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## President's Message

I wish you a happy holiday season and successful 2015! The Board of Directors of the CPS have been busy since taking office in August and I would like to use this space to briefly highlight some of our activities.



**Deena Errampalli**  
CPS-SCP President/présidente

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### Transition to the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act

The membership of the CPS approved new Articles and By-laws as part of the transition to the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act at the Special Meeting of the Members that was held on August 9, 2014. The Society's application to continue as a Corporation under the Act has been approved by Corporations Canada and we have received our Certificate of Continuance. The transition of the CPS to the Act is legally complete and we are now operating under the new Articles and By-laws, which have been posted in the Member's Section of the CPS website. We will be updating the Operations Manual over the coming months to

ensure that it is compatible with the Act and our new By-laws.

### **Charitable status for the CPS**

To retain our charitable status, the CPS is required to submit a Certificate of Continuance under the Act and the new Articles and By-laws to the Charities Directorate. We submitted all of the required documents on September 23rd and are waiting for a response.

### **Associate Editor-in-chief of the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology**

In September, we added the position of Associate Editor-in-chief to the Editorial Board of the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology to assist the Editor-in-Chief. We welcome Steven Strelkov as the Associate Editor-in-chief.

Thank you to Steven, the Editor-in-chief, Zamir Punja, and section editors, reviewers, and manuscript contributors!

### **International designation for the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology**

Starting in January, the caption "An International Journal of Phytopathology" will appear on the front cover of the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology. "This addition reflects the fact that we are indeed an international journal, more so than ever, with 65% of submissions in 2013 originating from outside Canada. This change adds a broader perspective to the journal, yet retains the fact that it is still a Canadian Society based journal." says Zamir Punja, Editor-in-chief of the Journal. The CPS continues to have an excellent relationship with Taylor and Francis, our journal publisher and technical editor.

### **New membership category**

Technicians can now become members of the CPS at a cost of 50% of the regular member rate. Please convey this information to your technicians and

encourage them to join and contribute to the Society.

### **Multi-year membership renewal option**

Beginning in 2015, the CPS is offering a multi-year (i.e. up to 5 years) membership renewal option to the members. Thanks to Membership Secretary, Vikram Bisht, Treasurer, Ken Conn, and Webmaster, Lorne Adams, for incorporating the changes and updating the membership form and the PayPal website for 2015. I encourage you to renew your membership as soon as possible.

### **Volunteering on Committees and the Board**

Volunteers are the lifeblood of CPS activities and we need your involvement to move the CPS's objectives forward. Janice Elmhirst, Immediate

Past President and the Chair of the Nominating Committee, will be sending out a call for nominations for positions on committees and the Board for

2015 to 2016. Please nominate yourself, or a colleague with appropriate aptitudes, to these positions. February 1st is the deadline for the Chair of the Nominating Committee to receive nominations.

### **Student travel awards**

Thanks to Plant Canada, two student travel awards of \$500 will be offered for the Botany 2015 meeting. That makes a total of five student travel awards for the meeting - two from the CPS, two from Plant Canada, and one from Taylor & Francis. I ask you to inform your students about this opportunity and encourage them to apply for the awards and attend the meeting.

### **CPS awards nominations**

Recognizing the contributions of our fellow members is one of the goals of the CPS. Mark Gijzen, Chair of the Awards Committee, will soon

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be sending out a call for award nominations. Please consider nominating a worthy colleague or student for a CPS award. It is not a large task when two or three people prepare a nomination. Please submit nominations to Mark Gijzen at [Mark.Gijzen@agr.gc.ca](mailto:Mark.Gijzen@agr.gc.ca) by March 1, 2015.

### **Fostering international collaboration**

As part of my duties as President, I accepted an invitation to be Guest of Honour at the 11<sup>th</sup> European Foundation for Plant Pathology (EFPP) conference that was held in Kraków, Poland from September 8 to 13, and offered greetings to the members of the EFPP. The kind words that were sent by Professor Manka, conference Convener, are "Dear Dr. Errampalli, It was a great honour for the Organising Committee of 11<sup>th</sup> Conference on Plant Pathology to have you as an honourable guest at the Conference. We appreciate very much your involvement in all activities of the conference, chairing the session, summarising it and choosing the best poster. We do hope that the stay in Kraków was not only hard work but also pleasure. Please find enclosed the Report of the conference which is also available at the conference (<http://www.efpp11-krakow.pl/>), together with a choice of photos sent in by some of the participants."

