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President's Message/Mot du Président

My first "President's message"! As I sit and stare at the computer screen, I realize that writing the "President's message" for each issue of the News will likely become the Presidential task that requires the most work. What do I say, and how do I say it? Now that I actually have to write one, I am plagued by the question "What do people want to read in the President's message?". Or should I be asking, "Do



James Menzies
CPS-SCP President/Président

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people read the President's message?"? I suppose that if you have read this far, it answers my second question.

I will bore you a bit with a brief introduction for those of you who don't know me that well. I was born at an early age in Morden, Manitoba. I am the youngest of twins and of four boys. My father was a family doctor, and my mother did not work for money, but was in essence a full time worker keeping track of us and doing a lot of volunteer work in the church and community. Education was important in my family. My brothers became a doctor, a teacher and a lawyer (now a judge). I am married to Kathryn, and we have two children; Blair (15) and

Caitlin (13). I am very proud of my family and they are very good at keeping me on track and humble. They make life very interesting at times.

I was fortunate through my education to have very good mentors. I graduated from the University of Winnipeg with a B.S.C. – 4 yr under the mentorship of Dr. Richard Staniforth, the University of Manitoba with a M.Sc. under Dr. S.R. Rimmer, and the University of Guelph under Dr. B.H. MacNeill. My mentors were all very good at pushing me to do more than I thought I could, and showed a lot of patience with my many faults. I enjoyed my studies and especially the many friends I made as a student. I started my professional career in 1987 with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in Agassiz, B.C. as a greenhouse vegetable pathologist. I transferred to the Cereal Research Centre, AAFC in 1995 as a Cereal Smut pathologist. I have enjoyed my career with AAFC. I have had the opportunity to work on many interesting disease problems, and to collaborate with many very good scientists. For those of you who are just starting your careers, I would highly recommend collaborating with others whenever possible. It requires work and sometimes not always getting your way, but you get much more back than what you put in.

I find it a real honour to be the president of the CPS for the coming year. I appreciate the privilege that the members of the society have given in electing me to this position. Considering the list of past presidents of our society, it is obvious that I have big shoes to fill. Our society is not large in comparison to other societies, especially our APS neighbours, but I believe that we make significant contributions to science and education in the field of plant pathology. We should all take pride in being members of the society and the work we do in our chosen fields. As I have gotten to know the members of the society over time, I am continually impressed with the professional and

volunteer work of our members. We have a very vibrant society that is making a difference. I would encourage everyone to get involved in the society in whatever capacity you can. I believe you will find it enjoyable and rewarding. I know I have. If you are interested in contributing to the CPS, please let me or any other board member know of your desire, and we will get you involved.

We have had a few changes in the Executive Board of the CPS for the coming year. Leaving the board are André Lévesque (Past President), Deena Errampalli (Secretary), Dilantha Fernando (Treasurer) and Mary Ruth McDonald (Senior Director). We will miss their enthusiasm and talents and are grateful for their service to the board and the society. André has worked very hard for you during his tenure in the Presidential stream. His positive outlook and untiring energy were real assets to the society. The president is in a privileged position because they are the face of the society towards outside agencies, and the face of the executive board to the society members. Everyone recognizes them and sees the work they do for the society. I wish to acknowledge the other members of the board for the work they do as well. The non-presidential stream members of the board also work hard for you, but because of their positions, are not always seen and recognized for the work they do. The roles of the non-presidential stream executive board members (The Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Senior Director and Junior Director) are essential to the running of the society, but these people usually hide behind the curtains and don't receive as much credit as they should. Deena, Dilantha and Mary Ruth have served the society well and will be missed. We are fortunate as a society that we are able to find others who are capable and willing to step in to fill vacant roles. I am happy to welcome Richard Bélanger (Vice President), Anthony Hopkin (Secretary), Sarah Hambleton (Treasurer)

and Rick Peters (Junior Director) to the Executive Board. We look forward to your fresh ideas and enthusiasm to help the Executive Board.

I would also like to thank those of you who, as non-board members, have volunteered your time and energy to serving the society over the past year. This list would include committee chairs and members, editors and collators, authors, reviewers, distributors of CPS publications, local arrangement committees and regional representatives. It is your efforts that make the CPS a wonderful and productive society. I would especially like to thank Karen Bailey and her group for organizing Plant Canada 2007. I know they had some real challenges with this conference, and some scary moments, but I believe that the meeting was a great success. Despite all odds, they also managed to make a profit from the meeting for the CPS and the other societies involved. I would also like to thank Zamir Punja and his editorial committee for their work in support of the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology. This is our flagship publication, and their efforts over the past few years have really raised the profile of the journal in the scientific community. Having been an associate editor, I know how much effort is needed to maintain the journal, and they have really done a wonderful job.

It is also my privilege to congratulate the 2007 recipients of major awards of achievement from the CPS. These awards recognize major contributions to the field of plant pathology in Canada. The recipients this year were Lakhdar Lamari (Outstanding Research) and Robert Copeman (Fellow).

As you may or may not be aware of, the society is still struggling with the conflicting demands of trying to offer more and better services to our members, and a major budget deficit. The budget

deficit for the fiscal year 2006 was substantial; in the area of \$80,000.00. The executive board sees this as a serious problem and is working towards getting our expenditures in order. We had some serious cost issues with the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology in 2006. This was mostly the result of our publishing the supplementary issue of CJPP as part of our 75th anniversary celebrations. To be fair to the journal, this was something that the board knew would cost extra money and Zamir had been told that we wished him to go ahead with this despite the extra cost. (The journal is close to running on a cost recovery basis in a normal year.) The cost of the supplementary issue caught us all by surprise and was substantially more than what we had budgeted for.

Fortunately, Zamir, André Lévesque and Sarah Hambleton have had some recent talks with the NRC, who publish our journal, and were able to get a credit towards the journal of close to \$20,000.00. This represents some overcharging the NRC has done towards the journal in the past, and a reduction in the costs that the NRC is going to charge the society for the 2006 supplementary issue. Their work in this regard on behalf of the society is greatly appreciated. It should also be noted that the billing of authors for journal page charges for 2006 was also delayed, so that the journal did not receive as much money from authors in 2006 as it should have. This makes the 2006 budget deficit look even worse than it should, but this money will be collected and presented as part of the 2007 budget. Nevertheless, budget deficits are still forecast for the next couple of years and the Executive Board will work to eliminate future budget deficits.

Cost cutting measures have been identified by the society and some will become immediately apparent. The board has made the decision that starting with this issue, the CPS News and the directory of members should be delivered to members electronically. This will save the

CPS money in printing and mailing costs. Please keep in mind, however, that if you are one of those people who strongly prefer the CPS News in a paper format, we will provide it to you upon request. We have also identified some measures for raising more money. There will be an increase in society membership fees in 2008, as well as increases in page charges for the CJPP and consignment fees for DFCC. Overall these increases are not large, and it has been a few years since membership fees were raised, so the increased fees reflect increases in costs that have occurred over time. We have also decided to institute a publication fee for the Canadian Plant Disease Survey. These fees are intended to cover the cost of publication of the CPDS only, and we don't intend for these fees to prevent publication of reports. If these new fees are an impediment to you for publication in the CPDS, please contact the editor of the CPDS (Robin Morrall) and I am sure that something can be worked out.

The Executive Board has also been busy in regards to Plant Canada. Although the board was very happy with the Plant Canada 2007 meetings, we felt that meeting with the rest of Plant Canada every two years was too often. The Executive Board decided that we would be prepared to meet as part of Plant Canada on a four year basis, rather than the current two year basis. This decision was ratified by the membership through a vote during the AGM at the Plant Canada 2007 meetings in Saskatoon. Bruce Gossen and I then had the job of informing Plant Canada of our decision. This decision was not warmly greeted at first by the rest of the societies that make up Plant Canada. However, Plant Canada respected our decision and decided that given the decision by the CPS, the next meeting of Plant Canada will be in Halifax in 2011. We informed them that the CPS would be willing participants of the Plant Canada 2011 meeting. What this means as far as future meetings of the CPS is as follows;

Charlottetown in 2008, Winnipeg in 2009, B.C. in 2010, and Plant Canada 2011 in Halifax. I hope to see all of you at these meetings.

In closing, I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year. Despite some budget woes, our society is well placed to face the future. It is important to the society, however, that the membership is active and heard. Please consider becoming active in the society and helping to make the society what you think it should be. I hope you all have a healthy, happy and productive fall, and if you have some constructive ideas, let me know.

Mon premier « Mot du président »! C'est au moment où j'ai regardé fixement l'écran de l'ordinateur que j'ai réalisé que la rédaction du « Mot du président » sera la tâche présidentielle qui me demandera le plus de travail. Quoi dire et comment le dire? Maintenant que je dois en écrire un, je me pose la question « Qu'est-ce que les gens veulent lire dans le Mot du président? ». Ou dois-je me demander « Est-ce que les gens lisent le Mot du président? »? Je suppose que si vous êtes rendus ici dans votre lecture, cela répond à la seconde question.

Je vais vous ennuyer un peu avec une courte introduction pour ceux qui ne me connaissent pas très bien. Je suis né à Morden au Manitoba. Je suis le cadet de jumeaux et de quatre garçons. Mon père était médecin de famille et ma mère n'était pas rémunérée, mais travaillait à plein temps essentiellement à prendre soin de ses enfants et à faire du bénévolat à l'église et pour la communauté. L'instruction était importante dans ma famille. Un de mes frères est devenu médecin, un autre enseignant et l'autre avocat (maintenant juge). Je suis marié à Kathryn et nous avons deux enfants, Blair (15) et Caitlin (13). Je suis très fier de

ma famille, qui excelle à me garder humble et en contact avec la réalité. Elle rend la vie parfois très intéressante.

Tout au long de ma formation, j'ai eu la chance d'avoir de très bons mentors. J'ai obtenu un B. Sc. de l'université de Winnipeg – 4 ans sous le mentorat du Dr Richard Staniforth, une M. Sc. de l'université du Manitoba sous la direction Dr. S.R. Rimmer et un Ph. D. de l'université de Guelph sous la direction du Dr B.H. MacNeill. Mes mentors me poussèrent à me dépasser et furent très patients malgré mes nombreuses erreurs. J'ai pris plaisir à mes études et j'ai spécialement apprécié les amis que je m'y suis faits. Ma carrière professionnelle a débuté en 1987 à Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada à Agassiz, C.-B., comme phytopathologiste des légumes de serre. Je fus muté au Centre de recherche sur les céréales d'AAC en 1995 comme phytopathologiste spécialisé sur le charbon. J'ai aimé ma carrière à AAC. J'ai eu l'occasion de travailler sur plusieurs problèmes phytopathologiques intéressants et de collaborer avec plusieurs très bons scientifiques. À ceux qui commencent tout juste leur carrière, je recommande fortement de collaborer le plus possible avec les autres. Cela demande du travail et du compromis, mais vous en retirez plus que vous en donnez.

