sujets particuliers et ad hoc**

**10.7** Éducation et sensibilisation du public - CPS/SCP News décembre 2002, juin 2002

**10.8** Ressources historiques - aucun rapport

**10.9** Relations avec l'industrie - aucun rapport

**10.10** Mise en marché des produits d'information - aucun rapport

**10.11** Coopération, internationale - CPS/SCP News de mars 2003

**10.12** Local d'organisation - CPS/SCP News de juin 2003

**10.13** Ateliers et colloques - CPS/SCP News de mars 2003

### **Comités ad hoc**

**10.14** Ressources génétiques et collections de micro-organismes - aucun rapport

**10.15** SPEC (Évènements spéciaux pour 2004) - CPS/SCP News de juin 2003

Proposition pour accepter les rapports des comités permanents, des sujets particuliers et ad hoc tels que publiés ou présentés à l'AGA par Andy Tekauz; appuyé par Bruce Gossen. **Adopté.**

## **11. Autres rapports**

**11.1** CPDS, CPS/SCP News juin 2003

**11.2** Éditeur du CPS/SCP News, CPS/SCP News juin 2003

**11.3** Site Web de la CPS/SCP, CPS/SCP News septembre 2002

**11.4** Plante Canada, CPS/SCP News décembre 2002

Proposition pour accepter les autres rapports par Andy Tekauz; appuyé par Bruce Gossen. **Adopté.**

## **12. Rapport du Comité des résolutions**

J. Gilbert propose que les membres de la SCP remercient le CLO, particulièrement A. Kushalappa, O. Carisse, S. Jabaji-Hare, C. Beaulieu, V. Toussaint, T. MacDonald, T. Jobin et les commanditaires de la présente réunion annuelle. Proposé par Mike Celetti; appuyé par Mary Ruth McDonald. **Adopté.**

### **13. Rapport du Comité de mise en candidature (CPS/SCP News, mars 2003)**

Les membres du Conseil qui quittent sont : le président sortant Greg Boland; la conseillère senior, Odile Carisse; le secrétaire, Ken Mallett.

Les personnes suivantes sont candidates à des postes au Conseil : vice-président, André Lévesque; secrétaire, Deena Errampalli; conseiller junior, Anthony Hopkin.

Les personnes suivantes sont candidates aux comités permanents : Mike Celetti, des prix; Anthony Hopkin, consultatif sur les finances; Tony Sturz, des réunions futures; Gary Peng, de mise en candidature; Tom Fetch, des résolutions; Javier Gracia-Garza, de la politique scientifique.

Note : l'éditeur du CPS/SCP News, David Kaminski se retire et Kelly Turkington sera la nouvelle éditrice du CPS/SCP News.

G. Boland propose que le rapport soumis (CPS/SCP News mars 2003) soit adopté et que les candidatures soient acceptées ; appuyé par Sue Boyetchko. **Adopté**

#### **13.1. Nomination des nouveaux membres des comités permanents**

#### **13.2. I Nomination des nouveaux membres du Conseil d'administration**

##### **Composition du CA de la CPS/SCP pour 2003-2004**

Président : Richard Martin  
Président élu : Richard Hamelin  
Vice-président: André Lévesque  
Présidente sortant : Karen Bailey  
Secrétaire : Deena Errampalli  
Trésorier : Dilantha Fernando  
Secrétaire à l'adhésion : Gayle Jespersion  
Conseiller senior : Jim Menzies  
Conseillerr junior : Anthony Hopkin

Karen Bailey remercie la Société pour lui avoir donné l'opportunité de servir comme Présidente et souhaite la bienvenue à Richard Martin comme nouveau président de la SCP. Richard Martin remercie les membres sortants du CA et des comités pour leur travail. Il présente une plaque à la présidente sortante K. Bailey pour la remercier de son bon travail. Il esquisse les grandes lignes de ce qui sera fait dans l'année qui s'en vient, y compris des états financiers révisés; une justification de allocation supplémentaire de voyage du président pour participer aux réunions régionales de la SCP, etc. étant donné qu'il est de la Côte est du Canada; et le développement d'une politique scientifique vigoureuse et, en rapport avec ce qui précède, il invite les membres à contribuer au Comité de la politique scientifique. Il clôture la réunion par une invitation générale à la 75<sup>e</sup> assemblée annuelle de la SCP qui se tiendra à Ottawa en juin 2004.

### **14. Clôture de l'Assemblée**

Proposition de clôture (proposé par Mike Celetti; appuyé par Albert Tenuta). **Adopté.**

## Committee Reports

### Report from the Financial Advisory Committee (2002-03)

The Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) met on 21 June 2003 to discuss the CPS Strategic Plan, and proposed CPS budget for 2003-04.

**Strategic Plan.** We completed the third year of the five-year Strategic Plan in 2002-03, and have completed approximately 9/20 (45%) and 15/22 (68%) of the medium and high priority recommended strategies and actions, respectively. All of the remaining strategies and actions are currently in progress and many of these are near completion also. There were no low priority recommendations. Significant achievements to date include: promotion of more joint meetings, surveys of membership needs, promotion of industry interactions & colloquia, development of graduate student social evening, increased funding for CPS awards, revision of the Local Arrangements Committee guidelines for organizing annual meetings, development of a manual to help manage the Board and CPS activities (e.g. "CPS for Dummies"), initiation of a new disease management award, sponsorship of more symposia, colloquia & workshops, increased funding to regional associations & societies, revision of membership brochures, expansion of CPS website, initiation of electronic publication of the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology, publication of "Diseases of Field Crops of Canada 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition", and more. In general, the current five-year Strategic Plan is viewed as a highly successful plan, and progress to date is considered very good. Planning for a formal review and assessment of the current five-year Strategic Plan, and initiation of the next five-year Plan, will begin in 2004.

**CPS Budget for 2003-04.** The preliminary financial statements from 2001-02 were reviewed but, due to difficulties in transferring accounts from the previous to the current Treasurer, final audited statements

were not available. Also, due to this transferal, some budget items from the last fiscal year will be moved into the current fiscal year.

The proposed CPS budget for 2003-04 is similar to the proposed 2002-03 budget. Significant new expenses include: \$15,000 for support of activities associated with the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CPS, \$4,000 in support of a symposium on fusarium head blight, and an increase of \$2,000 for the President's travel in 2003-04. Increased expenses are partially offset by decreased expenses associated with the ICPP and implementation of the Strategic Plan. Significant new revenues are expected from sales of the recently published "Diseases of Field Crops of Canada 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition", and have been estimated at \$30,000 for 2003-04.

