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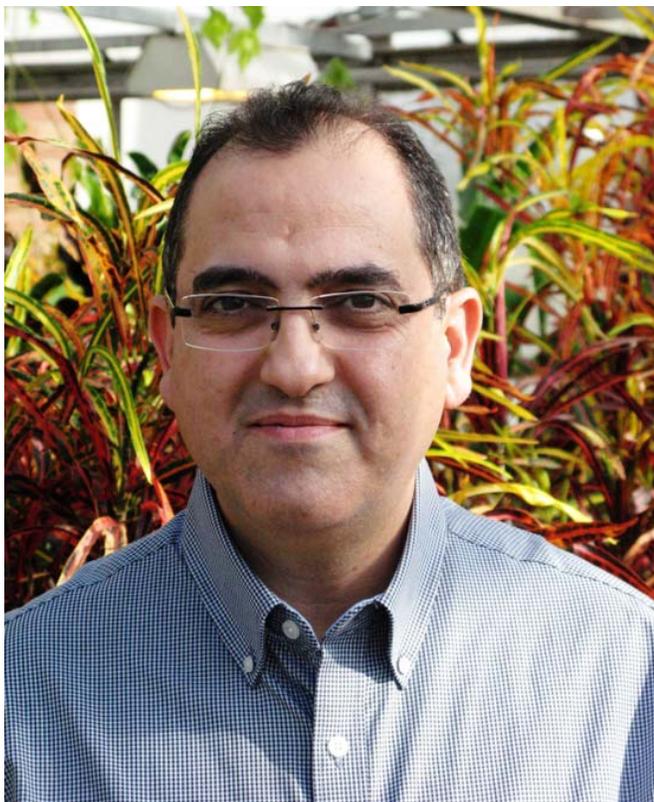
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President's Message

I hope the summer has been enjoyable for everyone. Those who like long dry and bright sunny days have been served well this year. It is expected to be a very good year for crop growers, perhaps with less disease opportunity for us pathologists to



Fouad Daayf
CPS-SCP President/président

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explore. This does not necessarily mean a shortage of work; only an invitation to focus more on the disease occurrences that the weather did not allow to avoid.

I am honoured to be President of a society as vibrant and flourishing as the CPS, like many before me who have expressed how much privilege it is to serve the Society at this level. It is particularly exciting now that the society's financial situation offers more possibilities to engage in new initiatives. Past and current board members have worked hard to turn the tide and have the society in the current sound financial situation. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all. At the same time, I invite you all, as members, to contribute any new ideas that we could explore together to catch the best opportunities for our society.

This is my first President's message, so I want to let you know a little bit about myself. After a B.Sc. in Plant Biology at the Cadi Ayyad University in Marrakech, Morocco in 1988, I completed a M.Sc. in Agronomic Sciences at the University of Montpellier, in France, under the co-supervision of late Professor Jean D'Auzac and Dr. Frank Enjalric. My project was on the effects of pH and Redox potential on tissue culture of the rubber tree *Hevea brasiliensis*. In 1990, I started a Ph.D. in Plant Pathology under the supervision of Dr. Jean-Paul Geiger, at the same university, on host-pathogen interactions between cotton and *Verticillium dahliae*, which I defended in 1993. Just a few months before my defense, I was lucky to win the French Phytopathological Society's travel award, which allowed me to attend the 1993 International Congress on Plant Pathology in Montreal, and to meet Dr. Richard Bélanger for the first time. Right after my return to France, he offered me a post-doctoral position to work on the biochemistry of host-pathogen interactions and biocontrol of cucumber powdery mildew. As a result, I joined the team of Dr. Bélanger at Laval University, Québec, immediately after my thesis defense. In 1997, I accepted a Research Associate position at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in Charlottetown, PEI, where I worked on potato late blight with Dr. Bud Platt. In 2000, I accepted an Assistant Professor position with the Department of Plant Science at the University of Manitoba, where I am currently a Professor and Associate Department Head. My research interests are in molecular mechanisms of plant-microbe interactions, with an emphasis on plant defenses and pathogen counter-defenses, as well as on the mechanisms of biological control of plant diseases.

2012 CPS Annual Meeting

The CPS annual meeting in Niagara Falls, ON, was a great success. The venue was an excellent choice,

and although we spent most of the time inside enjoying the conference presentations, the

weather outside was gorgeous. It was also a nice opportunity to see many friends and colleagues and as usual meet new people. I always enjoy discussions at the meeting, especially with our

student members who like to share their excitement and ideas and solicit comments and suggestions. This year, the meeting was a joint one with the International Plum Pox Virus meeting, a great opportunity to attend more presentations, including oral ones and posters, and to share views with colleagues working on plant viruses.

2012 Award Winners

One of the most enjoyable moments of the meeting each year is the announcement of award winners, and this year was no exception. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to all of the award winners. It's a great pleasure to acknowledge Dr. Stephen Strelkov for winning the CPS 2012 Outstanding Young Scientist's award, a truly deserved honour, and Ms. Faye Dokken-Bouchard who won the Achievements in Plant Disease Management award. I would like also to congratulate C.D.M. Castroverde (University of Guelph) and Barbara Ziesman (University of Alberta) who won the two student travel awards from CPS, as well as Laura Barbison who won another student travel award presented by Taylor and Francis. Congratulations to Linda Jewell, Sarah Healy and Mihaela Stanescu (all from University of Guelph) who each won a CPS scholarship. The best oral paper presentations went to C.D.M. Castroverde (1st place) and E.N. Morrison from Trent University (2nd place), while the best poster awards went to Herve Van Der Heyden from McGill University (1st place) and L.C. Barbison from the University of Guelph (Honourable Mention). Congratulations to all the winners. More details can be found in the Awards Committee report below.

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Board Update

Finally, congratulations to Sarah Hambleton, who was presented with a plate for recognition of Exceptional Achievement, and who stepped down from the position of Treasurer in the CPS Board after many years of dedicated service. A big thank you to Sarah for having kept our accounts in a good shape, as well as to the other departing members of the Board, including our outgoing Past-President Jeannie Gilbert, and Senior Director Randy Kutcher. Mary Ruth McDonald is now Past-President, and I would like to thank her for the services rendered to the Society as President. She has been (and will continue to be) very active dealing with different issues including the Environment Canada NSNR (New Substances Notification Regulations [organisms]) issue. It is also a pleasure to welcome our new members to the Board: Vice-President Deena Errampalli, Junior Director Curt McCartney, and new Treasurer Ken Conn, and to congratulate Aiming Wang who moved from Junior to Senior Director.

I was not aware of the amount of work that all the Board members accomplish every year, until I became part of it. Therefore, I take this opportunity to thank all members of the Board for their time and dedication to the society, including those whom I didn't cite yet: our secretary Anthony Hopkin, our membership secretary Khalid Rashid, and our President-Elect Janice Elmhirst. Finally, I would like to thank our Journal's Editor-in-Chief Zamir Punja, who has been committed to improving the quality of our journal, and our CPS website Editor Tom Hsiang, who kept our website running very smoothly.