### **CPS is now an affiliate member of the IAPPS**

The Secretary General of the International Association for Plant Protection Sciences (IAPPS) extended an invitation for the CPS to become an affiliate member. The Board is pleased to inform you that, as of November 2015, the CPS will become an affiliate member of the IAPPS. A link to the IAPPS is on our website and the CPS logo and a link to our website are on the IAPPS website at <http://www.plantprotection.org/>. The connection between the CPS and IAPPS will be mutually beneficial in achieving the common goal of global plant protection. The CPS hopes to work with the IAPPS and submit a bid to host the International Plant Protection Congress, which is held every 4 years, in Vancouver in 2023.

### **Invitation to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Phytopathological Society of Japan**

I am pleased to inform you that I have received a letter of invitation from Dr. Kenichi Tsuchiya, President of the Phytopathological Society of Japan (PSJ), to attend the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their Society on March 28, 2015, in Tokyo, Japan. I will not be able to attend the celebrations; however, I will send a congratulatory message on behalf of the CPS membership to the members of the PSJ on reaching their auspicious centenary.



**CPS President Deena Errampalli offers greetings from The Canadian Phytopathological Society at the EFPP conference in Poland**

## Regional meetings

Guided by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Strategic Plan, the CPS is committed to building on the success of regional meetings. I had the honour of attending four regional meetings this fall - the PPSA-Alberta and CPS-South Western Ontario meetings in person and the CPS-Saskatchewan, and CPS-Manitoba meetings via video conference. I enjoyed learning about regional plant disease issues and the solutions that are being sought and offered. You will find the reports from the regional meetings in this and future issues of CPS News. These reports reaffirm that plant disease issues are as diverse as the regions and ecozones of our vast and beautiful Canada. On behalf of the CPS, I would like to thank all of the members who have worked locally to organize our Regional Associations and events as well as the participants. This year, some Regions have made use of the financial support from the CPS for guest speakers and workshops at their meetings. The organizers of upcoming meetings are encouraged to organize workshops and training for regional members and, if required, to contact the Treasurer with detailed requests for support for such activities.

**Deena Errampalli had the honor of attending Regional CPS meetings, and had the pleasure of awarding the 2014 CPS Student Prizes in person for Best Oral and Poster Presentations won at the CPS-APS Joint Meeting in Minneapolis in August 2014.**



**Krista Zuzak from the University of Alberta receives her award for Best Student Oral Presentation at the PPSA meeting in Canmore, AB.**



**Erin Morrison of Trent University won the prize for Best Student Poster and received it at the CPS-SORA Regional meeting in London, ON.**



## Botany 2015

I invite you to attend Botany 2015, which is a joint meeting of 13 plant societies from Canada and the United States that will be held at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton, Alberta from July 25 to 29, 2015. The theme of the conference is "Science and Plants for People." We are expecting about 2000 delegates so it will be a great meeting for networking. Registration begins in February, 2015. Please note that the CPS Meeting of Members (AGM) will be on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, from noon to 2:00 pm, and a CPS-only banquet and awards reception will be held in the evening. So, please mark your calendars for July 25 to 29, 2015, and look forward to more announcements as we move closer to the big event.

Please contact me with your suggestions on how we can improve the CPS to better serve you.

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## Message de la présidente

Je vous souhaite une joyeuse période des fêtes et une année 2015 des plus enrichissantes! Le conseil d'administration de la Société canadienne de phytopathologie (SCP) a été occupé depuis son entrée en fonction au mois d'août et j'aimerais profiter de cette vitrine pour souligner brièvement quelques-unes de nos activités.