The FAC also recommended providing the Treasurer with financial assistance to establish an accounting software program, training, and part-time assistance for this position. This approach would reduce some of the workload associated with the Treasurer's position, and provide a more detailed accounting approach for financial planning and reporting within the FAC and CPS Board.

Submitted by: G.J. Boland (Chair), K. Bailey, R. Martin, Z. Punja, D. Fernando, L. Kawchuk, R. Howard, J. Menzies, P. Audy.

## CPS Budget for 2004

## Expenditures

(see report of the Financial Advisory Committee)	2004 Budget	2003 Budget	2002 Budget	2001 Budget	2001 Actual	2000 Budget	2000 Actual
<b>General Operations</b>							
ISPP (Meeting and Dues)		2,500	2,500	800		1,500	1,511
CPS NEWS	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	4,182	4,000	4,284
Service Fee re: credit cards	600	600	600	600	963	500	582
Office expenses	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,974	5,000	2,158
Travel - President	5,000	3,000	3,000	2,000	2,575	2,000	2,157
Travel - Board	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	13,738	12,000	12,312
Travel - Awardees	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,455	3,000	1,031
Professional Services	6,000	6,000	6,000	5,500	5,600	5,000	5,778
Annual meetings							
- local arrangements	2,500	1,000	1,000	1,000	3,000	1,000	1,000
- symposium publication	3,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	
Regional meetings	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	161	1,500	180
Awards - minting and framing	500	500	500	500	413	500	164
Support for International Meetings	2,500	2,500	2,500	5,000	2,500	5,000	
- Fusarium Head Blight Workshop	4,000						
CPS Website	2,500	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,580	500	1,986
Canadian Plant Disease Survey	600	600	600	500		500	533
Public Awareness & Education Committee	500						
Committee on International Cooperation	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000		2,000	
Miscellaneous	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,330	1,500	176
<b>Subtotal - Expenditures</b>	<b>55,700</b>	<b>48,700</b>	<b>48,700</b>	<b>47,900</b>	<b>41,471</b>	<b>47,500</b>	<b>33,852</b>
<b>Subtotal - Revenues</b>	<b>25,460</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>31,500</b>	<b>29,500</b>	<b>43,109</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>34,333</b>
<b>Subtotal Net (R-E)</b>	<b>-30,240</b>	<b>-16,700</b>	<b>-17,200</b>	<b>-18,400</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>-15,500</b>	<b>481</b>
<b>Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology</b>							
Electronic CJPP	5,000	5,000	5,000				
Printing, Mailing, Reprints	60,000	60,000	60,000	56,000	53,414		58,634
Salaries, Translation	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	8,238		12,260
Office Costs	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	644		2,000
Professional Services				4,000			
Marketing				500	500		
GST	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000			
<b>Subtotal - Expenditures</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>75,500</b>	<b>62,796</b>	<b>75,500</b>	<b>72,894</b>
<b>Subtotal - Revenues</b>	<b>78,270</b>	<b>67,500</b>	<b>67,300</b>	<b>53,500</b>	<b>64,059</b>	<b>55,250</b>	<b>55,945</b>
<b>Subtotal Net (R-E)</b>	<b>-1,730</b>	<b>-12,500</b>	<b>-12,700</b>	<b>-22,000</b>	<b>1,263</b>	<b>-20,250</b>	<b>-16,949</b>
<b>Information Products</b>							
DFCC 3rd Ed.							
- Printing & marketing	1,000	1,000	100,000				
- Mailing	1,000	1,000					
- GST							
DFCC 2nd Ed.				1,000	3,337	2,000	
- Mailing	1,000		1,000	250	1,836	250	298
- Marketing						1,000	65
- GST							
CPS Directory							
- Printing and Mailing	1,750	1,650	1,650	1,700	1,196	0	
Amortization of assets	750	300	500	850	723	0	1,033
<b>Subtotal - Expenditures</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>3,950</b>	<b>103,150</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>7,092</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>1,396</b>
<b>Subtotal - Revenues</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>10,910</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>4,040</b>
<b>Subtotal Net (R-E)</b>	<b>26,500</b>	<b>18,050</b>	<b>-67,150</b>	<b>10,200</b>	<b>3,818</b>	<b>16,750</b>	<b>2,644</b>
<b>Strategic Plan Implementation</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>75th Anniversary Plan</b>	<b>15,000</b>						
<b>Grand Total - Expenditures</b>	<b>158,700</b>	<b>137,650</b>	<b>241,850</b>	<b>137,200</b>	<b>111,359</b>	<b>126,250</b>	<b>108,142</b>
<b>Grand Total - Revenues</b>	<b>135,730</b>	<b>121,500</b>	<b>134,800</b>	<b>97,000</b>	<b>118,078</b>	<b>107,250</b>	<b>94,318</b>
<b>Grand Net (R - E)</b>	<b>-22,970</b>	<b>-16,150</b>	<b>-107,050</b>	<b>-40,200</b>	<b>6,719</b>	<b>-19,000</b>	<b>-13,824</b>

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**CPS Budget for 2004**

(see report of the Financial Advisory Committee)