Je suis vraiment honoré d'être président de la SCP pour la prochaine année. J'apprécie ce privilège que les membres de la Société m'ont octroyé en m'élisant. Compte tenu de la liste des anciens présidents de notre société, c'est clair que ce sont de grosses pointures à remplacer. Notre Société est petite comparativement à d'autres sociétés, notamment notre voisin l'APS, mais je crois que nous contribuons de manière significative à la science et à la formation dans le domaine de la phytopathologie. Nous devrions tous être fiers de notre appartenance à la Société et de notre travail dans chacun de nos champs de compétence. Comme j'ai

eu, avec le temps, l'occasion de connaître les membres de la Société, je suis toujours impressionné par leur professionnalisme et leur volontariat. Nous avons une société très vivante qui peut changer des choses. J'encourage chacun à s'impliquer dans la Société selon ses capacités. Je crois que vous allez trouver cela agréable et gratifiant. Je le sais pour l'avoir fait. Si vous êtes intéressé à vous impliquer dans la SCP, faites-le savoir, à moi ou à n'importe quel membre du Conseil, et nous vous ferons participer.

Il y a eu plusieurs changements au Conseil d'administration pour l'année à venir. André Lévesque (président sortant), Deena Errampalli (secrétaire), Dilantha Fernando (trésorier) et Mary Ruth McDonald (directeur principal) quittent le C. A. Leur enthousiasme et leurs talents vont nous manquer, et nous les remercions pour leur contribution au Conseil et à la Société. André a travaillé très fort pour vous pendant son mandat comme président élu, en poste, et sortant. Son attitude positive et son énergie inépuisable furent des actifs pour la Société. La présidence est un poste privilégié parce que les présidents sont le visage de la Société pour les agences externes, et le visage du Conseil pour les membres de la Société. Je veux aussi saluer le travail des autres membres du C. A. Ils ont aussi travaillé fort pour vous, mais leur position au Conseil fait que leur travail n'est pas toujours visible et reconnu. Le rôle des autres membres du C. A. (le secrétaire, le trésorier, le responsable du Service aux membres, les directeurs) est essentiel pour la conduite de la Société, mais ces personnes travaillent dans l'ombre et ne reçoivent pas le plein crédit pour ce qu'elles font. Deena, Dilantha et Mary Ruth ont bien servi la Société et ils nous manqueront. Nous sommes chanceux, en tant que Société, de pouvoir trouver d'autres personnes compétentes et prêtes à prendre la relève. Je suis heureux d'accueillir

Richard Bélanger (vice-président), Anthony Hopkin (secrétaire), Sarah Hambleton (trésorière) et Rick Peters (directeur) au Conseil. Nous nous réjouissons à l'avance de vos idées nouvelles et de votre enthousiasme qui sauront certainement aider le C. A.

Je veux aussi remercier ceux qui, sans faire partie du Conseil, ont volontairement donné du temps et de l'énergie pour servir la Société au cours de l'année dernière. Il s'agit des présidents et des membres de comité, des éditeurs et collateurs, auteurs, réviseurs, distributeurs des publications de la SCP, des comités locaux d'organisation et des représentants régionaux. C'est grâce à vous que la SCP est une société merveilleuse et productive. Je veux particulièrement remercier Karen Bailey et son groupe pour avoir organisé Plant Canada 2007. Je sais qu'ils ont eu à faire face à de réels défis avec ce colloque, et à quelques moments de panique aussi, mais je crois que ce fut un succès retentissant. Malgré les prévisions, ils ont réussi avec cette réunion à faire réaliser des profits à la SCP et aux autres sociétés impliquées. Je veux aussi remercier Zamir Punja et son comité de rédaction pour leur travail de soutien à La Revue canadienne de phytopathologie. C'est notre produit phare, et leurs efforts des dernières années ont réellement contribué à améliorer la perception dans la communauté scientifique. Ayant déjà été directeur scientifique associé, je sais combien d'efforts il faut déployer pour faire fonctionner la revue, et ils ont vraiment fait du bon boulot.

J'ai aussi le privilège de féliciter les récipiendaires 2007 des principaux prix de la SCP pour leurs accomplissements. Ces prix récompensent des contributions majeures dans le domaine de phytopathologie au Canada. Cette année, les récipiendaires sont Lakhdar Lamari (Prix d'excellence scientifique) et Robert Copeman (Membre associé).

Vous savez peut-être que la Société fait toujours face à la fois au besoin d'offrir plus et de meilleurs services aux membres et à un déficit budgétaire important. Le déficit budgétaire pour l'année financière 2006 fut substantiel : aux environs de 80 000 \$. Le Conseil considère que c'est un problème important et s'active à mettre de l'ordre dans les dépenses. Nous avons eu de sérieux problèmes de coûts à la Revue canadienne de phytopathologie en 2006. C'est en grande partie dû à la publication du numéro supplémentaire du CJPP dans le cadre des célébrations de notre 75^e anniversaire. Pour être juste envers la revue, le Conseil savait que l'opération aurait un coût supplémentaire et avait demandé à Zamir d'aller de l'avant malgré la situation. (La revue fait presque ses frais en temps normal.) Le coût du numéro supplémentaire nous a tous pris par surprise et fut plus élevé que ce que nous avions prévu au budget. Heureusement, Zamir, André Lévesque et Sarah Hambleton ont eu des discussions récemment avec le CNRC, qui publie notre revue, et réussirent à lui obtenir un crédit de près de 20 000 \$. Cela représente en partie la surfacturation que le CNRC a pratiqué envers la revue dans le passé et une réduction des coûts que le CNRC chargera à la Société pour le numéro supplémentaire de 2006. Sous ce rapport, le travail qu'ils ont fait au nom de la Société est grandement apprécié. Il faut aussi noter que la facturation des auteurs pour les frais de page de 2006 a aussi été retardée, ce qui fait que la revue n'a pas reçu des auteurs autant d'argent qu'elle aurait dû. Cela fait paraître le déficit de 2006 pire qu'il ne devrait, mais cet argent sera recouvré et intégré au budget de 2007. Néanmoins, un déficit budgétaire est toujours prévu pour les deux ou trois prochaines années à venir et le Conseil travaillera à éliminer les déficits budgétaires éventuels.

La Société a identifié des mesures pour réduire les coûts; certaines seront immédiatement visibles. Le Conseil a décidé de commencer avec le présent numéro du CPS/SCP News, qui, tout comme le bottin, sera distribué aux membres par voie électronique. Cela épargnera à la Société des coûts d'impression et des frais de poste. Ne perdez pas de vue cependant que, si vous êtes de ceux qui tiennent à recevoir CPS/SCP News sur support papier, nous vous le fournirons sur demande. Nous avons aussi identifié quelques moyens pour mobiliser plus de fonds. Il y aura une augmentation des frais d'adhésion en 2008, ainsi qu'une augmentation des frais de page au CJPP et des frais de consignment pour le MGCC. Globalement, ces augmentations ne sont pas énormes et cela fait quelques années que les frais d'adhésion n'ont pas été augmentés; ainsi, l'augmentation des frais d'adhésion reflète les augmentations de coûts des dernières années. Nous avons aussi décidé d'imposer des frais de publication pour l'Inventaire des maladies des plantes au Canada. Ces frais ne couvriront que les coûts de publication du CPDS et nous voulons éviter que ces frais nuisent à la publication de rapports. Si pour vous ces nouveaux frais sont un frein à la publication dans le CPDS, prenez contact avec l'éditeur du CPDS (Robin Morrall) et je suis certain que quelque chose pourra être fait.

Le Conseil a aussi été actif dans le dossier concernant Plant Canada. Quoique le Conseil fut très satisfait des réunions de Plant Canada 2007, nous avons le sentiment que des réunions avec les autres sociétés de Plant Canada à tous les deux ans est une fréquence trop élevée. Le Conseil a décidé qu'il était disposé, en tant que membre de Plant Canada, à des réunions aux quatre ans, plutôt qu'aux deux ans comme actuellement. Cette décision fut ratifiée par les membres par un vote lors de l'AGA aux réunions de Plant Canada 2007 à Saskatoon. Bruce

Gossen et moi avons donc eu la tâche d'informer Plant Canada de notre décision. Cette dernière n'a pas été reçue chaudement au début par les autres sociétés membres de Plant Canada. Cependant, Plant Canada la respecta et, étant donné notre prise de position, décida que la prochaine réunion de Plant Canada sera tenue à Halifax en 2011. Nous les avons informés que la SCP participerait volontiers à la réunion de Plant Canada en 2011. En ce qui a trait aux réunions futures réunions de la SCP, cela veut dire qu'elles auront lieu à Charlottetown en 2008, à Winnipeg en 2009, en C.-B. en 2010, et avec Plant Canada en 2011 à Halifax. J'espère tous vous voir à ces réunions.

Pour terminer, j'attends avec impatience le plaisir de travailler avec vous tous pendant l'année qui vient. En dépit de problèmes budgétaires, notre société est bien placée pour faire face à l'avenir. Il est cependant important pour la Société que les membres soient actifs et écoutés. Pensez à vous impliquer dans la Société et à aider à en faire ce que vous pensez qu'elle doit être. J'espère que vous avez tous été en santé, heureux et productifs cet automne; et si vous avez des idées constructives, laissez-le moi savoir.

Awards

2007 CPS Awards Committee Report

The following awards were announced and presented at the CPS Annual Meeting in Saskatoon on June 13, 2007: Fellow of the CPS, Outstanding Research Award, two awards each for Graduate Student Travel, Best Student Oral Presentation and Best Student Poster Presentation.

Graduate Student Travel Award:

1) Ms. Maria Henriquez, Plant Science, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Presentation: Analysis of genes differentially expressed during interaction of potato with the late blight pathogen *Phytophthora infestans*. M.A. Henriquez and F. Daayf

2) Ms. Jane Wolken, Renewable Resources, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta. Presentation: Responses of lodgepole pine to infection by western gall rust. J.M. Wolken and P.V. Blenis.

The recipients received funding to attend the annual CPS meeting and an opportunity to present their work.

Best Student Oral Presentation:

1st place: **Mr. Owen Wally**, Department of Biological Sciences, Simon Fraser University, BC. Presentation: Evaluation of promoter activity and over-expression of a rice peroxidase gene in transgenic carrot (*Daucus carota* L.). O. Wally, J. Jayaraj, and Z.K. Punja.

2nd place: **Ms.**

Regan Kennedy, Department of Biology, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon. Presentation: Retargeting of autophagosomes in *Arabidopsis* in response to powdery mildew infection. R.M. Kennedy and Y. Wei.

Best Student Poster Presentation:

1st place: **Ms. Angela Orshinsky**, Environmental Biology, University of Guelph, Guelph. Presentation: The influence of *Ophiostoma novo-ulmi* Mitovirus 3a (OMV3a) on respiration and growth of *Sclerotinia homoeocarpa*, the causal agent of dollar spot of turf. A. Orshinsky and G.J. Boland.



Bruce Gossen, CPS-SPC President presenting the Graduate Student Travel Award to Maria Henriquez, Plant Science Department, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba



Bruce Gossen, CPS-SCP President presenting the Graduate Student Travel Award to Jane Wolken, Renewable Resources, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

2nd place: Ms.

Mitsuko Miyamoto,
Dept. Plant Science,
University of
Manitoba, Winnipeg,
Manitoba.

Presentation:

Comparison of *ToxA*
and *ToxB* genes of
Pyrenophora tritici-
repentis isolates
among different
races from different
geographic regions
of the world. M.
Miyamoto, G.M.
Ballance, and L.
Lamari.

All Awardees
received a copy of
Diseases of Field
Crops in Canada and
the first and second
place winners
received monetary
awards.