The CPS committees have been very active completing different tasks, and I would like to thank all of those who volunteered their time to help with one or more of the Society's committees. The Strategic Planning committee chaired by David Kaminski has accomplished great success by identifying several items that now present an excellent ground for development opportunities to the Society. I thank them for their efforts, which will serve to identify and explore new initiatives.

This is your society, so I reiterate my invitation to all of you to participate to the Society's activities,

and to share any ideas we can explore for the best future of our society. In the meantime, I encourage you to attend and contribute to your regional CPS section meetings, and to engage your colleagues and students in any possible ways that may support our society.

Fouad Daayf



Message du président

J'espère que vous avez tous passé un été des plus agréables. Ceux et celles qui préfèrent les journées chaudes et ensoleillées ont été servis à souhait. L'année s'annonce prometteuse pour les producteurs agricoles, mais elle sera peut-être moins propice à l'étude des maladies pour nous pathologistes. Cela ne signifie pas nécessairement que nous manquerons de travail, il s'agit tout simplement d'une invitation à nous concentrer davantage sur les incidences de maladies que le temps qu'il a fait n'a pas permis d'éviter.

Tout comme de nombreuses personnes ont exprimé avant moi quel privilège c'est que de servir la Société canadienne de phytopathologie (SCP) à ce poste, je suis honoré d'être président d'une société aussi dynamique et prospère. C'est particulièrement excitant depuis que la situation financière offre la possibilité de multiplier les nouvelles initiatives. Les membres du conseil, actuels et précédents, ont travaillé d'arrache-pied pour renverser la vapeur et offrir à la Société une telle stabilité financière. Je voudrais donc profiter de l'occasion pour les en remercier. Par le fait même, je vous incite, à titre de membres, à nous

transmettre toute nouvelle idée que nous pourrions explorer de concert afin de mettre à profit les meilleures possibilités pour notre société.

Puisqu'il s'agit de mon premier « Message du président », je tiens à me

présenter. Après avoir fait un baccalauréat en biologie de l'Université Cadi Ayyad de Marrakech, au Maroc, en 1988, j'ai obtenu une maîtrise en agronomie à l'Université de Montpellier, en France, sous la direction de feu le professeur Jean d'Auzac et du Frank Enjalric. Ma thèse portait sur les effets du pH et du potentiel d'oxydoréduction sur la culture *in vitro* des tissus de l'hévéa (*Hevea brasiliensis*). En 1990, j'ai amorcé un doctorat en phytopathologie, sur les interactions hôtes-pathogènes entre le coton et *Verticillium dahliae*, sous la direction du Jean-Paul Geiger à la même université. J'ai soutenu ma thèse en 1993. Quelques mois auparavant, j'ai eu la chance de remporter une bourse de voyage décernée par la Société française de phytopathologie qui m'a permis d'assister au Congrès international de phytopathologie de Montréal de 1993 et de rencontrer Dr. Richard Bélanger pour la première fois. Immédiatement après mon retour en France, il m'a offert un emploi de niveau postdoctoral pour travailler sur la biochimie des interactions hôtes-pathogènes et la lutte biologique contre le blanc du concombre. En conséquence, je me suis joint à l'équipe du Dr. Bélanger à l'Université Laval, à Québec, immédiatement après avoir soutenu ma thèse. En 1997, j'ai accepté un poste d'attaché de recherche à Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada à Charlottetown, à l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard, où j'ai travaillé sur le mildiou de la pomme de terre avec Bud Plant. En 2000, j'ai accepté un poste de professeur adjoint au

Département de «Plant Science» de l'Université du Manitoba où je suis actuellement professeur

et directeur adjoint du Département. Mes recherches concernent les mécanismes moléculaires des interactions plantes-microbes,

particulièrement les défenses des plantes et les capacités d'adaptation des agents pathogènes à ces défenses, ainsi que les mécanismes de lutte biologique contre les maladies des plantes.

La réunion annuelle de la SCP à Niagara Falls a été une réussite. Le choix du lieu était parfait et, bien que nous ayons passé la grande majorité de notre temps à l'intérieur assistant aux présentations de conférenciers, le temps était magnifique. Elle a également été l'occasion de revoir plusieurs amis et collègues et, comme d'habitude, de rencontrer de nouvelles personnes. J'apprécie toujours les discussions qui ont cours durant la réunion annuelle, particulièrement celles avec nos membres étudiants qui aiment partager leur enthousiasme et leurs idées, et qui sollicitent commentaires et suggestions. Cette année, la réunion était mixte, se tenant en même temps que celle du groupe de l'International Plum Pox Virus, ce qui nous a fourni l'occasion d'assister à d'autres présentations, y compris les présentations orales et d'affiches, ainsi que de partager des idées avec des collègues qui travaillent sur les virus des plantes.

Un des moments les plus agréables de chaque réunion annuelle est le dévoilement des gagnants des prix, et cette année n'a pas fait exception. Je voudrais profiter de cette occasion pour féliciter tous les gagnants. C'est avec un immense plaisir que je salue Stephen Strelkov, lauréat du prix

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Jeune scientifique exceptionnel, un honneur pleinement mérité, et Faye Dokken-Bouchard qui a gagné le prix pour Réalisations dans la lutte contre les maladies des plantes. J'aimerais également féliciter C. D. M. Castroverde, de l'Université de Guelph, et Barbara Ziesman, de l'Université de l'Alberta, qui ont gagné les deux bourses de voyage décernées aux étudiants(es) par la SCP, ainsi que Laura Barbison qui a gagné une autre bourse de voyage étudiants offerte, celle-ci, par Taylor and Francis. Félicitations à Linda Jewell, Sarah Healy et Mihaela Stanescu (toutes de l'Université de Guelph) qui ont gagné, chacune, une bourse d'études chacun de la SCP. Les prix des meilleures présentations orales ont été décernées à C. D. M. Castroverde (1^{re} place) et E. N. Morrison (2^e place), de l'Université de Trent, tandis que les prix pour la meilleure affiche ont été décernés à Herve Van Der Heyden de l'Université McGill (1^{re} place) et à L. C. Barbison de l'Université de Guelph (mention honorable). Félicitations à tous les gagnants! Vous pouvez obtenir de plus amples renseignements ci-dessous, dans le rapport du Comité des prix.

Finalement, félicitations à Sarah Hambleton à qui l'on a présenté une plaque en reconnaissance de ses réalisations exceptionnelles et qui a quitté ses fonctions de trésorière de la SCP après plusieurs années de loyaux services. Un grand merci à Sarah, d'avoir tenu une comptabilité rigoureuse, ainsi qu'aux autres membres sortants du conseil, y compris l'ancienne présidente sortante, Jeannie Gilbert, et le directeur principal, Randy Kutcher. Mary Ruth McDonald est actuellement présidente sortante et je voudrais la remercier pour ses services rendus à la Société à titre de présidente. Elle a été (et continuera d'être) très active dans plusieurs dossiers, y compris celui du Règlement sur les renseignements concernant les substances nouvelles d'Environnement Canada. C'est également avec plaisir que je souhaite la bienvenue aux nouveaux membres de notre conseil : Deena Errampalli, vice-présidente, Curt McCartney, directeur adjoint, et Ken Conn, trésorier; et félicite Aiming Wang qui est passé de

directeur adjoint à directeur principal.