	<b>Revenues</b>						
	<b>2004 Budget</b>	<b>2003 Budget</b>	<b>2002 Budget</b>	<b>2001 Budget</b>	<b>2001 Actual</b>	<b>2000 Budget</b>	<b>2000 Actual</b>
<b>Membership Dues</b>							
Regular/Fellow (300x\$50)	15,000	15,000	14,500	14,500	15,250	13,000	14,910
Sustaining (14x\$140)	1,960	3,000	3,000	4,000	3,500	4,500	4,225
Interest and Foreign Exchange	5,500	11,000	11,000	8,000	11,734	9,000	11,348
Returns from Annual Meetings	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	10,845	2,000	0
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,780	3,500	3,850
<b>Subtotal - Revenue</b>	<b>25,460</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>31,500</b>	<b>29,500</b>	<b>43,109</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>34,333</b>
<b>Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology</b>							
Membership Dues							
- Regular/Fellow (300x\$35)	10,500	10,500	10,000	7,200	7,275	7,500	7,050
- Student (30x\$35)	1,050	875	1,200	500	950	900	1,000
- Emeritus + CJPP (15x\$35)	525	525	500	200	50	200	50
- both hard & soft CJPP (47x\$15)	705						
- Sustaining (14x\$35)	490	600	600	600	475	650	650
Subscriptions (hard 270/soft 47/both 41)	35,000	30,000	30,000				22,204
Page charges, reprints & abstracts	30,000	25,000	25,000	45,000	55,309	45,000	24,991
GST						1,000	
<b>Subtotal - Revenue</b>	<b>78,270</b>	<b>67,500</b>	<b>67,300</b>	<b>53,500</b>	<b>64,059</b>	<b>55,250</b>	<b>55,945</b>
<b>Information Products</b>							
DFCC Sales 3rd Edition	30,000	20,000	30,000				
DFCC Sales 2nd Edition			3,000	10,000	4,930	16,000	3,138
DPVCC/MRCLC	2,000	2,000	3,000	4,000	5,980	4,000	902
GST							
<b>Subtotal - Revenue</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>10,910</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>4,040</b>
<b>Grand Total - Revenues</b>	<b>135,730</b>	<b>121,500</b>	<b>134,800</b>	<b>97,000</b>	<b>118,078</b>	<b>107,250</b>	<b>94,318</b>

## **Treasurer's report**

Auditors draft report for year ending December 2002 from The Exchange Group (EXG), Winnipeg was presented by the CPS Treasurer Dilantha Fernando. Copies of the auditors draft report were circulated at the CPS annual general meeting and were presented to the members on June 25, 2003 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Montreal. Dilantha Fernando explained the reason for a draft report being presented this year. Due to the transition of all accounts and files of the treasurer from Penticton, BC to Winnipeg, MB, and problems CPS encountered with CIBC in setting up of a new bank account in Winnipeg, the new auditors (The Exchange Group) were able to only get a draft report ready. Dilantha will work with the new auditors to complete this report by September 2003. The full report was deferred until next year when both audit reports for 2002 and 2003 will be presented. The auditors have the records of transactions for 2002, and the financial statements are in the process of being finalized as this news letter goes to press. At the AGM, Robin Morrall moved to adopt the auditors draft report of 2002 from EXG, and to defer the acceptance of the report until the next AGM. It was seconded by Albert Tenuta. It was carried.

### **Appointment of Auditors for 2002/2003**

Dilantha Fernando moved to appoint The Exchange Group Chartered Accountants, Winnipeg, MB as the new auditors for 2002/2003. Moved by Jim Menzies and seconded by Andy Tekauz.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Dilantha Fernando

## **Report of the ad-hoc Historical Resources Committee**

The Historical Resources Committee receives materials from CPS members that is of historical importance to the Canadian Phytopathological Society, and thus, of importance to Canadian society as a whole. All materials received by the Committee are deposited with Archives Canada in Ottawa

who have assumed the responsibility for the long term archival of Society documents. We have a vibrant Society composed of members that have made, and continue to make valuable contributions to science and Canadian agriculture. In addition, members, through their benevolent donations of time and resources, make substantial contributions to the betterment of humanity, at the local, national, and international levels. Following numerous discussions with personnel at Archives Canada, it is clear that any information, (documents, photocopies, designation of awards etc.) associated with CPS members is of archival value. Consider the scenario of a present or future historian wishing to update the history of Plant Pathology in Canada. Where would he/she get pertinent information?? Viewed in this context, any document highlighting the achievements of our members is valuable.

It is understood that Archives Canada will receive our Journal, Newsletters, and Proceedings etc. Additionally, any documents generated by Board members are invaluable. It is imperative that past-presidents (and possibly past-secretaries) forward their notes/correspondence/society dealings as soon as they no longer need them (consider 3-5 years after serving on the Board). However, CPS members must also keep in mind that many other documents could be invaluable. For example, a prepared speech presented at a colleague's retirement party highlighting his/her contributions would be valuable. Newspaper clippings (government/university reports news etc.) highlighting a special award/recognition received for public/private service would also be important. Try to put your self in the place of a historian-what information do you need to present the scientific/social contributions of members of our vibrant and colourful Society. It's up to all of us to ensure that our story is told.

Please continue sending materials to:

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Respectfully submitted

D. A. Gaudet, Chairman  
Marilyn Dykstra  
Lloyd Seaman

### CPS Information Products Report 2003

In 2002, the sales of Diseases and Pests of Vegetable Crops in Canada were 154 english and 116 french for a total of 270 books. The English edition is selling mostly in Ontario, Manitoba (at the university), British Columbia, and in New England, USA. Other than the one state, there are few sales in the USA or other international addresses. The french edition is selling mostly in Quebec, especially to colleges and producers. The inventory left is 757 in English and 168 in french. If anyone has any marketing opportunities for this book, please let me know.

The third edition of Diseases of Field Crops in Canada was launched on June 9 in Saskatoon at a reception, complete with some bubbly beverages, tasty snacks and the opportunity to buy the book. Sponsors, local CPS members and retired plant pathologists, chapter editors, and others in the university community were invited to attend. The book was well received and sales were brisk. Just seven weeks after the book was first released, the number sold was recorded as more than 2,100. If anyone would like to help promote this book at grower meetings over the winter please contact Robin Morrall (morrall@sask.usask.ca) to arrange for con-

signment sales. Also, there are plans underway to initiate a french translation of this book for release next year, if sufficient sponsorship can be found.

Respectfully submitted by,

K.L. Bailey



**DFCC 3rd Ed. Editors (l-r) Bruce Gossen, Karen Bailey, Robin Morrall and Richard Gugel, enjoying the fruits of their labours**



**Kathy Cahill and Perry Millar (l-r), Extension Division, University Extension Press, University of Saskatchewan, enjoying the launch of DFCC 3rd Ed.**

## **Recognition to Long-time Members of CPS (The 40+ Club)**

While looking at the membership list this past year, it became apparent that many people who join CPS during their professional career, also elect to continue their affiliation with the Society as emeritus members during their retirement years. Our long-time members contribute to the Society by participating on committees, encouraging loyalty and camaraderie among members, and by being part of living history of our organization. In recognition of these special contributions, the CPS gives thanks to the following long-time members:

### **CPS Member for 60 Years**

Wally Sackston

### **CPS Members for 50 Years**

John Slykhuis  
Blair MacNeill  
Colin McKeen  
Robert Stover  
RMD Sutton  
Richard Stace-Smith  
Bob Tinline  
Lu Piening  
Tom Atkinson  
Winfred Benedict  
Marvin Weintraub