CPS Fellow Award:

Dr. Robert James
Copeman - Fellow of
the Canadian
Phytopathological
Society

The Canadian
Phytopathological
Society is proud to
announce that Dr.
Robert Copeman has
been named as a
Fellow of the society.

Dr. Copeman was
born and raised on a mixed farm near
Regina, Saskatchewan and attended a one
room school for 8 years before moving on
to high school in Regina. He won a



**Bruce Gossen, CPS-SCP President pre-
sents the award for 1st place, Best
Student Oral Presentation to Owen
Wally, Dept. of Biological Sciences,
Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC**



**Bruce Gossen, CPS-SCP President pre-
sents the award for 2nd place Best
Student Oral Presentation to Regan
Kennedy, Dept. of Biology, University of
Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK**

scholarship to
attend Macdonald
College of McGill
University, first to
take a Teaching
Certification (1962)
and then his
Bachelor of Science
(Honours in Botany)
in 1965. He was
awarded a
scholarship to the
University of
Wisconsin to work
with Dr. Luis
Sequeira, with
whom he obtained
his Ph.D. degree in
1969. Dr. Copeman
was hired as a plant
pathologist in the
Plant Science
Department, Faculty
of Agricultural
Science, University
of British Columbia
(UBC). He
introduced an
undergraduate
curriculum in plant
pathology and later
spearheaded the
move to integration
in the area of crop
protection. These
courses helped UBC
become recognized
as the center of
excellence for
training plant
virologists in
Canada. Dr.
Copeman was
awarded the Killam
Teaching Prize in
1997 and was
appointed Associate

Head of the Department of Plant Science
(1995-1997) with responsibilities for
undergraduate students and their
curriculum.

Dr. Copeman joined the CPS in 1968 and became active in the B.C. Region shortly after his arrival in Vancouver. The B.C. Region was experiencing a revival and was encouraging involvement of students in their activities. In 1972, Dr. Copeman helped organize a 2-day meeting at the UBC campus that involved students from UBC, Simon Fraser University and the University of Victoria. The outcome of the 1972 meeting was to hold regular annual meetings that continue to this day, some of which were organized by Dr. Copeman. Dr. Copeman became involved with the national CPS, being elected Secretary-Treasurer, serving with distinction for 6 years (1976-1982). As Secretary-Treasurer, he provided the behind-the-scenes organization, stability and continuity that encouraged others to join thereby rejuvenating the Society. These were critical years for the Society, where the Council debated the future of the Society and the merits of starting its own



Bruce Gossen, CPS-SCP President presenting the award for 1st place Best Student Poster Presentation to Angela Orshinsky, Environmental Biology, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON



Bruce Gossen, CPS-SCP President presenting the award for 2nd place Best Student Poster Presentation to Mitsuko Miyamoto, Dept. of Plant Science, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB

journal. This process culminated in the successful launching of the *Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology* in 1979 and in hosting the 6th International Congress of Plant Pathology in 1993. Dr. Copeman devoted considerable time and energy to the work of the Society, where he played an important and dominant role in revival of life of the Society. He is now an Emeritus Member of CPS.

Outstanding Research Award:

Dr. Lakhdar Lamari – Outstanding Research Award

In recognition of his outstanding contributions, the Canadian Phytopathological Society is pleased to present the Outstanding Research Award to Dr. Lakhdar Lamari.

Dr. Lamari obtained his B.Sc. in Agriculture Engineering, with options in plant breeding and agronomy from the Institut de Technologie Agricole, Algeria, in 1974. He completed his M.Sc. and Ph.D. in plant pathology under Dr. Claude Bernier of the Department of Plant Science, University of Manitoba. Dr. Lamari was hired in 1990 by

the Department of Plant Science, University of Manitoba where he currently holds the rank of professor.

Dr. Lamari is an international expert in the host-pathogen interactions of the *Pyrenophora tritici-repentis* – wheat pathosystem. He was the first to determine that there were two distinct symptoms of tan spot; necrosis and chlorosis. His studies established conclusively that the pathogen was highly specialized in its interaction with its wheat host, a conclusion which contradicted the prevailing ideas. The “necrosis-chlorosis” hypothesis that has become the basis for most tan spot programs worldwide.

Inheritance studies demonstrated that the reaction to each toxin was controlled by a single locus in the host. Molecular work further validated the host-pathogen model that he proposed. This model states that host-specific toxins are the underlying mechanism of compatibility between the host and the pathogen and differences in virulence between races are explained by the combination of the different host-specific toxins they possess. A third toxin, Ptr ToxC, was predicted by several of Dr. Lamari’s studies and was isolated by the North Dakota group. Dr. Lamari indicated in his writings that the wheat/*P. tritici-repentis* system is a mirror-image of the classical gene-for-gene model, a conclusion of great significance. Through his work, Dr. Lamari was able to provide a coherent model of the host-

pathogen interactions for this important disease and provide the underlying molecular proof. His contributions to this field are now used by plant pathologists, breeders and molecular biologists involved in the study of tan spot worldwide. The work also resulted in the development of a wheat cultivar, in collaboration with Dr. A.

Brule-Babel, with insensitivity to Ptr ToxA (necrosis-inducing toxin) and resistance to tan spot, which was released as “Amazon”.

Dr. Lamari has a great interest in the application of digital image analysis for disease quantification. A fundamental problem in plant pathology remains the accurate, rapid and objective assessment of disease. The challenge for Dr. Lamari was not only

the programming aspect, a daunting task in itself, but also the design and implementation of a functional and user-friendly interface. He successfully developed a user-friendly and intuitive software package named Assess, which requires no knowledge of computer programming or image processing. The software was designed and implemented to provide an accurate tool to quantify diseases, measure leaf area, ground cover, root length as well as many other tasks. It was released in 2002 and is marketed by the American Phytopathological Society. It represents the first software of this nature published by the APS. According to APS press staff, the release was highly successful and the software has been well received by



Bruce Gossen, CPS-SCP President presenting the Outstanding Research Award to Dr. Lakhdar Lamari, Dept. of Plant Science, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB

researchers in the area of plant pathology, as well as other areas of research.

Dr. Lamari has published 35 refereed publications in national and international journals, one book chapter and has given three invited papers at international conferences. He has also given invited seminars in Canada, Azerbaijan, Iran, Syria and the U.S.A. He has supervised nine M.Sc. students and four Ph.D. students, as well as served as a member of numerous graduate student committees.

Congratulations to all award recipients and our thanks to all those who prepared and submitted nominations.

Thanks are also extended to all members of the Awards Committee; Mike Celetti, Sabine Banniza, Steven Strelkov and Jill Thompson for their hard work at the meeting and throughout the year.

Submitted by:
Antonet Svircev
Chair, CPS Awards Committee

Abstracts from Plant Canada

The abstracts from Plant Canada 2007 (plus lots of other information about the meeting) are now available on the Plant Canada Website www.plantcanada.ca.



CPS-SCP President Bruce Gossen welcoming incoming CPS-SCP President Jim Menzies

**Canadian Phytopathological Society/La Société canadienne de phytopathologie
Minutes from the 78th Annual General Meeting
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, June 13, 2007**

There were 102 CPS members in attendance. Quorum is 25 members.

Time: 12:20 PM and 2:40 PM.

1. Welcome remarks from the President

Bruce Gossen welcomed delegates and guests to the 78th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Phytopathological Society.

2. Moment of Silence for deceased members in 2006-2007

There was a moment of silence held for R.M.B. Sutton, a CPS member.

3. Adoption of the AGM 2007 agenda

Bruce Gossen outlined the 78th Annual General Meeting agenda.

Motion to adopt the agenda was moved by Jim Menzies and seconded by Randy Clear. Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes from the AGM in Quebec City, Quebec, August 1, 2006 (CPS-SCP News September 2006)

Motion to adopt the minutes was moved by Khalid Rashid and seconded by Richard Gugel. Carried.

5. President's Report

The President thanked the volunteers who had contributed to CPS activities in 2006-07, with special thanks to the members of the CPS Executive who were leaving the Board at this meeting (André Lévesque, Dilantha Fernando, Deena Errampali, Mary Ruth McDonald). He then congratulated several pathologists who had recently received prestigious awards, e.g., Norman Whitney – Order of Canada and Steve Haber – Brockhurst NSERC award. Bruce highlighted some of the important CPS initiatives from the past year, including uploading of Can. Plant Disease Survey onto the CPS website, together with an index for the past 40 years, transferring the Pest Management Research Reports to the CPS website, substantial progress on revision to the *'History of Plant Pathology in Canada'* and *'Diseases and Pests of Vegetable Crops in Canada'*, and a new e-bulletin written for and by graduate students. He discussed the causes and magnitude of the large budget deficit in 2006-07, and outlined the fiscal measures that the society had implemented to increase profitability (increases in membership fees, increases in page charges for CJPP, institution of a publication fee for CPDS, an increase in the consignment fee for DFCC, electronic publication of CPS News and the directory of members, etc.). He also highlighted a few of the new initiatives that were being undertaken as part of the response to the Strategic Plan, such as increasing interaction with other professional societies, enhanced communication, e.g., via improvements to the website, and increased support for regional activities, etc. Bruce thanked the members of the Board for their hard work in the previous year, and the CPS for allowing him to take a leadership role in an interesting year for the CPS.

Bruce Gossen, CPS President, 2006-07.

6. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement

6.1. Auditor's Report 2006

CPS Treasurer, D. Fernando presented the 2006 Auditors report to the AGM. Copies of the report were distributed to the membership. Fernando put forward a motion that the auditors report be accepted as presented. Moved by Dilantha Fernando; Seconded by Andy Tekauz. Carried.

6.2. Appointment of Auditors for 2007

D. Fernando, the CPS treasurer, moved that Blair Riordan, Chartered Accountant INC, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Chartered Accountants in Winnipeg, MB be appointed as the auditors until the new auditors will be appointed in 2007. Because the new treasurer for 2007-08 is from Ottawa, it was suggested by the membership that auditors from Ottawa area may be required. The membership agreed unanimously that, if needed, new auditors from Ottawa area should be appointed at a later date by the vote on the CPS Board Executive Board; Seconded by Robin Morrall. Carried.

7. Report of the Financial Advisory Committee

Andre Levesque, the chair of the FAC, presented the financial report for 2006. The proposed budget for 2007 was presented. A. Levesque moved for adoption of the report; Seconded by Mary Ruth McDonald. **Carried.**

8. Report on the strategic plan (2006-2011)

Andre Levesque outlined the plan and achievements. Details will be presented in the annual report of the FAC in CPS News. The Incoming Board will continue to implement the plan. Motion to accept the report was moved by Andre Levesque; Seconded by Mary Leggett. Carried.

9. Proposed By-Law Changes (CPS-SCP News March 2007)

Notice of Motion: The governing Board of the Canadian Phytopathological Society wished to bring forward a motion at the Annual General meeting of the Society in Saskatoon, SK on June 13, 2007, to approve the attached amendments of the CPS By-Laws, in accordance with By-Law XVII, Section 1. Members are notified that they may vote in favour of or against adopting each of the proposed amendments at the AGM.

9.1. Membership Fees

By-Law III. FEES

The current By-Law reads as follows:

1. Annual fees shall be \$85.00 for Regular Members, including Fellows, and \$35.00 for Student Members and Emeritus Members who wish to receive the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology. Honorary Members and Emeritus Members who receive only CPSNEWS shall be exempt from fees.