Je n'étais pas au courant du grand volume de travail accompli chaque année par les membres du conseil de la SCP jusqu'à ce que j'en fasse partie. Je tiens donc à remercier tout un chacun pour leur temps et leur dévouement, y compris ceux que je n'ai pas encore nommés : notre secrétaire, Anthony Hopkin, notre secrétaire aux adhésions, Khalid Rashid, et notre présidente désignée, Janice Elmhirst. Enfin, je voudrais remercier le rédacteur en chef de notre revue, Zamir Punja, qui s'est donné comme tâche d'en améliorer la qualité, et le directeur du site Web de la SCP, Tom Hsiang, qui en a assuré la bonne marche.

Les comités de la SCP ont été très actifs en ce qui a trait à l'achèvement de différentes tâches et je voudrais remercier tous ceux qui se sont investis dans un ou plusieurs de ces comités. Le Comité de la planification stratégique, présidé par David Kaminski, a eu beaucoup de succès en soulevant plusieurs points qui actuellement présentent d'excellentes possibilités de développement pour la Société. Je les remercie pour leurs efforts qui permettront de définir et d'explorer de nouvelles initiatives.

Cette société est la vôtre, alors je vous réitère à tous mon invitation de participer à ses activités et de partager toute idée que nous pourrions explorer afin de lui préparer un avenir radieux. D'ici là, je vous encourage à participer et à contribuer à vos réunions régionales ainsi qu'à impliquer et vos étudiants de quelque façon qui puisse permettre de soutenir notre société.

Fouad Daayf



Committee and Other Reports

Canadian Phytopathological Society/La Société canadienne de phytopathologie

Annual General Meeting 2012

Tuesday, June 26, 12:00-13:15
Oakes South Room, Niagara Falls
Marriott Gateway on the Falls
Niagara Falls, Ontario

120 members present

1. Welcoming Remarks

Outgoing President Mary Ruth MacDonald thanked the membership for their support over the year. She noted the Society is in a positive financial position which has allowed it to consider providing more support for members and furthering support for plant pathology in Canada. She encouraged students to take an active role in the society.

2. Adoption of the 2012 AGM agenda

Moved/seconded: Robin Morrall /Barry Saville
Passed

3. Adoption of Minutes from the 2011 AGM, Halifax, NS

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http://phytopath.ca/newsletter/news_v55-3.pdf

Moved/seconded: Mary Ruth McDonald /Randy Kutcher

4. Treasurer's Report - Sarah Hambleton

Sarah Hambleton provided a brief presentation on the audited 2011 Financial Statements (available from Secretary)

Auditing Firm: McCay, Duff & Co. LLP (auditor: Janet Sellwood)

Balances

\$ 76,945.65 - Balance Operating Account as of Feb. 29, 2012

\$ 6,756.13 - Balance Paypal as of Feb. 29, 2012

Other:

\$ 10,000.00 - GIC (unrestricted)

\$ 30,137.68 - GIC (restricted)

\$186,485.73 - Investment portfolio as of Jan. 31, 2012 (portion in mutual funds = \$104,059.61)

Notes:

August 2011: One of the three laddered GICs holding our restricted funds came due in August, 2011 and was reinvested in a GIC held outside the portfolio. It is the same type of secure investment but it no longer appears on our investment portfolio statement.

November 2011: \$40,000 was transferred from the operating account to the investment portfolio (Bond Fund). As well, the Glenn Anderson award money from the USD money market fund was transferred to the USD Managed Income Fund, as approved at the November 4, 2011 board meeting.

Revenue (in addition to regular processing of membership and CJPP payments)

- \$15,000 (advance on royalties) and \$8,528.40 (editorial expenses) from Taylor & Francis (T&F) -January, 2012
- \$1,250 for CPS portion of 2011 DPVCC sales – January, 2012

Expenses (in addition to regular CJPP translation charges)

- \$8,000 and \$1,100 advances for CPS AGM 2012 – November, 2011
- \$6,500 for CJPP 2011 (Volume 33) editing/indexing services – December, 2011
- \$169.49 to upgrade accounting software to QuickBooks Pro 2012 – January, 2012
- \$8,500 for CJPP office expenses in 2012 – February, 2012
- \$1,150 for Directors and Officers Insurance – February, 2012

Other Notes

- T&F and UK withholding tax on royalty payments: the request for exemption was approved by HM Revenue & Customs and the tax withheld for 2010/2011 was reimbursed – August, 2011
- T&F royalty statement for 2011: no additional revenue because the advance was higher than the royalty payable
- T&F – their request for 2011 member payment not yet received
- Presently T&F has been invoicing under contractual agreement. The annual invoice is expected to rise by \$6,000 in 2013
- Website domain name registrations paid for 3 years: *phytopath.ca* (to August, 2014) and *cps-scp.ca* (to March, 2015)
- Audit scheduled for May 2-4, 2012

New auditors will be chosen 2012 by the incoming treasurer Ken Conn.

5. Report of the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC)– Jeannie Gilbert

The budget forecast for 2012 through 2016 is positive and reflects the stable financial position that the Society is currently enjoying (see CPS five-year budget and forecast on page 38). Revenues from the AGM have been increased in this budget to reflect the amounts returned to CPS over the past several years. In 2014 and 2015 when CPS will meet jointly with APS and Plant Canada, respectively, the revenues and expenses will be reduced because they will not be handled by CPS. The membership dues to Taylor and Francis will increase because to date, due to an accounting error, we were not billed the full amount for members receiving the journal.

This will change as of 2012. There has been discussion as to how best to spend some of the surplus funds to support activities that benefit the membership and plant pathology in general. The new Graduate Student Awards created in 2012 are just the start of these new initiatives.

Motion: That the report of the FAC be accepted:

Moved/seconded: Jeannie Gilbert/Andy Tekauz
Passed

6. Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) communications update – Mary Ruth McDonald for David Kaminski

A strategic plan lead by David Kaminski and Holly Derkson was accepted by the Board. This will help provide strategic direction for next five years and is the third strategic plan developed for the Society. Communications within the Society, promotion of plant pathology, benefits for members, and expansion of student membership are the foci of the plan. The Society will improve its web site and experiment with Social media. Presently the CPS has a Facebook site:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Canadian-Phytopathological-Society/111761558875337>

7. Proposed changes to By-Law and the Constitution – Anthony Hopkin

Significant changes have been made to both the bylaws and the constitution in order both to modernize the Society and to provide needed flexibility to the CPS Board. The changes will be made available to the membership for feedback prior to ratification at the 2013 AGM.