### **CPS Members for 40 Years**

Louis Coulombe  
Rene Crete  
Roy Whitney  
James Reid  
RG Ross  
Ralph Estey  
Chelsey Lockhart  
ZA Patrick  
Ed Ward  
John Bradbury  
Theodorus Olthof  
Bert Pepin  
Lloyd Seaman  
Léon Tartier  
Gordon Nelson  
Lloyd Chiykowski  
Carl Willis

Michael Shaw

Respectfully submitted by,  
Karen Bailey, Past President

## **CPS Microbial Genetic Resources and Culture Collections (MGRCC) Committee**

The erosion and abandonment of microbial culture collections has been an item of national concern for several years. The MGRCC committee held a workshop at the 2003 CPS annual meeting to address the "Status of microbial genetic resources and culture collections in Canada." This workshop was co-sponsored by the Canadian Agri-Food Research Council (CARC) and the CPS. Seminars by Dr. Lynne Sigler, Univ. of Alberta, and Dr. Rob Samson, Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures, The Netherlands, were followed by several short presentations by panel speakers from various government agencies (AAFC-Biodiversity, CFIA, Health Canada, Environment Canada, PGRC, NRC) and a representative from CARC.

In general, many culture collections have been abandoned recently because of funding shortfalls. Many more are in serious jeopardy of being abandoned. However, the need for reference collections has been recognized, particularly for some pathogens that would be considered as alien invasive species or even bioterrorism weapons. Having the close native relatives of these species in national collections is also essential to avoid false positive detection or identification. A resolution to summarize the workshop presentations and develop a national strategy to address the erosion of culture collections is being drafted and will be submitted to CARC. This resolution will be used to seek support to fund a national agency that would coordinate and maintain a cluster of national microbial collections in the areas of health, agriculture and environment. This agency would help in the transfer of threatened collections and in linking the databases for interactive access via the Internet.

The MGRCC committee seeks the support of the CPS membership. If you have or know of a culture collection(s) that should be archived into a national repository, please contact Carolyn Babcock (babcockc@agr.gc.ca). This information will be vital for depositing microbial collections when and if funding is obtained for this initiative.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Fetch

### **Report of the Symposium and Workshop committee**

The symposium and workshop committee comprised Richard Martin, André Lévesque, A. C. Kushalappa, and Richard Hamelin. At the 2003 annual CPS meeting, the committee supported the organization of a symposium entitled: "Climate change-Impact on plant protection", a workshop entitled: "Status of microbial genetic resources and culture collections in Canada", as well as a colloquium on pesticides in agriculture.

For the 2004 meeting, the S&W committee is working closely with the Special Events Committee for the organization of the festivities surrounding the 75th anniversary of our society. One proposal is to have a key speaker at the beginning of each session to give some historical background. Aside from these special events, the S&W will support the organization of a symposium on biosecurity to help develop a Canadian perspective on this issue. We also plan to have a workshop on biosystematics either before or after the meeting, which will take advantage of the facilities at Ag. Canada. Finally, we are planning a symposium on biocontrol.

There are several suggestions and proposals for the 2005 CPS meeting in Edmonton, including a symposium on why plants remain healthy, and a symposium that would be organized by students. With 2005 being a joint meeting with Plant Canada, we also plan to have an emphasis on topics that would attract audiences of both societies, such as a workshop on scientific writing

and/or a workshop on experimental design. Please contact the S&W chair if you are willing to contribute to organizing a symposium or workshop at a future meeting.

Richard C. Hamelin  
Chair, Symposium and Workshop committee

### **Annual Report of the CPS-SCP Website**

The CPS-SCP Website ([www.cps-scp.ca](http://www.cps-scp.ca)) continued to grow during 2002-03, in both size and usage. Our website is now considered an intermediate-sized internet site with more than 225 html pages and 130 images and downloadable files. New features added in the past year include downloadable pdf files of the Tables of Contents of the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology, posting of Annual Meeting information in both French and English, assisting with the promotion of *Diseases of Field Crops of Canada*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed., and coverage of media attention on issues related to plant pathology in Canada ("Plant Diseases in the News"). In recent years, downloadable pdf files of the Canadian Plant Disease Survey (CPDS) were posted to both the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) website in London, ON, and on the CPS website. However, due to changes in AAFC in 2002-03, the CPDS is now only posted on the CPS website at <http://www.cps-scp.ca/cpds.htm>.

Usage of the CPS website continued to increase in 2002-03. For example, from April to June, 2003, there was a range of 141,525 to 170,835 hits/month (hit = any connection to the site, including inline image requests and errors); 162,49 to 189,42 views/month (view = a hit that successfully retrieves content); and 7,926 to 8,280 user sessions/month (user session = a session completed by an individual user of the website during one visit). This traffic represents an increase of approximately 7% for hits/month, 1500% for views/month, and 81% for user sessions/month, depending on the time and website activities being compared. The

busiest days of the week are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and the busiest time of day is between 3 to 6 pm (Pacific Time), depending on the month being reviewed. The CPS website was visited by internet users from at least 21 countries during April to June but unidentified IP addresses for more than 97% of users prevented the identification of the country of most users. The most common browsers used by people visiting the site were MS Internet Explorer (ver. 5.x to 6.x), Netscape (ver. 4.x to 5.x), and Googlebot (ver. 2.x). The top referring sites to the CPS website were *google.com*, *google.ca*, *yahoo.com* and *msn.com*.

The ten most frequently requested html pages included: *journals.htm*, *meetings.htm*, *positionspage.htm*, *annualmeeting2003.htm*, *searchresults.htm*, *cjppeng.htm*, *suddenoakdeath.htm*, *sustainingassociates.htm*, *cpds.htm*, *resources.htm*, and *publications.htm*. The ten most frequently downloaded files (e.g. pdf files) in the site included: the Canadian Plant Disease Survey (the top six files - including volumes 77 to 82), *abstractguidelines.pdf*, *cpsedu.pdf*, *registration\_form\_en.pdf*, and *school pathology display.pdf*. The site search engine was also used frequently.

These summary figures indicate that usage of our website increased again in 2003-04, although by a more modest amount than in 2001-02. This increased activity indicates that the CPS-SCP website is filling a need for faster and more easy access to information on plant pathology and Society activities. Members of CPS-SCP are encouraged to submit suggestions for content that they would like added to the site, particularly for announcements of available positions in plant pathology. The *positionspage.htm* receives considerable user activity despite the relatively small number of positions that are advertised. The site was successful several times in 2001-02 in connecting potential employers with prospective employees and/or graduate students.