## Passage à la Loi canadienne sur les organisations à but non lucratif

Les membres de la SCP ont approuvé les nouveaux articles et règlements relatifs à la Loi canadienne sur les organisations à but non lucratif lors de la réunion extraordinaire du 9 août. L'application de la Société concernant la poursuite de ses activités à titre d'organisation à but non lucratif en vertu de la Loi a été approuvée par Corporations Canada et nous avons reçu notre certificat de prorogation. Le passage de la SCP à la Loi est maintenant légal et nous fonctionnons désormais selon les nouveaux articles et règlements qui ont été affichés dans la section des membres de notre site Web. Nous actualiserons le guide des opérations dans les mois à venir afin de nous assurer qu'il concorde avec la Loi et nos nouveaux règlements.

## Statut d'organisme de bienfaisance de la SCP

Afin de retenir son statut d'organisme de bienfaisance, la SCP doit soumettre un certificat de prorogation à la Direction des œuvres de bienfaisance en vertu de la Loi et des nouveaux articles et règlements. Le 23 septembre, nous avons soumis tous les documents requis : nous attendons une réponse.

## Rédacteur en chef adjoint de la *Revue canadienne de phytopathologie*

En septembre, nous avons ajouté un poste au comité de rédaction de la *Revue canadienne de phytopathologie* pour assister le rédacteur en chef dans son travail. Il s'agit du poste de rédacteur en chef adjoint qui est occupé par Steven Strelkov à qui nous souhaitons la bienvenue. Merci à Steven et à Zamir Punja, le rédacteur en chef, ainsi qu'aux chefs de rubriques, aux réviseurs et aux divers collaborateurs!

## Désignation internationale pour la *Revue canadienne de phytopathologie*

À partir de janvier, le sous-titre « Une revue internationale de phytopathologie » apparaîtra sur la page couverture de la *Revue canadienne de phytopathologie*. « Cet ajout reflète effectivement le calibre international de la *Revue* avec, en 2013, 65 % des articles soumis provenant de l'extérieur »

du Canada. Cette modification confère une perspective plus large à la *Revue* tout en insistant sur le fait qu'il s'agit bien d'une revue canadienne », précise Zamir Punja, le rédacteur en chef de la *Revue*. La relation de la SCP avec Taylor and Francis, l'éditeur et le réviseur technique de notre revue, est toujours aussi harmonieuse.

### Catégorie de nouveaux membres

Les techniciens peuvent maintenant devenir membres de la SCP, et ce, pour la moitié du tarif exigé des membres titulaires. Veuillez s'il vous plaît transmettre cette information à vos techniciens et encouragez-les à se joindre à la Société et à y contribuer.

### Possibilité de renouvellement de l'adhésion sur une base pluriannuelle

À partir de 2015, la SCP offre aux membres la possibilité de renouveler leur adhésion sur une base pluriannuelle (c.-à-d. jusqu'à cinq ans). Merci au secrétaire aux adhésions, Vikram Bisht, au trésorier, Ken Conn, et au webmestre, Lorne Adams, pour avoir intégré les modifications et mis à jour le formulaire ainsi que le site PayPal pour 2015. Je vous encourage à renouveler votre adhésion dès que possible.

### Participation bénévole aux comités et au conseil

Les bénévoles sont le moteur des activités de la SCP et nous avons besoin de leur engagement pour faire progresser ses objectifs.

Janice Elmhirst, présidente sortante et présidente du comité des candidatures, lancera bientôt un appel pour les candidatures aux postes à pourvoir aux différents comités et au conseil pour 2015-2016. S'il vous plaît, briguez un de ces postes ou suggérez le nom d'un collègue qui est dûment qualifié. La date limite pour présenter les candidatures au comité est le 1 février.

### Bourses de voyage pour étudiants

Merci à Plant Canada pour les deux bourses de 500,00 \$ chacune qui seront octroyées à deux étudiants pour qu'ils assistent à la conférence Botany 2015. Cela fait en tout cinq bourses de voyage pour la conférence : deux de la SCP, deux de Plant Canada et une de Taylor and Francis. Je vous demande d'informer vos étudiants de cette occasion et de les encourager à s'inscrire et à assister à la réunion.