8. Meetings

8.1 Local arrangements update – Ken Conn
The joint meeting at Niagara Falls was attended by 175 participants, including 26 students. A number of sponsors contributed to the success of the meeting and, in addition, the Federal Government's Plum Pox Virus fund subsidized costs of meeting.

CPS five-year budget and forecast for AGM 2012

NOTES: Only selected items are shown for each category - therefore some amounts included in subtotals are not visible.											
On the financial statements, amounts in bold font appear as separate line items.											
Amounts in italics are included in line item totals (bold) and are separated out here for information only.											
Expenditures to print new products are recorded on the financial statements as an increase in assets (inventory).											
Revenues		2010	2011	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget		
General Operations											
	Membership Dues (Sum of Dues)	22,018	21,000	23,355	21,000	21,000	21,000	20,000	20,000		
	Interest/Investment Income or loss (unrestricted funds)	3,908	3,000	2,092	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000		
	Annual Meeting	13,483	6,000	22,333	50,000	50,000	8,000	8,000	50,000		
	<i>Profit from AGM</i>	12,583	3,000	49,112	10,000	10,000	3,000	3,000	10,000		
	Other Revenue (includes T&F one time payment in 2009)	120	500	2,115	500	500	500	500	500		
	Subtotal - Revenue (General Operations)	41,499	30,500	49,895	74,500	74,500	32,500	31,500	73,500		
Can. J. of Plant Pathology											
	Membership Dues	9,450	10,000	9,345	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000		
	Subscriptions (T&F/Access-collected, multiple users)	17,171	15,000	15,150	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000		
	Page charges, abstracts, T&F editor support	31,150	25,000	30,826	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000		
	<i>Editorial office support (and travel if applicable) from T&F</i>	10,000	10,000	8,240	8,500	8,500	9,000	9,000	9,500		
	Subtotal - Revenue (C-JPP)	57,771	60,000	55,321	58,500	58,500	59,000	59,000	59,500		
Information Products											
	MGCC Sales 3rd Edition - DFCC French	646	1,000	1,067	1,000	1,000	1,000	500	500		
	DFCC Sales 3rd Edition - English	7,765	8,000	12,651	10,000	9,000	8,000	7,000	6,000		
	CPDS - Page Charges	1,774	1,600	1,755	0	0	0	0	0		
	Plant Pathology in Canada	0	500	14,542	900	450	0	0	0		
	New products (DPVCC greenhouse crops)	0	15,000	0	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000		
	Subtotal - Revenue (Information Products)	10,185	26,100	30,015	11,900	20,450	19,000	17,500	16,500		
	Grand Total - Revenues	109,455	116,600	135,231	144,900	153,450	110,500	108,000	149,500		
Expenditures											
General Operations (GO)											
	Annual meeting costs	900	3,000	3,221	40,000	40,000	5,000	5,000	40,000		
	Regional meetings	600	1,500	300	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800		
	Awards - NON-fund awards	100	1,000	409	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500		
	General/Miscellaneous	5,638	15,000	5,767	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000		
	Professional Services (auditors and bookkeeping)	8,890	9,000	8,778	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000		
	CPS NEWS - plus CPS Website (as of 2008)	426	2,000	564	3,500	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000		
	Travel	7,189	8,000	7,208	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000		
	GO Subtotal - Expenditures	23,742	39,500	26,247	80,800	79,300	44,300	44,300	79,300		
Can. J. of Plant Pathology (C-JPP)											
	Technical Editing and Dues to T&F	11,592	25,000	11,800	19,000	19,000	20,000	20,000	20,000		
	<i>Technical Editing</i>	5,400	15,000	6,500	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000		
	<i>Membership dues to T&F</i>	6,436	10,000	5,300	11,000	11,000	12,000	12,000	12,000		
	Translation, Editorial Office Costs	9,133	10,000	8,000	12,000	13,000	13,500	14,000	14,500		
	CJPP Subtotal - Expenditures	27,345	60,000	22,481	31,000	32,000	33,500	34,000	34,500		
Information Products (print, market, mail)											
	MGCC 3rd ed. - (DFCC - French)	706	500	1,082	1,000	1,000	1,000	500	500		
	DFCC 3rd ed. - English (UEP fees, other)	416	1,000	6,828	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000		
	CPDS - Page Charges	372	1,000	356	500	500	500	500	500		
	Plant Pathology in Canada	0	0	10,881	100	50	0	0	0		
	New Products (DPVCC greenhouse crops)	0	0	0	0	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000		
	1,494	2,500	30,832	7,600	15,550	15,500	15,000	15,000	15,000		
	IP Subtotal - Expenditures	52,581	102,000	79,560	119,400	126,850	93,300	93,300	128,800		
	Grand Total - Expenditures	109,455	116,600	135,231	144,900	153,450	110,500	108,000	149,500		
Grand Net (R - E)											
		56,874	14,600	55,871	25,500	26,600	17,200	14,700	20,700		

8.2 Update on 2013 AGM Edmonton
The 2013 Annual General Meeting will be held on June 16-19 at the Matrix Hotel in Edmonton, Alberta. The Local Arrangement Committee is headed by Deb Clark & Kelly Turkington.

9. Approval of reports from committees and representatives

Committee reports published in June 2012 issue of CPS News: http://phytopath.ca/newsletter/news_v56-2.pdf

Standing Committees/Chair

- 9.1 CPS Website /Tom Hsiang
- 9.2 Nominations Committee/Jeannie Gilbert
- 9.3. Canadian Plant Disease/Robin Morrall
- 9.4 Membership/Khalid Rashid
- 9.5 President's Report/Mary Ruth McDonald

Motion that 2012 committee reports published in the June 2012 CPS newsletter be accepted.
Moved/seconded: George Lazarovits/Robin Morrall
Passed

10. Resolutions Committee

The CPS recognizes the efforts of the Local Arrangement Committee lead by Ken Conn, Albert Tenuta and Mike Celetti and assisted by numerous volunteers, for a successful implementation of the 83rd Canadian Phytopathological Society Annual General Meeting. It also recognizes the Plum Pox Virus Committee and the Canadian Forum for Biological Control for an excellent meeting in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Moved/seconded: Khalid Rashid/Anthony Hopkin
Passed

11. Installation of new Board Members

CPS/SCP Board Members for 2012-2013

President: Fouad Daayf
President Elect: Janice Elmhirst
Vice President: Deena Errampalli
Past President: Mary Ruth McDonald
Secretary: Anthony Hopkin
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12. Remarks from Incoming President – Fouad Daayf

Fouad thanked members for their trust in him as incoming CPS President, and expressed his appreciation for the work done by the various CPS committees and by the Board.

13. Adjournment

2012 CPS Awards Committee Report

The following awards were announced and presented at the Annual General Meeting of the CPS, Niagara Falls, Ontario, on Wednesday, June 27, 2012: Young Scientist Award, Achievements in Plant Disease Management, three CPS Student Scholarship Awards, two CPS Student Travel Awards, one Taylor & Francis Travel Award, two Best Student Oral Presentation Awards (1st and 2nd Place) and one Best Student Poster Presentation Award.