In 2003-04, emphasis will be placed on a new design of the CPS-SCP website that is intended to refresh the graphical format of the site, and make it is easier to navigate and download pages. This new format will be completed and evaluated during the fall and posted to the website by October-November, 2003. CPS members are encouraged to submit suggestions for additional information they would like included in our Society website.

Technical and graphical design assistance for the CPS website is provided by Judy Prange, Vancouver, BC, and the site is hosted by Bennett Arts Ltd., Vancouver, BC.

Submitted by Greg J. Boland, CPS-SCP Website Editor

## Regional Reports

### CPSWO Region Report Annual Meeting 2003

The CPS Western Ontario Region had a good year in 2003, SARS and mad cow notwithstanding. During the winter we held a LOGO contest to produce an official design for the region. Among several excellent entries, two were outstanding and since the organizing committee was unable to choose between them, we finally decided to split the prize of \$25.00 between the two designers, James Tambong and Carlos Juarez, both of the Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics at the University of Guelph. We subsequently used the new LOGO's on regional T-shirts, one on the front and the other on the back.

The highlight of the years events was the annual meeting which was held on Friday, May 23 at the Guelph Turfgrass Institute at Guelph, Ontario. Notably we had our largest attendance in recent years. This year we were fortunate in having two invited speakers. Dr. Karen Bailey came all the way from Saskatchewan to deliver the Presidential Address "Society News 2003", which was

both informative and entertaining and Dr. Seogchan Kang visited us from Penn State; his talk "Molecular Analysis of the Disease Triangle: Opportunities and Challenges" was a wonderful mix of molecular and classical phytopathology which did, indeed "challenge" our thinking. There was also a panel discussion on "Climate Change and Plant Disease in Ontario" led by Greg Boland, Melody Melzer, Tony Hopkin, Verna Higgins and Annette Nassuth. Following a short presentation by the panel, the discussion was opened to the floor, inviting lively debate.

Michele Heath and Verna Higgins shared with us their thoughts on the future of plant pathology in Canada in a short presentation entitled "Where are we going?" This was on a slightly sadder note since both Michele and Verna retired in June from the Botany Department at the University of Toronto. We applaud their many, many contributions to plant pathology in Canada and on the international scene. Their presence will be sorely missed by the society and we wish them well as they take up residence on either side of the continent.

The meeting agenda ended with an award presentation. Cheques were presented to the winners of our LOGO contest. The award for the best graduate student poster went to A. Klimes from Kathy Dobinson's lab at the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada research station in London. Many thanks to all those who contributed to our poster presentation, and to Dr. Paul Goodwin who served as a judge for the competition.

Lastly we finished our evening with our annual banquet. Dr. Annette Nassuth and members of her lab did a fantastic job of preparing the food and drink for the occasion and a good time was had by all. In closing, the organizing committee would like to thank all who helped in various ways to make this years events successful.

Members of the Organizing Committee (University of Guelph)  
Greg Boland  
Annette Nassuth  
Jane Robb (Chair)

## 2003 Annual Meeting of the CPS

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The 74<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Canadian Phytopathological Society was held from Sunday June 22 through Wednesday June 25, 2003, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Throughout the meeting the weather was superb, enabling participants to take a walk to explore the Island of Montreal, taste the finest "cuisine" of countries from East to West and various festivities of the season. A total of 156 people registered for the meeting. The major scientific events were: a theme symposium on "Climate change impact on plant protection" organized by Dr. Carole Beaulieu; a workshop on "Depletion of microbial resources in Canada" organized by Dr. Tom Fetch and an industry seminar on "Pesticides in agriculture" organized by Dr. Odile Carisse. A total of 94 abstracts were submitted, including 57 poster presentations and 37 oral presentations. There were 14 oral and 17 poster - student competition presentations. The awards banquet started with all the participants dancing to the music and it continued with our President Karen Bailey in GoldStarr Entertainer's flashy jacket presenting the awards.

Respectfully submitted by  
Ajjamada Kushalappa  
Chair, CPS-LAC 2003

## Awards

The following awards were announced and presented at the CPS Annual Meeting in Montreal on June 24, 2003. Citations for the Awards: Special Recognition, Achievements in Plant Disease Management, Gordon J. Green Outstanding Young Scientist, Fellow of CPS, Outstanding Research, will soon appear in the CJPP.

### Graduate Student Travel Award:

Yu Chen, Department of Plant Science, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB.

This competition requires that graduate students apply in early March so that successful applicants can be informed well in advance of the CPS Annual meeting.

### Best Student Oral Presentation:

Amélie Dauch, Department of Plant Science, McGill University, for her presentation "M13 DNA Fragment as an external control to normalize real-time PCR quantification of fungal DNA from soil".

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Student Oral Presentation:

Lisa Wegner, Department of Biological Sciences, Simon Fraser University, for her presentation "Epidemiology of blueberry scorch virus in British Columbia".

Honourable mention for Oral Presentation: Elizabeth Connor, Department of Environmental Biology, University of Guelph, for her presentation "Genetic and chemical control of *Rhizoctonia solani* in chickpea".

### Best Student Poster Presentation:

Jennifer Wang, Department of Botany, University of Toronto, for her poster "The role of nitric acid in conidial germination and appressorial development in *Colletotrichum coccodes*".

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Student Poster Presentation:

Rafiqul Islam, Institute of Plant Pathology and Plant Protection, Georg-August University of Göttingen, Germany, for his poster "Characterization of *Phoma lingam* isolates recovered from Canadian accessions of *Thlaspi arvense*".

Honourable mention for Poster Presentation: Charlotte Hoorne, Department of Plant Science, University of Manitoba, for her poster "Confirmation of the role of ascospores in field epidemics of speckled leaf blotch of wheat in Manitoba".

Honourable mention for Poster Presentation: Gerard White, Department of Plant Pathology, University of Arizona, for his poster "The effect of a conditionally dispensable chromosome on rhizosphere colonization by the fungus *Nectria haematococca*".

### Certificates of Appreciation:

Professor Greg Boland, Department of Environmental Biology, University of Guelph, for his contributions as Past President of the Society.

Dr. Odile Carisse, AAFC, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, for her contributions as CPS Director.