3. Sustaining Associate status with the Society requires an annual contribution of at least \$175.00. A list of Sustaining Associates shall be published in each issue of the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology.

The proposed changes to the By-Law are as follows:

1. Annual fees shall be \$90 with electronic journal, \$100 with print journal and \$110 with both electronic and print journal for Regular Members, including Fellows; \$40 with electronic journal, \$50 with print journal and \$60 with both electronic and print journal for Student and Emeritus members. Honorary Members and Emeritus Members who receive only CPS-NEWS shall be exempt from fees”.
3. Sustaining Associate status with the Society requires an annual contribution of at least \$190 with electronic journal, \$200 with print journal and \$210 with both electronic and print journal. A list of Sustaining Associates shall be published in each issue of the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology.

Moved by Khalid Rashid; Seconded by Jim Menzies. Carried.

9.2. Science Policy Committee

By-Law VIII. 9. Science Policy Committee

The current By-Law reads as follows:

- a) The committee shall consist of five members, including the Chairperson and four members elected by the membership-at-large. Normally, the Chairperson shall be the President-Elect. The four elected members shall serve four year terms with the senior member rotating off the committee at the end of their term. Normally, the senior elected member of the committee shall be the Vice-Chairperson.
- b) The committee is responsible for identifying areas of concern to the Society as they relate to the conduct of science in Canada. This may involve issues relating to federal or provincial legislation, priorities in education or science funding, or public awareness as they affect the science and practice of plant pathology and constituent disciplines in Canada.

The proposed changes to the CPS By-Law are as follows:

- a) The committee shall consist of the four elected persons in the presidential stream of the Executive Board; the Past President, the President, the President-Elect and the Vice-President. Normally, the committee Chairperson shall be the President-Elect and the Vice-Chairperson will be the Vice-President.
- b) The committee is responsible for identifying areas of concern to the Society as these relate to the conduct of science in Canada. This may involve issues relating to federal or provincial legislation, priorities in education or science funding, or public awareness as this affects the science and practice of plant pathology and constituent disciplines in Canada.

Once an issue of interest is identified, the Science Policy Committee shall appoint an

ad hoc committee of persons with the appropriate expertise and interest. The committee shall address the issue, as directed by the Science Policy Committee, and submit a final report to the Executive Board. Once the final report is approved by the Executive Board, the ad hoc committee will be dissolved.

Moved by Jim Menzies; Seconded by Andy Tekauz. Carried.

9.3. Glen Anderson Lectureship on World Food Security

By-Law IX. 6. Glenn Anderson Lectureship on World Food Security

The current By-Law reads as follows:

To commemorate the contributions of an outstanding, internationally recognized plant scientist toward the security of world food supply. The award will sponsor lectures either at joint meetings of the Canadian and American Phytopathological Societies, at the International Congress of Plant Pathology, or to support lecture tours to third world countries, as circumstances permit.

Selections of the lecturer(s) will be the responsibility of the organizing committee of the joint meetings or one of its subcommittees or the organizing committee of the International Congress of Plant Pathology. The fund is intended to be used for travel expenses and honoraria.

The terms of reference of the lectureship and the use of fund interest earnings will be reviewed at least every five years by the Board of both Societies.

The proposed changes to the By-Law are as follows:

- replace 'or to support lecture tours to third world countries' with 'or other special events as agreed to by both the Canadian and American Phytopathological Societies', and
- replace 'joint meetings or one of its subcommittees or the organizing committee of the International Congress of Plant Pathology' with 'of the meeting or event'.

Moved by Bruce Gossen and Seconded by Robin Morrall. Carried.

10. Approval of annual reports from committees and representatives

Standing Committees

10.1. Awards Committee (CPS-SCP News September 2006)

10.2. Future Meetings

a. Plant Canada meeting schedule

Jim Menzies, President-Elect, addressed the AGM and discussed about the frequency of holding meetings with Plant Canada. He said that CPS supports Plant Canada but do not want to meet with them every two years for the following reasons: 1. CPS members need to meet on their own to give identity and belonging to CPS as a society, 2. Budget concerns, CPS makes a profit when the Society meets on its own as opposed to meeting with other societies, 3. Reduces the chance for CPS to meet with other plant pathology subject based societies, such as American Phytopathological Society or its regional divisions. Following deliberations, the CPS Board decided that CPS will participate in Plant Canada

meetings every 4 years, as opposed the current practice of every 2 years (Plant Canada 2005 in Edmonton and Plant Canada 2007 in Saskatoon). Jim emphasized that agreement by the membership is very important and that a decision by the membership would override the Board's decision. He indicated that the members at this AGM are notified that they may vote in favour of or against supporting CPS Board's decision on this issue. Jim Menzies said that he will take the CPS membership decision to the Plant Canada Executive meeting to be held later in the day, on June 13.

Motion: Andy Tekauz moved that the membership support the CPS board's decision to hold meetings with Plant Canada every 4 years. Seconded by Robin Morrall. Carried.

b. Meeting of the Americas

Jim Menzies mentioned that he and Bruce Gossen will be meeting with APS in August in San Diego and participate in the discussions on the meeting of the Americas in 2010. Since this concept is new and is still in the developing stages, the CPS will likely hold its annual meetings in Canada, possibly in Vancouver. It was suggested to hold the 2010 meeting with North West Division of CPS, if possible.

10.3. Journal Editorial Board – Zamir Punja

10.4. Membership (CPS-SCP News June 2007)

10.5. Science Policy – Jim Menzies

Subject Matter Committees

10.6. Local Arrangements 2007 – Karen Bailey

Karen Bailey, chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, reported that as of June 13, 450 delegates registered, with 31 walk-in registrations. A total of 330 were registered for the banquet. Following a successful campaign, a total of \$40,000 was raised from sponsors.

10.7. Workshop and Symposium – Jim Menzies

10.8. Public Awareness and Education (CPS-SCP News March 2007)

10.9. Local Arrangements 2006 – André Levesque

10.10. Information Products Marketing (CPS-SCP News June 2007)

Ad Hoc Committees

10.11. Microbial Genetics Resources and Culture Collections – Tom Fetch

10.12. Historical Resources Committee (CPS-SCP News June 2007)

11. Other Reports

11.1. Student e-bulletin – Angela Orshinsky

11.2. Canadian Plant Disease Survey – Robin Morrall (CPS-SCP News June 2007)

11.3. Revision to DPVCC – Mary Ruth McDonald

11.4. CPS-SCP News (CPS-SCP News June 2007)

11.5. CPS Website – Lakhdar Lamari (CPS-SCP News June 2007)

11.6. Hosting of PMRR on CPS website (CPS-SCP News December 2006)

11.7. Committee on International Cooperation (CPS-SCP News March 2007)

11.8. CPS History Project Committee (CPS-SCP News March and June 2007)

Motion to accept reports, from the standing committees, subject matter committees, ad hoc committees and other reports, as published in the CPS News and/or reported by the representatives at the AGM was moved by Khalid Rashid; Seconded by Peter Burnett. Carried.

12. Presentation of Awards and Certificates

Student Presentation Awards was made for first place; second place and honourable mention in the oral and poster presentations categories. Bob Copeman is this year's CPS Fellow. Lakhdar Lamari was the recipient of Outstanding Research Award. The certificates of appreciation were presented to the Outgoing Board members, André Lévesque (past President, 2006-07), Deena Errampalli (Secretary 2003-2007), Dilantha Fernando (Treasurer, 2002-2007), and Mary Ruth McDonald (Director, 2005-07).

13. Resolutions Committee

Godfrey Chongo gave a brief report and indicated that there were no resolutions this year. He thanked the LAC for organizing the 78th annual meeting in conjunction with Plant Canada 2007. A thankyou letter will be sent by the CPS President to Karen Bailey, chair of the Plant Canada 2007 Organizing committee. Godfrey Chongo moved that the report be accepted as presented; Seconded by Khalid Rashid. Carried

14. Other Items

None.

15. Nominations Committee Report (CPS News March 2007)

Installation of new Members on Standing Committees

The following individuals were nominated for Incoming Board Positions: Vice President, Richard Belanger; Secretary, Anthony Hopkin; Treasurer, Sarah Hambleton; Junior Director, Rick Peters.

The following individuals have been nominated for standing committees, Odile Carisse, Awards; Richard Martin, Paul Hildebrand, Rona Sturrock, Financial Advisory; Peter Sholberg, Future Meetings; Sarah Hambleton, Godfrey Chongo, Denis Gaudet, Membership Committee; Ken Conn, Nominating; Jeannie Gilbert, Resolutions; André Lévesque, Science Policy.

André Lévesque moved that the submitted report (CPS News March 2007) be accepted; Seconded by Mary Leggett. Carried

Installation of new Board Members

CPS/SCP Board Members for 2007-2008

President: Jim Menzies

President Elect: Mary Leggett

Vice President: Richard Belanger

Past President: Bruce Gossen

Secretary: Anthony Hopkin
Treasurer: Sarah Hambleton
Membership Secretary: Khalid Rashid
Senior Director: Randy Clear
Junior Director: Rick Peters

Bruce Gossen thanked the Society for the opportunity to serve as President for 2006-2007 and welcomed Jim Menzies as the incoming CPS President. Jim Menzies thanked the retiring board and committee members for their work. He presented past-president Bruce Gossen with a plaque in recognition of his service. Jim Menzies then briefly outlined some of the things that would be conducted in the upcoming year including implementation of strategic plan. He closed the meeting by inviting everyone to next year's 79th CPS annual meeting Charlottetown, PEI, in June 2008.

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the 78th AGM in 2007 was moved by Khalid Rashid. Carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:
Deena Errampalli
CPS Secretary
September 2007

Canadian Phytopathological Society/La Société canadienne de phytopathologie Procès-verbal de la 78^e Assemblée générale annuelle de la Société canadienne de phytopathologie Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 13 juin 2007

Cent deux membres de la SCP sont présents. Le quorum est de 25 membres.
Horaire : 12 h 20 et 14 h 40.

1. Mot de bienvenue du président

Bruce Gossen souhaite la bienvenue aux délégués et aux invités pour la 78^e Assemblée générale annuelle de la Société canadienne de phytopathologie.

2. Minute de silence pour les membres décédés en 2006-2007

Une minute de silence est observée pour un membre de la SCP : R.M.B. Sutton.

3. Adoption de l'ordre du jour de l'AGA 2007

Bruce Gossen donne les grandes lignes de l'ordre du jour de la 78^e Assemblée générale annuelle.