Canadian Phytopathological Society Outstanding Young Scientist Award:

Dr. S. Strelkov's research accomplishments in plant pathology should be regarded as superior. At an early stage in his career, Dr. Strelkov has already published 75 refereed papers (including articles in press) in which he has served as the corresponding author or co-author, as well dozens of reports and conference proceedings and over 120 abstracts. While covering a range of topics, many of his research accomplishments have been focused on clubroot of canola and tan spot of wheat. This research output has had a significant impact on our understanding of both of these very important pathosystems.

Dr. Strelkov's work on tan spot of wheat, which started when he was a graduate student and now continues with his own students, has greatly advanced knowledge of the molecular basis for

virulence in *Pyrenophora tritici-repentis*. Dr. Strelkov and his colleagues have demonstrated the importance of Ptr ToxB, a host-specific toxin produced by the fungus, in mediating the interaction with wheat, and have also shown that this effector serves as both a virulence and pathogenicity factor for *P. tritici-repentis*.

Similarly, much of our knowledge regarding clubroot and its impact on canola production in western Canada comes from research that was led by Dr. Strelkov. He and his colleagues developed methods to effectively work with the clubroot pathogen, characterized pathogen populations, and greatly contributed to our understanding of pathogen dispersal mechanisms and its interaction with canola. Beyond his work with clubroot and tan spot, Dr. Strelkov has shown a willingness and enthusiasm to work on other important

diseases, in collaboration with federal and provincial scientists and industry personnel.

Dr. Strelkov's work already has had a significant impact on the plant pathology literature. This contribution has involved the research of numerous graduate students and post-doctoral fellows, providing the opportunity for the training of highly qualified personnel in the area of plant pathology. This scholarship extends beyond graduate student training, however, and has also involved the training of undergraduate students through formal courses, independent study and summer projects. Dr. Strelkov's enthusiasm for teaching in plant pathology is reflected in his many teaching awards,



Dr. Stephen Strelkov, recipient of the 2012 CPS Outstanding Young Scientist Award

including the University of Alberta Agriculture Club Teaching Award, the recipient of which is chosen by undergraduate students in the Faculty of Agriculture. Through his research and teaching activities, Dr. Strelkov has made strong contributions to plant pathology scholarship in Alberta and Canada.

Dr. Strelkov's research on clubroot disease of crucifers has had a large impact on the canola industry. He identified the predominant strains of the clubroot pathogen in western Canada and developed resistance screening techniques, which has enabled the rapid development and release of a number of clubroot resistant canola cultivars for the prairies. He has conducted annual surveys of clubroot spread and shed light on dispersal mechanisms, information that is of great value in monitoring and minimizing the movement of clubroot.

He has developed techniques to detect and measure the pathogen in soil and plant material, which have facilitated clubroot monitoring and other research into this disease. He has also been very active in clubroot extension activities, and has freely shared slides and information with others in the industry. Finally, Dr. Strelkov has opened his lab to assist and train others interested in working with clubroot.

Despite being at an early stage of his career, Dr. Strelkov has already shown significant leadership in plant pathology. He served as President of the Plant Pathology Society of Alberta (PPSA), organizing the Society's 2006 Annual Meeting, and also served as

Secretary of the PPSA in 2010-11, helping to organize the 2011 Annual Meeting. He was a member of the CPS Awards Committee from 2007-11, and served as Chair of the Awards Committee for two years in a row (2010 and 2011). He is also a member of the CPS Nominations Committee and is a Section Editor for the *Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology*.

Canadian Phytopathological Society **Achievements in Plant Disease** **Management Award:**

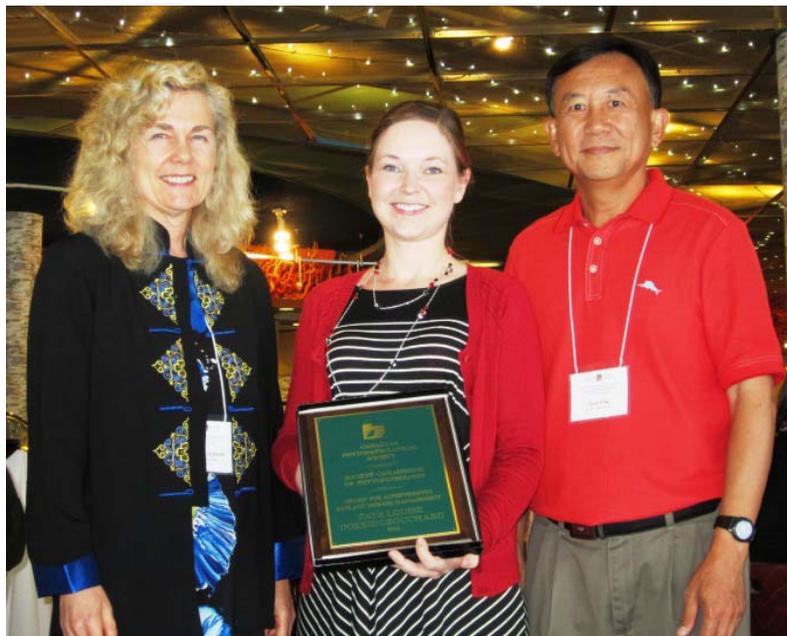
Ms. Faye Louise Dokken-Bouchard

The Canadian Phytopathological Society was pleased to present the Achievements in Plant Disease Management Award to Ms. **Faye Louise Dokken-Bouchard**. Ms. Dokken-Bouchard obtained her B.S.A. in Agricultural Biology at the College of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan in 2003. She then went on to pursue an M.Sc. at the Department of Applied Microbiology and Food Science, University of Saskatchewan, graduating in 2007. She became the Provincial Plant Disease Specialist for the province of Saskatchewan on March 26th, 2008.

A list of her impressive accomplishments includes:

- Founder and chair of the Saskatchewan Clubroot Initiative, the committee that created the Saskatchewan Clubroot Management Plan, as well as preparation and distribution of extensive information on clubroot through the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture's (SMA) website.
- Author or co-author of over 80 articles, fact sheets, and other plant disease related publications.

- 68 presentations on plant diseases, their occurrence and their management to Saskatchewan farmers, at industry training events, field days and during conferences including the CPS-Saskatchewan Regional Annual Meeting, the Canadian Pulse Research Workshop, and the Soils & Crops Workshop.
- Numerous (60 occasions) interviews on plant disease related issues by the media, in formats such as agricultural newspapers, radio programs and television.
- Lead role in plant disease surveys of various crops in the Province of Saskatchewan.
- Collaboration with researchers in specific projects and surveys that are of national and international importance, including contributions to the chickpea ascochyta sentinel project supported by the Pest Management Centre of AAFC; the clubroot survey as part of a national effort to mitigate the spread of this disease coordinated by Dr. Randy Kutcher, AAFC; the blackleg survey, an international initiative lead by the Canola Council of Canada and Canadian Food Inspection Agency to assure our Chinese customers that blackleg is well understood



Faye Dokken-Bouchard (center) is presented the CPS Achievements in Plant Disease Management Award by Mary Ruth McDonald and Gary Peng

and managed in Canada; and a western Canadian research project lead by Dr. Kelly Turkington (AAFC), to improve the sclerotinia petal test of canola.