Dr. Terry Anderson, AAFC, Harrow, Ontario, for his contributions to the Society with the book "Diseases of Field Crops in Canada".

David Kaminski, Manitoba Agriculture and food, Carman, Manitoba, for his contributions as the CPS News Editor.

### Special Recognition Awards:

Dr. Wally Sackston, Emeritus Professor, Department of Plant Science, McGill University, for his outstanding contributions to CPS and a successful life-time career in Plant pathology.

Dr. Ralph Estey, Emeritus Professor, Department of Plant Science, McGill University, for his outstanding contributions to CPS and plant pathology over the years, and especially for documenting the history of Plant Pathology in Canada,

**Award for Achievements in Plant Disease Management:**

Albert Tenuta, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Crop Technology, Ridgetown College, Ontario.

This is the most recent Award granted by the Society, and Mr. Tenuta is the first recipient of this Award.

**Gordon J. Green Outstanding Young Scientist Award:**

Professor Paul Goodwin, Department of Environmental Biology, University of Guelph.

**CPS Fellow Award:**

Dr. Andy Tekauz, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Cereal Research Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

**Award for Outstanding Research:**

Dr. Henry Huang, Senior Research Scientist, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Lethbridge Research Centre, Lethbridge, Alberta.

Congratulations to all award recipients and thanks to all who prepared and submitted nominations. Thanks also to the members of the Awards Committee, Sue Boyetchko, Brent McCallum, Suha Jabaji-Hare and Antonet Svircev, for their year-round efforts, and to Patrice Audy, Paul Goodwin, and Kenneth Conn who assisted in judging the student poster presentations.

Special thanks to the **NSERC Biocontrol Network** for providing funds towards some of the Student Awards.

Submitted by: Khalid Y. Rashid  
Chairman, CPS Awards Committee



**Dr. Andy Tekauz**



**Dr. Ralph Estey**

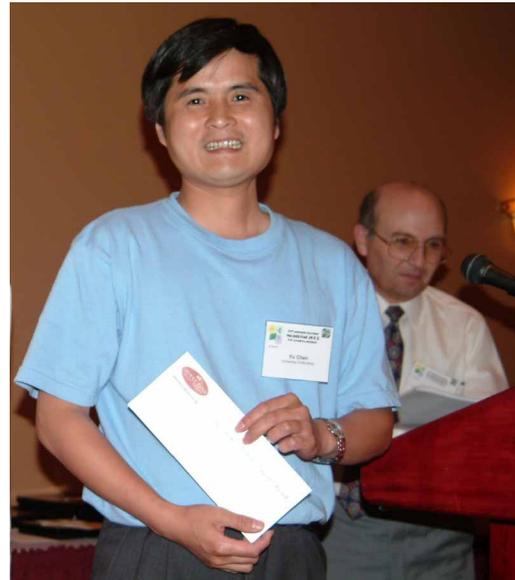


**Dr. Wally Sackston**

## A few more of the awards recipients!



**Professor Paul Goodwin**



**Yu Chen**



**Dr. Henry Huang**



**Jennifer Wang**

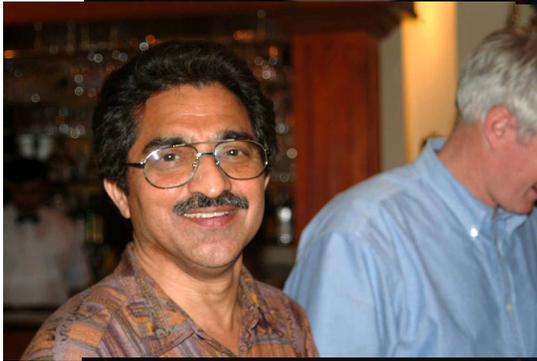


**Albert Tenuta**



**Amélie Dauch**

## Memories of the 2003 Annual Meeting



## Announcements

### Set aside these dates in your calendar for our next CPS annual meeting!

June 2004, 13-16th  
Annual Meeting the Canadian Phytopathological Society - 75th Anniversary  
Crowne Plaza, Ottawa, ON, Canada.  
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### Announcing a Joint meeting of the Plant Pathology Society of Alberta and the Canadian Phytopathological Society, Saskatchewan Region.

Dates: Monday, October 20, to Wednesday, October 22, 2003  
Location: Best Western Wayside Inn  
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### Sclerotinia Symposium

A symposium on prediction and management of diseases caused by *Sclerotinia*

*sclerotiorum* will be held as part of a joint meeting of the CPS SK regional group and the Plant Pathology Society of Alberta. The meeting will be held October 20-22, 2003 in Lloydminster, AB. The key-note speakers (Mary Ruth McDonald U of Guelph, ON and Debbie McLaren, AAFC, Morden MB) will provide an eastern and western Canadian perspective. If there is sufficient interest, a session of volunteered papers and posters focused on Sclerotinia will precede the symposium session. The organizers hope that as a plant pathologist conducting research on Sclerotinia in the prairie region, you will consider attending this meeting and volunteering a paper. Details of the meeting arrangements are being finalized, and will be circulated shortly. However, the deadline for receipt of titles and abstracts will be October 6, so mark the dates on your calendar now. Also, please forward this message to others who might be interested in the symposium.

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### **CANADIAN PLANT DISEASE SURVEY (CPDS) - Call for papers**

Robin Morrall  
National Coordinator

This is a call for submissions to CPDS, Volume 84 (2004 issue). The main function of CPDS is to document disease occurrences and levels in the previous year by publishing the results of formal surveys as well as casual observations. Anecdotal reports are particularly useful to draw attention to a new outbreak of a disease, even when there has been no time for a systematic survey. The appearance of club root in canola in Alberta late in 2003 is a prime example. Reports of surveys from previous years or

compilations of results from several years are also welcome. The Canadian Phytopathological Society recognizes the continuing need for publishing disease surveys in a medium such as CPDS. Surveys benefit agencies in establishing priorities for research. As well, survey data are useful to federal agencies dealing with international trade where plant health issues apply.

For more information on submission of reports to CPDS, please contact the appropriate section editor, listed below. Veuillez noter que l'on accepte les articles en français ainsi qu'en anglais.

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Neuchâtel investigates the mechanisms that plants employ to adapt to their biotic and abiotic environment and to cope with important stress factors. The participation of federal research institutes, the interdisciplinary interaction of our NCCR scientists and partners as well as our thorough contacts with growers and consultants contribute to the application of obtained knowledge towards the protection of plants in natural and agricultural ecosystems.