L'adoption de l'ordre du jour est proposée par Jim Menzies; appuyé par Randy Clear. **Adopté.**

4. Adoption du procès-verbal de l'AGA de Québec, Qc, 1^{er} août 2006 (CPS-SCP News de septembre 2006)

L'adoption du procès-verbal est proposée par Khalid Rashid; appuyé par Richard Gugel. **Adopté.**

5. Rapport du président

Le président remercie les volontaires qui ont collaboré aux activités de la SCP au cours de l'année 2006-2007; un merci spécial est adressé aux membres du comité exécutif de la SCP qui quittent le Conseil d'administration lors de la présente réunion (André Lévesque, Dilantha Fernando, Deena Errampali, Mary Ruth McDonald). Il remercie ensuite plusieurs phytopathologistes qui ont récemment reçu des prix prestigieux, par ex. Norman Whitney – Ordre du Canada, et Steve Haber – prix Brockhurst du CRSNG. Bruce souligne quelques-unes des initiatives importantes de la SCP prises au cours de l'année qui vient de s'écouler, y compris le téléversement de l'*Inventaire des maladies des plantes au Canada* sur le site Web de la SCP, le tout accompagné d'un index pour les 40 dernières années, le transfert des *Pest Management Research Reports* sur site Web de la SCP, des progrès substantiels dans la révision de *History of Plant Pathology in Canada* et de *Diseases and Pests of Vegetable Crops in Canada*, et un nouveau e-bulletin écrit pour et par les étudiants diplômés. Il discute des causes et de l'ampleur de l'important déficit budgétaire pour l'année 2006-2007 et esquisse un portrait des mesures financières que la Société a mises en place pour augmenter la rentabilité (augmentation des frais d'adhésion, augmentation des frais de page pour le *CJPP*, institution de frais pour la publication du *CPDS*, augmentation des frais de consigne pour le *MGCC*, publication du *CPS-SCP News* et du bottin des membres en version électronique, etc.). Il souligne également quelques-unes des nouvelles initiatives qui furent prises en partie pour donner suite au Plan stratégique, telles que le resserrement des liens avec d'autres sociétés professionnelles, l'amélioration des communications, par ex. par des améliorations au site Web et un meilleur soutien aux activités régionales, etc. Bruce remercie les membres du conseil d'administration pour leur travail acharné pendant la dernière année, et la SCP pour lui avoir permis d'exercer un rôle de leader au cours d'une année fort intéressante à la SCP.

Bruce Gossen, président de la SCP, 2006-2007.

6. Rapport du trésorier et états financiers

6.1. Rapport des vérificateurs pour 2006

Le trésorier de la SCP, D. Fernando, présente à l'AGA le rapport des vérificateurs pour 2006. Des copies du rapport sont distribuées aux membres présents. Fernando propose l'adoption du rapport des vérificateurs tel que présenté.

Proposé par Dilantha Fernando; appuyé par Andy Tekauz. **Adopté.**

6.2. Désignation des vérificateurs pour 2007

D. Fernando, trésorier de la SCP propose que Blair Riordan, Chartered Accountant INC de Winnipeg, MB, soit choisi comme vérificateurs en attendant que de nouveaux vérificateurs soient choisis pour 2007. Parce que le nouveau trésorier pour 2007-2008 est de la région d'Ottawa, les

membres ont fait valoir que des vérificateurs de la région d'Ottawa seraient préférables. Les membres ont approuvé unanimement que, si nécessaire, de nouveaux vérificateurs de la région d'Ottawa seront choisis à une date ultérieure par un vote du conseil d'administration de la SCP; appuyé par Robin Morrall. **Adopté.**

7. Rapport du Comité consultatif des finances

André Lévesque, président du CCF, présente le rapport financier pour 2006. Une proposition de budget pour 2007 est aussi présentée. A. Lévesque propose l'adoption du rapport; appuyé par Mary Ruth McDonald. Adopté.

8. Rapport sur le Plan stratégique (2006-2011)

André Lévesque donne un aperçu du Plan et des réalisations. Les détails seront présentés dans le rapport annuel du CCF dans le *CPS-SCP News*. Le nouveau Conseil continuera la mise en oeuvre du Plan. A. Lévesque propose l'adoption du rapport; appuyé par Mary Leggett. **Adopté.**

9. Propositions de changements aux Règlements (CPS-SCP News, mars 2007)

Avis de motion : Conformément au Règlement XVII, Section 1, le Conseil d'administration de la Société Canadienne de Phytopathologie présente une motion à l'Assemblée générale annuelle de la Société qui se tient à Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, le 13 juin 2007, pour faire approuver les amendements aux Statuts de la SCP ci-joints. Les membres sont avisés qu'ils peuvent voter pour ou contre l'adoption de chacun des amendements proposés à l'AGA.

9.1. Cotisations

Règlement III. COTISATIONS

Voici les termes des règlements actuels :

1. La cotisation annuelle pour les membres réguliers, y compris les membres associés, sera de 85,00 \$ et de 35,00 \$ pour les membres étudiants et les membres émérites qui désirent recevoir la Revue canadienne de phytopathologie. Les membres honoraires et émérites qui reçoivent seulement le *CPS-SCP New* seront exemptés de la cotisation.
3. Le statut de membre bienfaiteur de la Société exige une contribution annuelle d'au moins 175,00 \$. La liste des membres bienfaiteurs sera publiée dans chaque numéro de la Revue canadienne de phytopathologie.

Les modifications proposées aux Statuts de la SCP sont les suivantes :

1. La cotisation annuelle pour les membres réguliers, y compris les membres associés, sera de 90 \$ pour inclure la version électronique de la revue, de 100 \$ pour inclure la version imprimée et de 110 \$ pour inclure les deux versions; elle sera de 40 \$ pour les membres étudiants et les membres émérites qui désirent recevoir la version électronique de la revue, de 50 \$ pour la version imprimée et de 60 \$ pour les deux versions. Les membres honoraires et émérites qui reçoivent seulement le *CPS-SCP New* seront exemptés de la cotisation.
3. Le statut de membre bienfaiteur de la Société exige une contribution annuelle d'au moins 190 \$ avec abonnement à la version électronique de la revue, 200 \$ avec abonnement à la version imprimée et 210 \$ avec abonnement aux deux

versions. La liste des membres bienfaiteurs sera publiée dans chaque numéro de la Revue canadienne de phytopathologie.

Proposé par Khalid Rashid; appuyé par Jim Menzies. **Adopté.**

9.2. Comité de la politique scientifique

Règlement VIII. 9. Comité de la politique scientifique

Voici les termes du règlement actuel :

a) Le comité est composé de cinq membres dont le président désigné de la Société qui, normalement, préside le comité et quatre membres élus par les membres de la Société. Les quatre membres élus sont nommés pour un mandat de quatre ans, le membre le plus ancien quittant à la fin du mandat. Normalement, le membre élu possédant le plus d'ancienneté agit comme vice-président.

b) Le comité est mandaté pour identifier des sujets d'intérêt pour la Société en ce qui concerne les affaires qui traitent de la conduite de la science au Canada. Ceci pourrait toucher les sujets relatifs à la législation fédérale ou provinciale, aux priorités en matière d'éducation ou de financement de la science, à la perception du public quant à la science et la pratique de la phytopathologie et ses disciplines connexes au Canada.

Les modifications proposées aux Statuts de la SCP sont les suivantes :

a) Le comité est composé des quatre personnes élues de la succession présidentielle du Conseil d'administration : le président sortant, le président, le président désigné et le vice-président. Le président désigné préside normalement le comité; le vice-président agit comme vice-président du comité.

b) Le comité est mandaté pour identifier des sujets d'intérêt pour la Société en ce qui concerne les affaires qui traitent de la conduite de la science au Canada. Ceci pourrait toucher les sujets relatifs à la législation fédérale ou provinciale, aux priorités en matière d'éducation et de financement de la science, à la perception du public quant à la science et la pratique de la phytopathologie et ses disciplines connexes au Canada.

Une fois qu'un sujet d'intérêt a été identifié, le Comité de la politique scientifique doit former un comité ad hoc de personnes intéressées avec les compétences pertinentes. Le comité doit étudier le sujet, avec le cadre de référence déterminé par le Comité de la politique scientifique, et soumettre un rapport final au Conseil d'administration. Une fois le rapport final approuvé par le Conseil d'administration, le comité ad hoc est dissout.

Proposé par Jim Menzies; appuyé par Andy Tekauz. **Adopté.**

9.3. Fonds de conférence Glenn Anderson sur la sécurité alimentaire dans le monde.

Règlement IX. 6. Fonds de conférence Glenn Anderson sur la sécurité alimentaire dans le monde.

Voici les termes du règlement actuel :

Pour commémorer un phytopathologiste de renommée internationale dont la contribution exceptionnelle visait le maintien des réserves alimentaires au niveau mondial. Ce prix sera utilisé pour parrainer des conférences aux réunions des Sociétés canadienne et américaine de phytopathologie, lors des congrès internationaux en phytopathologie ou pour défrayer les frais de tournée de conférences dans les pays en voie de développement, si les circonstances le permettent.

La sélection des candidats sera sous la responsabilité du comité organisateur des réunions de l'une ou l'autre des Sociétés ou d'un de leurs sous-comités ou d'un comité organisateur d'un congrès international en phytopathologie. Les fonds doivent servir à couvrir les frais de voyage et les honoraires.

Les Conseils d'administration des deux Sociétés doivent réviser les critères pour la remise de cette bourse de conférence ainsi que l'utilisation qu'on fait des intérêts accumulés dans ce fonds, au moins à tous les cinq ans.

Les modifications proposées aux Statuts sont les suivantes :

- remplacer « ou pour défrayer les frais de tournée de conférences dans les pays en voie de développement » par « ou lors d'autres événements spéciaux après entente entre les Sociétés canadienne et américaine de phytopathologie », et
- remplacer « des réunions de l'une ou l'autre des sociétés ou d'un de leurs sous-comités ou d'un comité organisateur d'un congrès international en phytopathologie » par « de la réunion ou de l'événement ».

Proposé par Bruce Gossen; appuyé par Robin Morrall. **Adopté.**

10. Approbation des rapports annuels des comités et des représentants**Comités permanents****10.1. Comité des prix** (CPS-SCP News, septembre 2006)**10.2. Réunions futures****a. Calendrier des réunions de Plant Canada**

Jim Menzies, président élu, s'adresse à l'assemblée et discute de la fréquence des réunions avec Plant Canada. Il dit que la SCP appuie Plant Canada, mais il ne souhaite pas une rencontre aux deux ans avec elle pour les raisons suivantes :

1. les membres de la SCP ont besoin de se retrouver entre eux pour s'identifier à la SCP et développer un sentiment d'appartenance;
2. des préoccupations budgétaires, la SCP réalise un profit lorsque la Société organise seule une réunion contrairement à ce qui se produit lors de réunions conjointes;
3. une réduction des possibilités pour la SCP de tenir une réunion conjointe avec d'autres sociétés axées comme elle sur la phytopathologie telles que l'American Phytopathological Society ou ses divisions régionales.

À la suite de discussions, le Conseil de la SCP a décidé que la SCP participera aux réunions de Plant Canada à tous les 4 ans, contrairement à la pratique actuelle aux 2 ans (Plant Canada 2005 à Edmonton et Plant Canada 2007 à Saskatoon). Jim souligne que l'appui des membres est très important et qu'une décision contraire de la part des membres renverserait celle du Conseil. Il mentionne que les membres

participant à la présente AGA devront voter pour ou contre la décision du Conseil de la SCP sur ce sujet. Jim Menzies dit qu'il fera part de la décision des membres de la SCP lors de la réunion de l'exécutif de Plant Canada qui aura lieu plus tard aujourd'hui, le 13 juin.

Proposition : Andy Tekauz propose que les membres appuient la décision du Conseil de tenir des réunions avec Plant Canada à tous les 4 ans. Appuyé par Robin Morrall. **Adopté.**

b. Rencontre des Amériques

Jim Menzies mentionne que Bruce Gossen et lui-même rencontreront l'APS en août à San Diego et qu'ils participeront à des discussions sur le rencontre des Amériques en 2010. Puisque cette idée est nouvelle et qu'elle est encore en développement, la SCP va probablement tenir sa réunion annuelle au Canada, probablement à Vancouver. Il est proposé de tenir la réunion de 2010 conjointement avec la Division Nord-Ouest de la SCP si possible.