- Service on various committees such as the Saskatchewan Plant Disease Committee (secretary/chair, 2008-11), the Western Committee on Plant Diseases (chair, 2012), the Soils & Crops Workshop planning committee (2009-11), and the planning committee for the 7th Canadian Workshop on Fusarium Head Blight (2011).
- Professional Agrologist designation from the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists

Canadian Phytopathological Society Scholarship Awards:

1. Ms. Linda Jewell

Linda Jewell is a Ph.D. student at the University of Guelph, under the supervision of Dr. Tom Hsiang, where she is studying the infection process of *Microdochium nivale* varieties *majus* and *nivale*. These fungi attack cereals and turfgrasses, causing pink snow mold on grass and wheat in the winter and Fusarium patch on turfgrass in the fall and spring. Linda also holds B.Sc. (Honours) and M.Sc. (Organic Chemistry) degrees from the University of Ottawa.

The Canadian Phytopathological Society was pleased to present the Scholarship Award to Ms. Linda Jewell in recognition of

her outstanding performance as a graduate student in plant pathology.

2. Ms. Mihaela Stanescu

Mihaela Stanescu is a M. Sc. student at the University of Guelph under the supervision of Dr. Tom Hsiang, where she is investigating "***Discula destructiva* on Dogwoods (*Cornus spp.*) in Ontario**". Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*) is listed as Endangered in Canada because of the anthracnose disease caused by *D. destructiva*, and Ms. Stanescu's work is an important contribution to the Recovery Strategy.

The Canadian Phytopathological Society was pleased to present the Scholarship Award to Ms. Mihaela Stanescu in recognition of her outstanding performance as a graduate student in plant pathology.

3. Ms. Sarah Healy

Sarah Healy is a M. Sc. student at the University of Guelph under the supervision of Dr. Tom Hsiang, where she is currently conducting a traditional plant pathology study, looking at the incidence, impact and management of a newly introduced disease of boxwood (first observed in Ontario in March, 2012).

The Canadian Phytopathological Society was pleased to present the Scholarship Award to Ms. Sarah Healy in recognition of her outstanding performance as a graduate student in plant pathology.



Mary Ruth McDonald with CPS Scholarship Award winners Mihaela Stanescu and Sarah Healy

Canadian Phytopathological Society Graduate Student Travel Awards:



Mary Ruth McDonald presents CPS Travel Awards to Barbara Ziesman and Danve Castroverde

1. Mr. Danve Castroverde

C.D.M. Castroverde is a Ph.D. student at the University of Guelph, under the supervision of Dr. Robb. He is currently investigating the genetic regulation of the *Verticillium* resistance genes (R-genes), *Ve1* and *Ve2* in tomato using a combination of phytopathological, cell biological and molecular technologies. C.D.M. Castroverde has a B.Sc. degree (2006) in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology from the University of the Philippines and an M.Sc. in Molecular Biology and Genetic from the University of Guelph.

The Canadian Phytopathological Society was pleased to present the Student Travel Award to C.D.M. Castroverde in recognition of his outstanding performance as a graduate student in plant pathology.

2. Ms. Barbara Ziesman

Barbara Ziesman is a M.Sc. student in the department of agricultural, food and nutritional science, University of Alberta, under the co-supervision of Drs. Kelly Turkington and Stephen Strelkov. Her project is focused on the development of a quantitative PCRbased approach for forecasting the risk of *Sclerotinia* stem rot, an important disease of canola.

The Canadian Phytopathological Society was pleased to present the Student Travel Award to B. Ziesman in recognition of her outstanding performance as a graduate student in plant pathology.

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

Taylor & Francis Travel Award:

Ms. Laura Barbison

Laura Barbison is an M.Sc. student in School of Environmental Sciences at the University of Guelph, under the supervision of Dr. Mary Ruth McDonald. Laura's research for her M.Sc. focuses on the biological control of sclerotia-forming plant pathogens, specifically *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum*, *Sclerotium cepivorum* and *Botrytis squamosa*.

The Canadian Phytopathological Society was pleased to present, on behalf of Taylor & Francis, the Taylor & Francis Travel Award to Laura Barbison, which provided funding to attend the annual CPS meeting and present her work.



Ailsa Marks, Managing Editor Environment and Agricultural Journals, Taylor & Francis Group, presents the T&F travel award to Laura Barbison



Canadian Phytopathological Society Best Student Oral Presentation Awards:

Drs. Karen Bailey, Tom Forge, Odile Carisse, and Rachid Lalalhi from AAFC participated as judges for the best student oral presentation and best student poster presentation awards.

This year, two Best Student Oral Presentation Awards were given, representing 1st and 2nd Place:

1. The CPS was pleased to present the 1st Place Best Student Oral Presentation Award to **Danve Castroverde** (University of Guelph), in recognition of his outstanding performance in his presentation: "Transgenic over-expression of the *Verticillium* wilt resistance gene *Ve1* confers partial resistance to susceptible tomato plants"
2. The CPS was pleased to present the 2nd Place Best Student Oral Presentation Award to **Erin Morrison** (Trent University), in recognition of her outstanding performance in her presentation: "Uncovering novel pathogenesis genes during analysis of expressed sequence tags from an *Ustilago maydis* filamentous dikaryon cDNA library"



Erin Morrison receives an award for Student Oral Presentation from Odile Carisse, Chair of CPS Awards Committee

Mr. Castroverde was also presented with a copy of the book 'Diseases of Field Crops in Canada', on behalf of Canadian Phytopathological Society

Ms. Morrison was also presented with a copy of the book 'Noms des maladies des plantes au Canada', on behalf of the Quebec Society for the Protection of Plants.

Canadian Phytopathological Society Best Student Poster Presentation Awards:

The CPS was pleased to present the Best Student Poster Presentation Award to **Mr. Herve Van Der Heyden** (McGill University) for his poster entitled "Exploring spatial relationships between mutations related to fungicide resistance among *Botrytis cinerea* populations"

In addition to the winner, there was an honourable mention in the poster competition:

Ms. Laura Barbison (University of Guelph), for her poster entitled "The influence of sclerotial origin and three control agents on the survival of sclerotia



Odile Carisse with Best Student Poster Presentation Award winner Herve Van Der Heyden

of *Botrytis squamosa*, *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum*, and *Sclerotium cepivorum*"

Report submitted by:

Dr. Odile Carisse

Dr. Karen Bailey

Dr. Tom Forge

CPS Awards Committee 2012



Volunteers needed for CPS Committees:

Website Committee: Following the recommendation from the Strategic Planning Committee and the feedback from general membership, the CPS Executive Board has decided to set up a CPS Website Committee. This committee will be responsible for collecting comments and suggestions from you and the public and take actions to improve the CPS website to serve you better. The committee will consist of 6 members including CPS Senior Director (Chair), Junior Director, Webmaster, two CPS members and a graduate student member. Now we call for

volunteers to fill in the Webmaster position and the vacant two committee members. If you are willing to help, please contact Senior Director Dr. Aiming Wang : email aiming.wang@agr.gc.ca; Tel: (519)457-1470, ext 313.