#### ***Plant Pathology: its representation within a broad range of research projects***

Our scientists of the NCCR Plant Survival conduct research in the areas of plant physiology, ecosystems, and in projects with a high application potential. Throughout these domains, about half of the projects have a strong focus on plant pathology. This involves the study of the genetic bases and the biochemistry involved in resistance of grapevine to two major fungal pathogens, key regulators of induced resistance to plant pathogens in *Arabidopsis*, detoxification of biotic toxins in several model plants, microbial diversity in the rhizosphere of grapevine, and biological control of weeds in ecological compensation areas using herbivores and plant pathogens.

#### ***Induced resistance and priming mediated by BABA: its use in sustainable plant protection***

One of the major diseases of grapes worldwide and in Switzerland is downy mildew, caused by the oomycete pathogen *Plasmopara viticola*. The massive use of fungicides required to control this devastating disease and today's need for sustainable agriculture led us to investigate alternative ways of protecting grapevine plants. Hence, we are presently developing a system taking advantage of the plant's own defense capacities and thus minimising the input of pesticides into the environment. Since our group has a broad experience with systemic induced disease resistance in the model plant *Arabidopsis* mediated by the non-protein amino acid *b*-aminobutyric acid (BABA), we decided to explore the potential of BABA-IR (induced resistance) in grapevine. BABA-IR is supposed to operate via priming, defined as a more rapid and effective defense reac-

## International corner

### **NCCR Plant Survival and the role of plant pathology in an interdisciplinary Swiss research network**

**By Susanne Vogelgsang & Brigitte Mauch-Mani**

#### ***Plant Survival: our goals***

The survival and performance of plants is of fundamental importance to both the preservation of biodiversity and sustainable agriculture. The National Centre of Competence in Research (NCCR) "Plant Survival in Natural and Agricultural Ecosystems" coordinated at the University of

tion of plants compared with untreated controls upon contact to a wide range of biotic and abiotic stresses.

Using low doses of BABA, we have been able to induce a high degree of resistance in the grape cultivar Chasselas that is widely grown in Switzerland. We are currently investigating whether the effect is also observed under field conditions. Microscopic observations revealed that BABA had primed the plants for a rapid and massive deposition of callose in the substomatal cavities of stomates subjected to an attempted penetration by *P. viticola*, thus presumably hindering a further progress of the germ tubes into the mesophyll cells. Additionally, an increased production of phenolics and flavonoids was observed at the sites of infection in BABA-treated plants. Our results obtained so far suggest a high potential for induced resistance in the fight against downy mildew in grapevine and our investigations continue in this direction.

For more information, visit our website at [http://www/unine.ch/nccr](http://www.unine.ch/nccr) or contact:

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## People and Travel

**Changes at the Botany Department, University of Toronto:** As some of you are aware, the ranks of the plant pathology/mycology group in the Botany Department have, at least temporarily, shrunk quite drastically. On June 30, 2003, Michele Heath, Dave Malloch and Verna Higgins moved to the professor emeritus ranks and Robin Cameron left to take up a position in the Biology Department at McMaster University. The first faculty replacement is Keiko Yoshioka who will arrive from the Boyce Thompson Institute in January, 2004. (The ad for the second replacement can be found on the CPS website.)

Michele Heath has migrated to the Victoria area where she will hold an adjunct appointment in the Biology Department, University of Victoria (e-mail [michele.heath@utoronto.ca](mailto:michele.heath@utoronto.ca)). Dave Malloch has migrated to the shores of the Bay of Fundy in NB where he will be affiliated with the museum in Saint John. Verna Higgins will soon be returning to her roots in Middle Musquodoboit, NS (e-mail unchanged = [higgins@botany.utoronto.ca](mailto:higgins@botany.utoronto.ca)) where unfortunately they do not yet have a university or museum.

**Yu Chen**, PhD. Graduate student, Department of Plant Science, **University of Manitoba**, received the 2003 CPS Graduate Student Travel Award to present his research at the Annual CPS meeting in Montreal in June 2003. He made an oral presentation titled "Interactions between weakly and highly virulent strains of *Leptosphaeria maculans* leading to induced resistance to blackleg disease in canola" Yu Chen is supervised by **Dilantha Fernando**.

**Dilantha Fernando, Department of Plant Science, University of Manitoba** was an invited speaker at two symposiums held in July and August 2003 - the Eleventh International Rapeseed Congress held in Copenhagen, Denmark, where the title of his presentation was "Target Sclerotinia: biological warfare on the canola phyllosphere", He also presented three posters from research done by his graduate students on the epidemiology and biological control of canola diseases. Dilantha also gave two talks in the 6<sup>th</sup> Blackleg Workshop held as a satellite meeting during the same conference in Denmark.

At the annual meeting of the American Phytopathological Society (APS) in Charlotte, North Carolina, Dilantha presented "Plant Pathology: a hot area to be in agriculture". This symposium was organized by APS to recruit bright young undergraduates to plant pathology, and retain graduate students already in plant pathology related disciplines.

**Dilantha Fernando**, was the guest of University of Kassel, in Witzenhausen, and DSV Inc.

in Lippstadt, Germany from July 11-16, 2003. In Wizenhausen, Dilantha was the guest of Prof. Dr. Maria R. Finckh, plant pathologist in the Department of Ecological Plant Protection, University of Kassel. Prof. Finckh's research work is closely related to Dilantha's, on developing sustainable disease management strategies. At DSV, he was a guest of Dr. Heino Schaupp. Dilantha was introduced to the canola program at DSV and discussions with Drs. Heinrich Busch and Michael Koch were centered on collaborative research between University of Manitoba and DSV Inc.

**Abul K M Ekramoddoullah** attended the International Congress on Molecular-Plant Microbe Interactions, in St-Petersburg, Russia, July 17 - 26, 2003. About 650 scientists representing 50 different countries attended. He presented a poster entitled: "Isolation, genetic variation and expression of TIR-NBS-LRR resistance gene analogs from western white pine (*Pinus monticola*)." Posters were heavily attended partly due to interest on a person-person interaction (and perhaps due to free beer!!).