10.3. Comité éditorial de la Revue – Zamir Punja

10.4. Adhésion (CPS-SCP News, juin 2007)

10.5. Politique scientifique – Jim Menzies

Comités de planification

10.6. Local d'organisation 2007 – Karen Bailey

Karen Bailey, présidente du Comité local d'organisation, rapporte qu'au 13 juin, 450 participants enregistrés, dont 31 qui n'étaient pas pré-inscrits. Un total de 330 personnes se sont inscrites pour le banquet. À la suite d'une campagne réussie, un total de 40 000 \$ en commandites a été reçu.

10.7. Ateliers et colloques – Jim Menzies

10.8. Sensibilisation et éducation du public (CPS-SCP News, mars 2007)

10.9. Local d'organisation 2006 – André Levesque

10.10. Mise en marché des produits d'information (CPS-SCP News, juin 2007)

Comités spéciaux

10.11. Ressources génétiques microbiennes et collections de micro-organismes – Tom Fetch

10.12. Comité des ressources historiques (CPS-SCP News, juin 2007)

11. Autres rapports

11.1. Bulletin électronique étudiant – Angela Orshinsky

11.2. Inventaire des maladies des plantes au Canada – Robin Morrall (CPS-SCP News, juin 2007)

11.3. Révision de DPVCC – Mary Ruth McDonald

11.4. CPS-SCP News (CPS-SCP News, juin 2007)

11.5. Site Web de la SCP – Lakhdar Lamari (CPS-SCP News, juin 2007)

11.6. Hébergement de PMRR sur le site Web de la SCP (CPS-SCP News, décembre 2006)

11.7. Comité sur la coopération internationale (CPS-SCP News, mars 2007)

11.8. Comité sur la projet d'histoire de la SCP (*CPS-SCP News*, mars et juin 2007)

Une proposition pour accepter les rapports des comités permanents, de planification et spéciaux, ainsi que les autres rapports, tels que publiés dans le *CPS-SCP News* et/ou tels que présentés par des représentants lors de l'AGA est faite par Khalid Rashid; appuyé par Peter Burnett. **Adopté.**

12. Présentation de prix et certificats

Les prix de première et deuxième places et de mention honorable pour les présentations étudiantes ont été remis pour les catégories des présentations orales et des affiches. Cette année, Bob Copeman devient Compagnon de la SCP. Lakhdar Lamari est récipiendaire du Prix pour une recherche exceptionnelle. Des certificats d'appréciation ont été présentés aux membres qui quittent le Conseil, André Lévesque (président sortant, 2006-2007), Deena Errampalli (secrétaire, 2003-2007), Dilantha Fernando (trésorier, 2002-2007) et Mary Ruth McDonald (directrice, 2005-2007).

13. Comité des résolutions

Godfrey Chongo fait un bref rapport et indique qu'il n'y a pas eu de résolution cette année. Il remercie le CLO pour l'organisation de la 78^e réunion annuelle en collaboration avec Plant Canada 2007. Une lettre de remerciements sera envoyée par le président de la SCP à Karen Bailey, présidente du Comité d'organisation de Plant Canada 2007. Godfrey Chongo propose l'acceptation du rapport tel que présenté; appuyé par Khalid Rashid. **Adopté.**

14. Autres items

Aucun.

15. Rapport du Comité de mise en candidature (*CPS-SCP News*, mars 2007)

Installation des nouveaux membres aux comités permanents

Les personnes suivantes sont nommées aux postes vacants du Conseil : vice-président, Richard Bélanger; secrétaire, Anthony Hopkin; trésorier, Sarah Hambleton; et directeur junior, Rick Peters.

Les personnes suivantes sont nommées aux comités permanents : Odile Carisse, Comité des prix; Richard Martin, Paul Hildebrand, Rona Sturrock, Comité consultatif des finances; Peter Sholberg, Comité des futures réunions; Sarah Hambleton, Godfrey Chongo, Denis Gaudet, Comité de l'adhésion; Ken Conn, Comité des mises en candidature; Jeannie Gilbert, Comité des résolutions; André Lévesque, Comité de la politique scientifique.

André Lévesque propose que le rapport soumis (*CPS/SCP News*, mars 2007) soit adopté; appuyé par Mary Leggett. **Adopté**

Installation du nouveau Conseil

Membres du Conseil de la CPS/SCP pour 2007-2008

Président : Jim Menzies

Présidente élue : Mary Leggett

Vice-président : Richard Belanger

Président sortant : Bruce Gossen
Secrétaire : Anthony Hopkin
Trésorière : Sarah Hambleton
Secrétaire à l'adhésion : Khalid Rashid
Directeur senior : Randy Clear
Directeur junior : Rick Peters

Bruce Gossen remercie la Société pour lui avoir donné l'occasion de servir comme président en 2006-2007 et souhaite la bienvenue à Jim Menzies comme nouveau président de la SCP. Jim Menzies remercie pour leurs bons services les membres du Conseil et des comités qui se retirent. Il présente au président sortant, Bruce Gossen, une plaque en guise de remerciements pour ses services. Jim Menzies brosse ensuite brièvement un tableau de ce qui devra être abordé dans la prochaine année y compris la mise en œuvre du Plan stratégique. Il clôture la réunion en invitant chacun l'an prochain à la 79^e réunion annuelle de la SCP à Charlottetown, IPÉ, en juin 2008.

16. Ajournement

La clôture de la 78^e AGA de 2007 est proposée par Khalid Rashid. **Adopté.**

Procès-verbal rédigé par :
Deena Errampalli
Secrétaire de la SCP
Septembre 2007

Committee and Other Reports

CPS Financial Advisory Committee Report

June 2007

Members present: André Lévesque (Chair), Bruce Gossen, Jim Menzies, Mary Leggett, Dilantha Fernando, Zamir Punja, Gary Peng, Ron Howard.

Observer: Sarah Hambleton (incoming CPS treasurer)

Regrets: Luc Couture

On June 9th, 6:00-10:00, Prince Albert East and West room, Hilton-Saskatoon, the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) met to review the financial statements, the implementation of the strategic plan and the budget forecasts taking into consideration the strategic plan.

1) Strategic Plan 2006-2011

At every meeting and conference call during 2006-7, the CPS Executive Board discussed extensively the new strategic plan. The assessment by the Board was discussed at the FAC meeting. A detailed summary of the Board review can be found in Annex 1 of the strategic plan (see <http://www.cps-scp.ca/members.htm>). The website support was mentioned in many sections of the plan and actions are taking place to add more online services. Examples of these actions are the addition of more online services (e.g. banking), creation of regional web pages to support meetings, and overall design upgrade. It is important to remind everybody that the content of the website is the responsibility of members or committees and not of the webmasters. There were also several recommendations and actions regarding our meetings, namely, to conduct survey of annual meetings, to encourage workshops and training as well as joint meetings at regional level, and to increase our international role. The society is re-evaluating its long term commitment to joint annual meeting. In order to maintain our long term sustainability we are reviewing our structure, we are assessing the way we did the five year plan, we are identifying novel ways to generate revenues, and we are encouraging students to participate more. The website vitality is seen as an important component of our sustainability. Committees also play a vital role in our society's activities. Two new committees were set up to cover Education and Public Awareness. Major changes were made to the Science Policy committee to make it better at handling specific issues in a timely fashion.

The FAC wants to thank the strategic planning committee, Ron Howard and David Kaminski (Co-chairs), Nathan Owen-Going, Janice Elmhirst, Tim Paulitz, Gordon Bonn, Mary Leggett, Greg Boland, Russell Tweddell, and Jim Menzies for the proactive and thought provoking plan they have produced. This gives concrete goals to our society for the next few years.

2) Current Budget and forecast

The deficit for 2006-2007 was discussed extensively (see attached). The 75th anniversary supplementary issue of CJPP was the main reason for this deficit and the NRC procedures for anything outside our regular four annual issues need to be sorted out. A meeting will be set up with NRC to discuss this and the details of all the charges incurred for the special issue. Annual meetings and the sales of our books have helped greatly to balance our books over the past years. We are recommending to meet annually on our own more regularly. Moreover, the board will need to critically evaluate the business plan for the publication/updates of books. Currently the tentative plan is to have Plant Pathology in Canada, Disease of Pest and Vegetable Crops (root crop volume) and Disease of Field Crops in Canada, in this order, published on paper and/or online within the next five years. The attached forecast takes these publications into consideration.

CPS Budget - 5 year forecast

Revenues	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
General Operations	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Membership Dues (Sum of Dues)	13,542	15,460	16,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
Interest	4,325	5,132	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Annual Meeting	7,277	19,982	19,000	45,000	55,000	58,000	15,000
Subtotal - Revenue (General Operations)	25,144	40,574	39,500	69,800	79,800	82,800	39,800
Can. J. of Plant Pathology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Membership Dues	12,955	15,025	15,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
Subscriptions (NRC-collected, multiple us	29,196	29,170	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000
Page charges, reprints & abstracts	43,610	55,132	70,000	71,000	72,000	73,000	74,000
Subtotal - Revenue (CJPP)	85,761	99,327	123,000	124,000	125,000	126,000	127,000
Information Products	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MGCC Sales 3rd Edition - DFCC French	0	2,744	5,000	3,000	2,000	1,000	500
DFCC Sales 3rd Edition - English	45,876	11,523	7,000	5,000	3,000	3,000	20,000
DFCC Sales 2nd Edition - English	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DPVCC/MRCLC	1,453	1,161	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Plant Pathology in Canada	1,500	0	0	3,000	500	500	500
New products (DVPCC root crops)	0	0	0	0	5,000	25,000	18,000
Subtotal - Revenue (Information Products)	48,829	15,428	13,000	12,000	11,500	30,500	40,000
Grand Total - Revenues	159,734	155,329	175,500	205,800	216,300	239,300	206,800
Expenditures							
General Operations (GO)							
Amortization	0	0	0	200	200	200	200
Annual meeting costs	9,692	13,865	10,000	35,000	48,000	50,000	10,000
Regional meetings	755	1,602	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Awards - minting and framing	1,115	1,750	1,000	700	700	700	700
Foreign Exchange Loss (US account)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ISPP (Meeting and Dues)	391	0	400	400	400	400	400
Professional Services (auditors and web)	8,271	11,827	10,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
Society Newsletter (CPS NEWS)	4,298	2,780	2,500	800	800	800	800
Travel	7,747	7,712	7,000	7,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
GO Subtotal - Expenditures	53,279	58,405	50,400	83,600	89,600	91,600	51,600
Can. J. of Plant Pathology (CJPP)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Electronic CJPP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Printing, Mailing, Reprints	108,651	170,926	113,000	0	0	0	0
Salaries, Translation, Office Costs	10,850	9,580	12,000	0	0	0	0
CJPP Subtotal - Expenditures	119,501	180,506	123,000	124,000	125,000	126,000	127,000
Information Products (print, market, mail)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MGCC 3rd ed.- (DFCC - French)	29,476	519	500	500	500	0	0
DFCC 3rd ed.- English (UEP fees, other)	1,815	2,725	2,500	2,500	2,500	20,000	2,500
DPVCC/MRCLC	443	379	500	1,000	0	0	0
Plant Pathology in Canada	0	0	1,000	3,000	0	0	0
New Products (DPVCC root crops)	0	0	0	1,500	21,000	0	0
IP Subtotal - Expenditures	31,734	3,623	3,500	6,500	27,000	20,000	2,500
Grand Total - Expenditures	204,514	242,534	176,900	214,100	241,600	237,600	181,100
Grand Total - Revenues	159,734	155,329	175,500	205,800	216,300	239,300	206,800
Grand Net (R - E)	-44,780	-87,205	-1,400	-8,300	-25,300	1,700	25,700

Resolutions Report

On behalf of the Resolutions Committee Godfrey Chongo thanked the outgoing CPS board members and welcomed the replacement members. The winners of various awards at the meeting were also congratulated. Lastly, a request was made to thank and applaud the Local Arrangements Committee for their efforts in preparations and execution of the 78th annual CPS meeting in conjunction with Plant Canada chaired by Karen Bailey.