International Cooperation Committee: At the moment we have three members on this committee, and we would like to have 8-10 members - perhaps those who have contacts with Plant Pathological Societies in various countries of this world so we can build better contacts and

cooperation with those Societies. If you are willing to help, please contact the Chair of this Committee, Khalid Rashid at khalid.rashid@agr.gc.ca; Tel: (204)822-7220.

Your support to the CPS and its Committees will be much appreciated by the Board and all Members.

Respectfully submitted

CPS Membership Secretary
Khalid Rashid



Announcements

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 93 (2013). 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 l'éruption d'une nouvelle maladie, même s'il n'y a pas eu de relevé systématique. Les articles sur les relevés faits pendant les années antérieures proches 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 afin d'aider à planifier la recherche et pour résoudre des questions de commerce international impliquant l'état sanitaire des cultures. [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.](#)

Cette année il y a deux changements importants aux règlements concernant la publication d'articles dans l'IMPC. **1. Il n'y a plus de frais de publication par article. 2. Un résumé court de l'article est essentiel.** Ceci est nécessaire afin d'assurer que les articles de l'IMPC continuent à être indexés par l'AGRICOLA. Une longueur maximale de trois phrases (60 mots) est suggérée.

Call for papers

This is the first call for submissions in English or in French to CPDS, Volume 93 (2013 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 diseases, even when a systematic survey has not been conducted. Reports of surveys from recent previous years or compilations of results from several years are also welcome. The Canadian Phytopathological Society recognizes the continuing need to report disease surveys in CPDS in order to establish priorities for research and to deal with international trade where plant health issues apply. For more information on submission of reports to CPDS, please contact the appropriate section editor, listed below.

There are two important changes this year in the publication rules for CPDS articles. **1. There is no longer a publication charge per article. 2. A brief abstract of the article is required.** The abstract is to ensure CPDS articles continue to be indexed by AGRICOLA. A maximum length of three sentences (60 words) for CPDS abstracts is suggested.

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Announcing The 4th Joint Meeting of CPS-SK and PPSA Lloydminster, AB November 5-7, 2012



The 33rd Annual Meeting of the Plant Pathology Society of Alberta and Fourth Joint Meeting with CPS-SK will be held November 5-7, 2012 in Lloydminster, AB.

Submission deadline:

We invite you to submit titles for papers or posters for this meeting to Sue Boyetchko (sue.boyetchko@agr.gc.ca) by **October 15, 2012**. Please send your abstract submissions in Microsoft Word, using the format provided in the registration package by **October 23, 2012**.

Registration (for details, see pp. 6 & 7):

\$110	Member
\$80	Student member
\$130	Non-member
\$40	Late fee

Please complete the registration form and submit to Sue Boyetchko by mail, email or fax. Early registration on or before October 15, 2012 will avoid the late penalty of \$40. Registration details will be provided online at: <http://phytopath.ca/regional/sask/index.htm>

Note: This meeting has CCA and CCSC accreditation. Sign up sheets will be available.

Please send registration forms and abstracts to:

Sue Boyetchko

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Saskatoon Research Centre
107 Science Place, Saskatoon, SK S7N 0X2
Email: sue.boyetchko@agr.gc.ca
Fax: 306-956-7247

Venue:

Best Western Wayside Inn
5411 – 44 Street, Lloydminster, AB T9V 0A9
Ph. 780-875-4404
Fax 780-875-7210
Toll free: 1-800-658-4404

**Hotel rate: \$125/night + tax for standard room
(when booking room, refer to PPSA/CPS)**

**Disease Identification Workshop,
November 5, 2012**

A disease identification workshop will be held in connection with the joint meeting of CPS-Sask and the Plant Pathology Society of Alberta in Lloydminster. The workshop is designed to provide training for industry and extension field specialists and technical staff on disease identification in the field. Topics will include the process of identification and major diseases to watch for.

A special session on clubroot will discuss current status of this disease, how to identify it, the biology of the pathogen and how to prevent and manage the disease. A hands-on session will provide participants with the opportunity to examine demonstration plants and field specimens.

Detailed program will be provided to participants at a later date.

Note: This workshop has CCA and CCSC accreditation. Sign-up sheets will be available.

Location: Vermillion Lakeland College, 5707 College Drive, Vermillion, AB. Transportation will be

provided from the Best Western Wayside Inn, Lloydminster. Bus departs at 12 noon.

Registration: Pre-registration is mandatory by October 15 at a cost of \$75 per person. Please register by contacting:

Sue Boyetchko

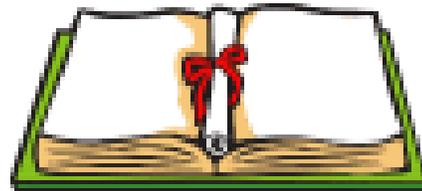
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Saskatoon Research Centre
107 Science Place, Saskatoon, SK S7N 0X2
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Fax: 306-956-7247

Seating is limited, so register early!

Grad Students' Corner

Successful Ph.D. at University of Guelph

Monica Parker successfully completed her Ph.D. in Plant Pathology in August, 2012. She undertook her studies in the Department of Plant Agriculture under the co-supervision of Dr. Mary Ruth McDonald and Dr. Greg Boland. Her thesis title is "Comparative sampling and detection of airborne ascospores of *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum* for forecasting risk of Sclerotinia rot of carrot, and assessment of induced resistance for disease management".





International Society for Plant Pathology

ISPP - International Newsletter on Plant Pathology

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

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Members of Associated Societies of ISPP can receive e-mail notification of Newsletter updates by joining the ISPP mail list.