### **SELLING DFCC ON CONSIGNMENT-ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!**

Elsewhere in this issue of CPS NEWS, you can read that sales of the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of *Diseases of Field Crops in Canada* are going well. This is not only because the book is outstanding value for money at \$35.00 plus GST, plus shipping and handling. It is also because of the efforts of a several CPS members this summer to sell books at field days and through other direct contacts with growers. CPS members can sell the book at the consignment price of \$25.00 (which includes GST) and there is no shipping and handling for the customer to pay. This is an even greater bargain than the retail price; why would anyone who works with field crops not buy a copy at that price?

I am very grateful to the following CPS members who since June have been selling books that they took on consignment: Albert

Tenuta, Ron Howard, Ron Knox, Bruce Gossen, Penny Pearse, David Kaminski, Allen Xue, and yours truly, Robin Morrall! I hope more CPS members will take the opportunity to get a box or two of the books and sell them at extension meetings and on other occasions this winter. That includes you, Mr. CPS NEWS editor, and you, Mr. most-recently-elected fellow of CPS!

Just so that you realize how easy it is to sell DFCC, let me tell you of the more unusual sales I have made. I sold two copies in a bar, one in a Tim Horton's donut shop, and one on the Riverhurst ferry while crossing Lake Diefenbaker in southern Saskatchewan. The guy on the ferry with me had to borrow \$20 from his friend to put together the \$25, but what did I care where the money came from. To sell them, all you have to do is make sure that you always carry a few copies in your vehicle, as well as a few receipts (which I will provide)!

Don't forget that the book makes an excellent birthday or Christmas gift to the right person. One person I know from a large family approached me at a field day to buy a copy. Unfortunately I had to let him know that, as an executive member of one of the sponsoring organizations for the book, I had heard he was going to receive a free copy from his organization. But then I reminded him that he had several brothers and asked him how many of them were involved in farming. He immediately wrote a cheque for \$100 and took four copies of the book!

Contact me for details of how consignment sales work.

Robin Morrall.  
(morrall@sask.usask.ca or Tel: 306-966-4410, or 306-227-1059).



**Feeling the pressure from Robin Morrall to sell the new edition of DFCC, Andy Tekauz and the new CPS-SCP Editor (not shown) brainstorm on sales tactics, while enjoying a small aperitif or two and a few “light” snacks. One potential strategy involves “muscling in” on the lucrative Saskatchewan market.**

## Did You Know? Le saviez-vous?

*Erysiphe*, a common genus name of the powdery mildew fungi, comes from the Greek for ‘red’ or more strictly ‘rust’ as in ‘Erysipelas’. This may seem odd for powdery mildew, but it comes from the reddish colour that some of the cleistothecia have.

Le nom générique *Erysiphe*, commun à plusieurs ascomycètes causant le Blanc (mildiou poudreux), vient du Grec ‘Erysipelas’, soit ‘rouge’ ou, plus précisément ‘rouille’. L’origine du nom, qui peut sembler bizarre, vient du fait que certaines cleistothèces (structures de survie) possèdent une couleur rougeâtre.

The fungicidal effect of copper was first discovered by Bénédict Prévost. In 1807, Prévost was studying the germination of bunt spores and he noticed that for some reason, the spores did not germinate well in distilled water from his copper cup. While he was thinking about this, a friend asked him to inspect a wheat crop which was remarkably free of bunt for that time. The friend informed Prévost that he used a copper pannier in ‘le chaulage’ (the term given the

treatment of wheat seed to prevent bunt). The wheat seed was placed in the copper pannier and then the pannier was dipped into a larger pot containing sheep’s urine and milk of lime (the common treatment). Further experiments by Prévost demonstrated that the bunt spores were sensitive to minute traces of copper in water. He also demonstrated that the most common and cheapest form of copper available, copper sulphate, was effective in preventing the germination of bunt spores.

L’effet fongicide du cuivre a été découvert par Bénédict Prévost. En 1807, étudiant la germination de spores de Carie du blé, Prévost remarqua que les spores ne germaient pas bien dans de l’eau distillée provenant d’un contenant en cuivre. Alors qu’il réfléchissait, un ami lui proposa d’inspecter un champ de blé remarquablement, pour l’époque, exempt de Carie. Ce dernier mentionna aussi qu’il avait utilisé un panier de cuivre pour le ‘chaulage’, ce terme désignant le traitement commun des semences de blé pour prévenir la Carie. Les semences étaient placées dans un panier de cuivre, qui était plongé dans un grand réservoir contenant de l’urine de chèvre et de la chaux. Le chercheur, par des expérimentations plus poussées, démontra que les spores de Carie sont sensibles à des quantités infimes, voire des traces de cuivre dans l’eau. Aussi, le chercheur démontra que la forme de cuivre la plus commune et aussi au meilleur marché, le sulfate de cuivre, est efficace pour prévenir la germination des spores de Carie.

Submitted by Jim Menzies, AAFC Winnipeg, French translation by Francois Fauteux, Laval University.

### **Submitted comment/correction – June 2003 CPS News, Did You Know, Ergot - *Claviceps purpurea***

Dear President and colleague,  
Je viens de lire le CPS News 47 (2), en pages 25-26 mon attention a été attirée par l’article DID You Know? L’indication concernant un outbreak en France en 1951 est incorrecte. Il y a eu un problème attribué au début au

## Did You Know . . . cont'd

Claviceps, ainsi de nombreux auteurs ont recopié ces indications mais on a rapidement montré que l'épidémie avait une autre origine. On avait mis des grains de blé dans des sacs qui avaient contenu des semences de Blé traitées avec un fongicide à base de mercure ou qui avaient été contaminés par ce fongicide. C'est donc le mercure et non l'ergot qui était responsable, les symptômes sur l'homme étant voisins.

Sincerely yours

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### **Erratum - June 2003 CPS News, Did You Know**

The translation for the article on the history of the rusts was carried out by Dr. Fouad Daayf (University of Manitoba) and not Dr. Lakhdar Lamari.

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*We have arranged with The Prolific Group in Red Deer, AB for printing of the CPS-SCP News. You may have noticed that the cover page has changed slightly. We have tried to include the various text and graphic logos within the same document as the rest of the newsletter. As a consequence the font for the text logo has changed slightly. Jean-Guy Parent and Claude Richard of PaRi have provided the translation for the President's message and the AGM 2003 minutes. I would like to thank all those individuals that have provided material and suggestions for the current issue.*

*I look forward to working with you as CPS-SCP News Editor. Your suggestions, comments, and corrections are most welcome.*

*Kelly*