The Canadian Phytopathological Society/La Société canadienne de phytopathologie Strategic Plan Update

An updated Strategic Plan (2006-2011) for the CPS/SCP has been posted on the CPS/SCP website at <http://www.cps-scp.ca/download/StrategicPlan2006-2011.pdf>.

Regional Meetings

Maritime Regional Meeting 2007

The next Maritime Regional CPS Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2007. The meeting will be held at the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Crops and Livestock Research Centre in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. For more information about this year's meeting, please contact Rick Peters (petersr@agr.gc.ca).

Respectfully submitted by,
Rick Peters
Maritime Region rep

Announcements

Annual CPS Indian Dinner has Come Full Circle.

Do you know that each year during the CPS annual meetings, many of us would get together and go for an Indian dinner? The Indian dinner tradition started 15 years ago in Saskatoon and was kept alive since then. This year, 37 of CPS members gathered at the Taj Mahal restaurant in Saskatoon on June 11th and enjoyed an evening of good food and fellowship. Thanks to Zamir Punja for organizing the dinners. Stories were shared, many a laugh was heard and memories were made.

Deena Errampalli

Thank you

I have enjoyed my involvement with CPS as the Secretary over the last 4 years. Thank you for your timely responses, help and friendship. I am very proud to be a part of a dedicated and vibrant scientific Society in Canada. I will continue my involvement with CPS as the Section Editor (Disease control and Epidemiology) over the coming years. Finally, I would like to encourage CPS members to get involved in the society activities and keep the society vibrant.

Sincerely,
Deena Errampalli
CPS Secretary (2003-2007)

INVENTAIRE DES MALADIES DES
PLANTES AU CANADA (IMPC) / CANADIAN
PLANT DISEASE SURVEY (CPDS)

Robin Morrall
Coordinateur national/National
Coordinator

Soumission d'articles

Ceci est la première invitation à soumettre des articles en français ou en anglais à l'IMPC, Volume 88 (2008). L'objectif premier de l'IMPC est de témoigner de la présence et de l'intensité des maladies des plantes au cours de l'année qui vient de s'écouler. Cela comprend les résultats des relevés systématiques ainsi que les observations fortuites. Les récits succincts d'observations inédites sont utiles pour signaler une nouvelle éruption d'une maladie, même s'il n'y a pas eu de relevé systématique. Les articles sur les relevés faits pendant les années antérieures ou portant sur plusieurs années sont aussi bienvenus. La Société Canadienne de Phytopathologie estime qu'il est nécessaire de publier régulièrement les résultats d'études sur l'état des maladies au Canada dans l'IMPC. Ces études aident divers organismes à planifier la recherche. De plus, les résultats des relevés sont utiles aux organismes fédéraux pour résoudre des questions de commerce international impliquant l'état sanitaire des cultures. Par suite d'un changement de politique de la SCP, il y a dorénavant un frais de publication de 35 \$ par article pour les rapports publiés dans l'IMPC. Pour de plus amples renseignements sur la soumission d'articles à l'IMPC, veuillez contacter un des éditeurs de section de la liste en dessous.

Call for papers

This is the first call for submissions in English or in French to CPDS, Volume 88 (2008 issue). The main function of CPDS

is to document the occurrence and levels of diseases in the previous year by publishing the results of formal surveys as well as casual observations. Anecdotal reports are useful to draw attention to new outbreaks of diseases, even when a systematic survey has not been conducted. 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 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. A recent change in CPS policy means that in future there will be a publication charge of \$35 per article for papers published in CPDS. For more information on submission of reports to CPDS, please contact the appropriate section editor, listed below.

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Electronic distribution of the CPS-SCP News starts in September 2007

Dear CPS-SCP Member:

You are no doubt aware of the current fiscal challenge facing the CPS-SCP and the Society is looking at several ways of reducing costs. At the June 2007 Executive Board meeting of the CPS/SCP, it was decided that the future distribution of the CPS-SCP News should be electronic whenever possible, via email and our website. This would greatly reduce the budget associated with production and distribution of the CPS-SCP News. However, it was recognized that there may be some individuals and institutions still interested in receiving a hard copy of the CPS-SCP News.

We are planning on electronic distribution of the CPS-SCP News starting with the September 2007 issue. However, if you are interested in receiving a hard copy of the CPS-SCP News please send me a letter or email indicating this, using the address information below.

Electronic distribution of the CPS-SCP News will be based on our current membership list. Members without email addresses will receive a hard copy of the newsletter. If we do not hear from you we will assume that you are willing to receive the CPS-SCP News electronically (via email or via the CPS-SCP website).

Thank you for considering this request.

Respectfully,

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Pest Management Research Reports

The Pest Management Research Reports for 2005 and 2006 are online. You can access the reports at the following URL:
http://www.cps-scp.ca/PMRR/Pest_Management-reports.htm .

Best regards,
Lakhdar Lamari
CPS Website Editor

Utkhede Foundation Scholarship Program

A number of CPS members volunteer to represent their interests by being representatives for various charity fund raisers which arise when financial needs combine with workplace generosity. And, it doesn't end there because CPS members also willingly step forward when their communities come calling. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Research Scientist Raj Utkhede, has now been retired for more than a year, after 25 years dedicated service to the science, agriculture industry, and public. While in retirement Raj started to look at ways of how to "give back to the community". After considering a number of options, he recognized that both India and Canada were very good to him to achieve his goal in life. Combined with his difficult childhood experience of coming from a poor family, and having obtained his Ph.D. degree in India, only because he was able to earn scholarships, led he and his wife Aruna to create the Utkhede Foundation Scholarship Program for India and Canada. The Foundation's mission is to advance education by providing scholarships ranging from \$200 to \$1,000 to students from low-income families who have the motivation and potential to pursue a post-secondary education in India or Canada. For more information on the Utkhede Foundation Scholarship Program please visit:
www.theutkhedefoundation.org .

Science Intelligence Reports

Plant Health Risk Assessment Unit (PHRA) -, Science Advice Division, Science Strategies Directorate, Science Branch, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, 3851 Fallowfield Road, Ottawa, Ontario K2H 8P9

The Plant Health Risk Assessment Unit (PHRA) biologists routinely scan the recently published scientific (and other) literature for any new plant pest (pathogen, insect, weed, etc.) information that might be of possible regulatory significance or interest to Canada's national Plant Health staff (i.e., Plant Health Division, laboratory staff, regional program officers, etc.). The "Science Intelligence Report" was developed as a mechanism to share this type of information.

The main emphasis of this report is to highlight and share significant new pest-related information/publications relative to current or potential quarantine pests for Canada. For example, items could include: new and emerging pest situations in Canada and abroad; new geographic records or pest outbreaks in previously uninfested areas; new host records; new treatment or diagnostic methods; new pest introduction pathways; border interceptions, etc. If you do not currently receive the Science Intelligence Report by e-mail, and wish to be added to the mailing list, please notify Ian MacLachy at macLachyi@inspection.gc.ca.

A listing of Plant Pathology Reports from recent issues of the Science Intelligence Report:

Science Intelligence Reports #35

- (1) New Improved Method to Detect *Xylella fastidiosa*, causal agent of Pierce's Disease of Grapevine & Phony Peach Disease.

- (2) CFIA Report on Golden Nematode in Quebec.
- (3) First Report Confirming Anthracnose (*Elsinoe ampelina*) on Muscadine Grapes (*Vitis rotundifolia* Michx).
- (4) New Research on Detecting *Ralstonia solanacearum* (Race 3, Biovar 2) in Latently Infected Geraniums.
- (5) A Newly Described Bacterial Disease of Sugar Beets in Mongolia.
- (6) A PCR Method to Detect the Tobacco Blue Mould Pathogen, *Peronospora tabacina*.
- (7) Scientists Try Using DNA to Determine Origins of the Pale Cyst Nematode (*Globodera pallida*) in Idaho.
- (8) New Molecular Diagnostic Method for Differentiating Pale Cyst Nematode from Tobacco Cyst Nematode.
- (9) Soybean Cyst Nematode - Ontario.
- (10) *Phytophthora alni* Confirmed in the Czech Republic
- (11) Blackberry chlorotic ringspot virus - A Newly Described Virus in Blackberry (*Rubus* sp.)
- (12) A New PCR Method to Detect Bacterial Wilt of Alfalfa (*Clavibacter michiganensis* subsp. *insidiosus*).
- (13) New Study Suggests Low Risk for Establishment of Karnal Bunt of Wheat (*Tilletia indica*) in Europe.

Science Intelligence Reports #36

- (1) Ug99 Stem Rust of Wheat in Uganda?
- (2) Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*) Found Near Trenton, Ontario.
- (3) Update on Plum Pox Virus in Ontario.
- (4) Plum Pox Virus in New York State.
- (5) New Plum with Resistance to Plum Pox Virus.
- (6) Situation of *Ralstonia solanacearum* in Turkey in 2006.
- (7) Situation of *Synchytrium endobioticum* in Turkey in 2006.
- (8) Update on *Phytophthora ramorum* Situation in Norway.
- (9) *Phytophthora foliorum* - a New Species Causing Leaf Blight of Azalea.
- (10) First Report of *Chrysanthemum stem necrosis virus* in Japan.

- (11) *Iris yellow spot virus* Found for the First Time in Canada (Ontario).
- (12) Identifying Japanese Barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*) Cultivars Using Molecular Methods.
- (13) *Potato aucuba mosaic virus* Found in Potatoes in New York State.

Science Intelligence Reports #37

- (1) Detection Method for *Potato spindle tuber viroid* (PSTVd) in Tomato and Potato Seeds.
- (2) Development of a Real-Time RT-PCR SYBR Green Assay for *Tomato ring spot virus* in Grape.
- (3) New Host Records for 'Candidatus *Phytoplasma mali*', causal agent of Apple Proliferation Disease in *Malus*.
- (4) *Camellia* Cultivars of Low Susceptibility to *Phytophthora ramorum* May Still Cause Spread of the Pathogen.
- (5) Inspecting Micro-propagation Nurseries (i.e., Tissue Culture Plants and Growing Media) for *Phytophthora ramorum*.
- (6) More on *Phytophthora ramorum* and Infested Soil in Nurseries.
- (7) First Reports of Pear Trellis Rust (*Gymnosporangium fuscum*) in Ontario.
- (8) European Stone Fruit Yellows *Phytoplasma* - Improving Detection Capability.
- (9) USDA Proposing Changes to "Select Agent" List.