<http://www.isppweb.org/newsletter.asp>

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- Meeting of the Executive Committee of The International Society for Plant Pathology (ISPP)
- The ISPP Forest Pathology Committee and Phytosanitary Standards in Forestry
- Eighth International Symposium on Chemical and non-Chemical Soil and Substrate Disinfection (SD2014)
- Unravelling the Origin of *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *actinidiae*
- A Method for Screening for Huanglongbing Control
- A Biosensor that Detects the Presence of Toxins in Leaves
- A Lucid Key to the Common Species of *Phytophthora*
- FAO High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security
- ISPP Advertises a Vacancy for a BSPP Outreach Officer
- Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation and its Publications
- A New Book on "Plant Pathology" edited from the Philippines
- Next-Generation Disease Resistance Breeding
- New Phytologist now online only
- "Dendroclimatology and Dendroecology" from the Journal "Trees"
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- 3rd Annual CropWorld India 2012 Conference
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- Australia Helps to Advance Food Security
- Forming an ISPP Committee in the area of Crop Loss Assessment
- Upward Progress in Impact Factors for ISPP journal Food Security
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- Transition to a Management Program for the Rust Disease of the Myrtaceae in Australia
- Serious Disease of Ash Trees in Europe
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- Witches' Broom on Longan in the Mekong Delta, Viet Nam
- Attempted use of Systemic Resistance to Control Potato Virus Y
- Prions in Fungal Populations
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- 29th International Horticultural Congress
- Acknowledgements
- Coming events

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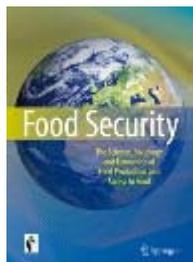
- Election of the 2013-2018 Executive Committee of the International Society for Plant Pathology (ISPP)
- Registration is now open for ICPP2013
- A Campaign against Stem Rust Ug99 and the Njoro Field Station in Kenya
- Plantwise Knowledge Bank
- Bioprotection of Foliar Diseases of Radiata Pine in New Zealand
- The American Phytopathological Society Announces its Awardees for 2012
- ISPP Committee on the Taxonomy of Plant Pathogenic Bacteria – new Members
- Changing Public Perceptions and Opinions on Global Food Security

- Plasmodiophorids
- Phytophthora bilobang – a New Species with an Australian name
- Helpful Series of Forestry Images including Diseases and Pests
- Evolution, Ecology and Control of Plant Viruses
- A Molecular Method to Distinguish Colletotrichum acutatum from C. gloeosporioides
- IUBS 31st General Assembly
- Living with the Trees of Life - Towards the Transformation of Tropical Agriculture
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- Joint Congress of Peruvian and Latin-American Associations for Phytopathology
- Reducing Fruit Losses in India and Sri Lanka using Nanotechnology
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- 1st International Conference on “Wild Plant Pathosystems”
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- News from the Plant Pathology Department in the Gator State (Florida)
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- A Stradivarius – Fungal Involvement?
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- Annual Review of Phytopathology and ISPP
- Food Safety Program in the Dominican Republic
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- Acknowledgements
- Coming events



Election of the 2013-2018 Executive Committee of the International Society for Plant Pathology (ISPP)

The call for nominations of candidates for election to the 2013-2018 ISPP Executive Committee has been posted to all constituent societies of the ISPP. This election occurs once every 5 years, in accordance with the ISPP Rules of Procedure. Nominations are being sought for the positions of ISPP **President, Vice-President, Secretary-General and Treasurer.**

A Nomination Committee has been formed, consisting of highly respected plant pathologists representing different regions of the world, and chaired by Prof Richard Falloon (ISPP Immediate Past President). The Committee will select two candidates for each position from the nominations received. The selected candidates will go forward to the full election, which will be a ballot of all ISPP Councilors.

Potential nominees must firstly agree to be nominated, and be aware of the time commitments and responsibilities involved with the respective positions. Short-listed nominees will be asked to provide a short written summary of their background and how they might serve in the position for which they have been nominated. Nominees should also be willing and aware of their responsibilities to ISPP and Associated Societies in fulfilling the duties of the positions. These will include participation at the International Congresses of Plant Pathology, in 2013 (Beijing) and 2018 (Boston), and being able to commit 50 to 100 h per year for ISPP Executive service. Nominators and potential nominees should view information on the ISPP (http://www.isppweb.org/about_objectives.asp), and consider the duties and responsibilities of the Executive as outlined in the ISPP Statutes and Rules of Procedure (http://www.isppweb.org/about_objectives_statutes.asp). Nominations should be sent directly to Prof Richard Falloon (richard.falloon@lincoln.ac.nz), or through a

representative of an Associated Society (see http://www.isppweb.org/about_associated.asp). Names and full contact details (including e-mail addresses), along with evidence of each nominee's willingness to serve if elected, should be provided.

Nominations should be received by 15 October 2012.

Employment

DuPont currently has an opening in the US for a plant pathology research investigator.

Investigator - Plant Pathology-9801120829

DuPont Crop Protection, Stine-Haskell Research Center is seeking a full-time Research Investigator in the Fungicide Portfolio Support and Renewal Group at the Stine Haskell Research Center in Newark, Delaware. The successful applicant will be part of a global R&D team conducting research to support the development, introduction, and long term sales of a portfolio of plant disease control products.

Responsibilities

- Conduct research to define the biological attributes of new and existing fungicide products.
- Develop innovative testing techniques for existing pathogens, and introduce new pathogens as required by business needs.
- Interact with a cross functional group of technical and business professionals to develop and maintain a thorough understanding of the market opportunity for new and existing plant disease control products.
- Summarize, document, and communicate fungicide product knowledge in innovative ways. Develop training materials and conduct training as required for employees and customers.
- Maintain technical competence in Plant Pathology. Serve as a resource, and coach in areas of expertise to help build overall competency in the organization.

Provide expertise in at least one additional competency such as microscopy, statistics, resistance management, photography, graphics, etc. that strengthens the overall abilities of the organization.

Qualifications

- Ph.D. in Plant Pathology, Plant Protection or a closely related field with 4-7 years experience.
- In depth knowledge of plant disease etiology, epidemiology, and fungal taxonomy.
- Knowledge of the major classes of fungicides and the major products in each class.
- Knowledge of plant taxonomy and physiology.
- Basic competence in organic chemistry and molecular biology.
- Strong written and oral communication skills.
- Basic competence of statistics and graphics software for presentation of results.
- Ability to manage multiple projects, meet timelines, and deliver results.
- Strong leadership and team building skills.
- The ability to work effectively across functional, organizational, and cultural boundaries

<http://www.apsnet.org/careers/jobcenter/Lists/APSJobOpenings/DispForm.aspx?ID=200>



People and Travel

Developing a better potato for indigenous communities in Colombia IDRC/CIDA Project led by Prof. Ajjamada Kushalappa

McGill University scientists, led by Prof. Ajjamada Kushalappa of the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, have teamed up with researchers from the Universidad Nacional de Colombia to develop nutritious, high-yielding, and more disease-resistant potatoes for food-insecure indigenous communities in Colombia.

This project, for 2.8 million dollars, supported by IDRC and CIDA through the Canadian International Food Security Research Fund (CIFSRF), combines the scientific expertise of Canada and Colombia to produce, select, and introduce nutritional, high yielding, and genetically resistant potato cultivars to late blight disease, for distribution to the indigenous

communities of Nariño. State-of-the-art comprehensive metabolomics and shotgun proteomics technologies will be used to identify the genes conferring quantitative resistance to late blight of potato. The research team is also developing and implementing an educational program for smallholder farmers and training Nariño's indigenous women to become community leaders in their use of improved agricultural, nutritional, and dietary practices. The project is collaborating closely with local and regional authorities to implement the research results, which could be adapted to other parts of Colombia and neighbouring Andean countries.

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