Western Forum on Pest Management and Western Committee on Plant Disease Meetings

The Western Forum on Pest Management (WFPM) and the Western Committee on Plant Disease (WCPD) will meet on October 17-19, 2007 at the Penticton Lakeside Resort, Convention Centre & Casino, BC (<http://www.pentictonlakesideresort.com/>).

The meetings are open to provincial and federal plant protection personnel, and to industry personnel dealing with plant protection especially with diseases and insect pests.

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Submitted
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4th International Symposium on Rhizoctonia

The International Society of Plant Pathology Rhizoctonia Subject Matter Committee and the German Rhizoctonia Symposium Organizing Committee cordially invite you to participate in the 4th International Symposium on Rhizoctonia, which will be held in Berlin, Germany, from 20 to 23 August 2008. We look forward to welcoming you to an exciting meeting that only occurs every 5 years and has been timed to take place immediately before the International Society of Plant Pathology Congress in Torino, Italy.

The program in Berlin will focus on genomics, plant pathogen interactions, pathogen detection, disease control, molecular technologies, and innovative new findings. These topics will be addressed in lectures and poster sessions attended by leaders in research and industry. Time will be reserved for interpersonal interactions to foster collaborations. The Symposium will provide a platform for university researchers and teachers as well as government and industry researchers and extension personnel to share information on the latest issues in Rhizoctonia.

Preliminary details of the meeting can be found on the Rhizoctonia Subject Matter Committee web page at <http://rhizoctonia.org/>.

To ensure that we cater to your needs, if you have an interest in the Symposium it is important that you reply to this email with the following details:

- 1) your intent to attend
- 2) a possible title for any presentation you wish to make
- 3) your preference for poster or oral presentation.

Your emails of intent are not binding, but are critical for planning.

Registration details will be sent in a second announcement.

See you in Berlin in 2008!

Stephen Neate
Chair, ISPP Rhizoctonia Committee
Rita Grosch
Chair, Symposium Organizing Committee

5th International Congress of Nematology, being held in Brisbane, Australia

We would like to announce that registration for the 5th International Congress of Nematology, being held in Brisbane, Australia, is now open. On-line registration is available at <http://www.5icn.org/>.

5th International Congress of Nematology
Where: Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
Dates: 13 – 18 July 2008
Website: <http://www.5icn.org/>

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14th INTERNATIONAL BOTRYTIS SYMPOSIUM

The Scientific Committee for the 14th International Symposium on Botrytis has received excellent abstracts and the programme promises to be well balanced between applied and fundamental research. The preliminary programme will be placed on the website during the first week of September 2007.

It is important to note that the Early Bird deadline for submitting the registration form and payment (R3 900) is 20 August 2007. The Late Registration fee of R4 400 is applicable to those making a payment after 20 August 2007. We also urge delegates to make their hotel reservations as soon as possible in order for them to receive the special Botrytis Symposium rates.

For more information on the accommodation available, please visit the Symposium website: <http://academic.sun.ac.za/botrytis2007/>.

Please visit http://academic.sun.ac.za/botrytis2007/newsletter_2.htm to view the latest newsletter that includes information on our keynote speakers and their abstracts. The previous newsletters can also be viewed on the symposium website.

For more information and assistance regarding the Symposium, please contact the Secretariat: deidre@iafrica.com.

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In Memoriam

ORVILLE PAGE

By Douglas McArthur (originally published in the Globe and Mail, August 25th, 2007)

Orville Thomas Page was born in Burlington, Ont., on Feb. 13, 1921. He died of pulmonary arrest on Aug. 4, 2007, in Summerside. He was 86. His wife, Norma Isobel (née Ellis), died in 2006. He leaves his daughter, Karen Marantz, his son, William Page, and his sister, Grace Bridle.

As a boy, Orville Page had a bad experience with a potato. He either choked on one or had an allergic reaction. In any case, he never knowingly ate one again.

Yet he was to become one of the world's leading potato researchers and a strong believer in the introduction and expansion of potato production in developing countries as a means of alleviating hunger. The Ontario-born scientist worked in Peru from 1973 to 1985 as the first director of research and deputy director at the International Potato Center (CIP). The centre is a multinational institution

devoted to reducing poverty through sustainable development of the potato, sweet potato and other root and tuber crops.

Dr. Page, known to friends and co-workers as Ory, had earlier spent 12 years researching potatoes in Fredericton with Agriculture Canada and the University of New Brunswick. And he continued his potato work after his retirement through assignments with a number of development agencies.

As a young man, he was based in Prince Edward Island, Canada's potato capital, where he served as a pilot with the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War. He went on to obtain a doctorate in plant pathology, to teach at the Ontario Agriculture College in Guelph and to spend a number of years researching banana diseases for the United Fruit Co. in both Honduras and the United States.

Colleagues at CIP say Dr. Page set the centre's overall research policy while letting his staff get on with their individual projects without interference. They remember him as a charming but tough boss, and as a dedicated scientist with a commitment to feeding the world's burgeoning population and a reputation for looking immaculate — even when inspecting agriculture projects in remote areas of the Third World. In his spare time, he had a passion for sailing and dabbled in studying sparrows, saying he was intrigued by the small birds' ability to adapt to local conditions anywhere in the world.

"Ory laid the groundwork for a highly recognized international potato research program," says Hubert Zandstra, a fellow Canadian who was CIP's director general from 1991 to 2005. One of Dr. Page's major contributions, he says, was the development of sanitary measures that allow genetic material from potatoes to be

exchanged among researchers around the world and to be made available for breeding in developing countries. Without those procedures, most countries would refuse entry to specimens taken from live potato plants.

Peter VanderZaag, a Canadian potato breeder, says Dr. Page's initial priority at the centre was to collect and classify wild and cultivated species of potato and study their properties. His team then had to find ways to transfer disease-resistant genes from plants that grow wild in the Andes to domesticated varieties, a complicated process because of the genetic makeup of potatoes.

Dr. Page also helped further the growing of potatoes from the plants' seeds, rather than from pieces of the tuber as had been the normal practice. This is important in Third World countries because it means all the tubers could be used for food, says Dr. VanderZaag, who was once Southeast Asian regional director with the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, of which CIP is a member.

Dr. Page had a special interest in late blight, the fungal disease that led to one million deaths during the great Irish famine in the mid-1800s, says George Tai, a retired New Brunswick potato researcher. Late blight continues to ravage crops today, and Dr. Page worked to find a way to prevent it by building up resistance. Under his guidance, researchers and breeders developed many new potato varieties and introduced them to suitable locations around the world. "To a large extent," says William George Barker, a retired potato researcher and long-time friend, "the potato presence in the world is largely his doing."

In a 1994 paper published in the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology, Dr. Page explained that potatoes yield more food energy per hectare than cereals and are

especially valuable in developing countries that can grow more than one crop a year. The most critical problem in developing countries is the population explosion, he wrote. But potato production in the Third World is limited by the lack of disease and pest controls and the limited availability of chemical fertilizers.

Orville Thomas Page grew up in Burlington, Ont., and learned carpentry skills from his father, English-born Thomas William Page, and used them later in life to design and finish a 12-metre wooden sailboat he called Caesar's Ghost. He passed his woodworking skills on to his son, William, a professional carver who lives in New Brunswick.

Orville's mother, Eunice Grace (née Buscombe), died when the boy was 3. He and a younger sister Grace (now Bridle) were raised by their father's second wife, Scottish-born Isobel Reid.

The future scientist was not a stellar student at high school and was happy to sign up with the RCAF when war broke out, says his daughter, Karen Marantz. He joined as a mechanic, but soon quit and re-enlisted to be trained as a pilot. He should have been turned down because he was colour-blind, she says. But he avoided detection by memorizing the correct responses to eye tests. Based at No. 1 General Reconnaissance School in Summerside, he flew low flights over coastal waters looking for enemy submarines. He was also the base's chief test pilot. Wartime flying in PEI was so dangerous that 98 young airmen died there, mostly as the result of air crashes. While in the service he courted Norma Isobel Ellis of Summerside and married her in 1944.

After the war he went to Guelph to earn a bachelor of science at the Ontario Agricultural College (then affiliated with the University of Toronto), followed by a masters and PhD from Iowa State College.

From 1954 to 1957, he was an associate professor at OAC. It was there he met Dr. Barker, then a fellow member of the botany faculty. The pair went on to work together in both Honduras and Fredericton.

While in Guelph, Dr. Barker, who had also served in the Canadian military, extolled the virtues of “army underwear” and convinced his friend to buy some with him at a surplus store. The pairs they purchased were too constrictive to wear, but became the basis of a long-running joke.

Once while Dr. Page was giving a scientific lecture in the United States, his friend dangled a set of army underwear from the balcony on a string. Dr. Page retaliated by having a pilot friend drop a package containing army underwear to Dr. Barker using a parachute. The underwear passed back and forth on special occasions for half a century. At Dr. Page’s 50th anniversary party, Dr. Barker had a pair piped in on a silver tray.

From 1957 to 1959, Dr. Page worked in La Lima, Honduras, where he conducted research into banana diseases for the United Fruit Co. He brought along his wife and two young children. Mrs. Marantz says her parents flipped a coin to decide whether to go or not. At that time, United Fruit, which operated banana plantations, had near-total control of most Central American economies. He continued as a research officer with the UFC in Norwood, Mass., from 1959 until 1961.

The family then moved to Fredericton where Dr. Page was a research officer with Agriculture Canada’s national potato program until 1964 and then a professor and associate dean of science at the University of New Brunswick until 1973. His work at the potato centre in Lima started as a one-year sabbatical from the university, but he ended up staying until his retirement in 1985. He hired staff and

directed the work of some 50 PhD-level scientists and their research students. During his career he published 33 scientific papers and served as president of the Canadian Phytopathological Society.

On his retirement, he moved with his wife to a Summerside house that had been built for her parents. But he continued to work as a consultant with CIP and such agencies as CIDA and the U.S. Agency for International Development. Over the years his work took him to more than 25 countries including China, India, Tanzania and Papua New Guinea.

In Summerside he put his knowledge of sustainable development to use as a volunteer board member with the Bedeque Bay Environmental Management Association, a non-profit group that focuses on local ecosystem issues. He helped with the establishment of the Prince Edward Island Potato Museum at O’Leary and worked on setting up a local library in a former train station. He also laid out a heritage tree walking tour that highlighted species imported from Europe by pioneers or from points abroad by early seafarers. That project won him the nickname Tree Man of Summerside.

In recent years, he began writing poetry, with environmental issues as one of his most common themes. He continued to keep up with developments in science until he was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease.

Employment

Position Wanted

My name is Dumitru Stanescu, and I am member of CPS. I have a BSc. in Horticultural Science and a Ph.D. in Plant Pathology, which I completed in Romania. I have a strong background in the protection of plants. I have been working in Romania as a horticultural specialist since 1987. I have good knowledge of the prevention, identification and combat of plant diseases, insects and weeds and deficiency disease and fertilizers of various vegetables, cereals and technical plants, as well as crop rotation, irrigation and farming. I am a team player, enthusiastic, committed, and able to work with people. I am a quick learner, and I am open to continue professional development. I would like to achieve a position where I can apply my knowledge and skills in the field of Agriculture, Horticulture and in the protection of plants.

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