### Candidatures pour les prix de la SCP

Un des objectifs de la SCP est de reconnaître les contributions de nos collègues. Mark Gijzen, président du comité des prix, lancera bientôt un appel relativement à l'admissibilité des candidatures. S'il vous plaît, pensez à proposer un digne collègue ou un étudiant méritant pour un prix de la SCP. La tâche est loin d'être lourde quand deux ou trois personnes travaillent à présenter une candidature. S'il vous plaît, soumettez vos candidatures à Mark Gijzen, au plus tard le 1<sup>er</sup> mars, à l'adresse suivante : [Mark.Gijzen@agr.gc.ca](mailto:Mark.Gijzen@agr.gc.ca).

### Encourager la collaboration internationale

Dans le cadre de mes fonctions en tant que présidente, j'ai accepté une invitation à titre d'invitée d'honneur à la 11<sup>e</sup> Conférence de la Fondation européenne de pathologie végétale (FEPV) qui s'est tenue à Cracovie, en Pologne, du 8

au 13 septembre et à laquelle j'ai adressé nos salutations aux membres. Je transmets ici le message cordial que le professeur Manka,

responsable de la Conférence, m'a envoyé : « Chère Madame Errampalli, cela a été un insigne honneur pour le comité organisateur de la 11<sup>e</sup> Conférence sur la pathologie végétale de vous avoir comme invitée d'honneur. Nous avons apprécié au plus haut point votre implication dans toutes les activités de la conférence, présidant la séance, la résumant et choisissant la meilleure affiche. Nous espérons que, malgré la somme de

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travail accompli, vous avez pu profiter de votre séjour à Cracovie. Vous trouverez ci-joint le rapport de la Conférence qui est également accessible à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.efpp11-krakow.pl/>. J'y joins également une sélection de photographies prises par des participants. »

### **La SCP est maintenant membre affilié de l'Association internationale pour les sciences en protection des plantes**

Le secrétaire général de l'Association internationale pour les sciences en protection des plantes (AISPP) a invité la SCP à devenir membre affilié. Le conseil est heureux de vous informer que, à partir du 15 novembre 2015, la SCP sera membre affilié de l'AISPP. Vous trouverez un lien pour accéder à l'AISPP sur notre site Web, et le logo de la SCP ainsi qu'un lien vers notre site Web sont sur le site de l'AISPP (<http://www.plantprotection.org/>). Le rapport entre la SCP et l'AISPP profitera aux deux organisations en poursuivant le même objectif, soit la protection des végétaux à l'échelle mondiale. La SCP espère travailler de concert avec l'AISPP afin de présenter sa candidature pour la tenue à Vancouver, en 2023, du Congrès international sur la protection des plantes, qui se tient tous les quatre ans.

### **Invitation à participer au 100<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de la Société japonaise de phytopathologie**

J'ai le plaisir de vous informer que j'ai reçu une invitation de M. Kenichi Tsuchiya, président de la Société japonaise de phytopathologie (SJP) pour assister au 100<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de leur société à Tokyo au Japon, le 28 mars 2015. Je ne pourrai assister aux célébrations, toutefois, j'enverrai à la SJP un message de félicitations au nom des membres de la SCP à l'occasion de ce centenaire.

### **Réunions régionales**

Guidée par le 3<sup>e</sup> Plan stratégique, la SCP s'engage à construire sur le succès des réunions régionales. J'ai eu l'honneur de participer à quatre réunions régionales l'automne dernier — en personne à celles de la Société de phytopathologie de l'Alberta et de la SCP-Sud-ouest de l'Ontario et, par vidéoconférence, à celles de la SCP-Saskatchewan et de la SCP-Manitoba. J'ai été heureuse de

m'informer des problèmes régionaux causés par les maladies des plantes et des solutions recherchées et proposées. Vous trouverez les rapports de ces réunions régionales dans ce numéro de *CPS/SCP News*, ainsi que dans les prochains. Ces rapports confirment de nouveau que les problèmes relatifs aux maladies des plantes sont aussi différents que les régions et que les écozones de notre vaste et beau pays. Au nom de la SCP, je voudrais remercier tous les membres qui ont travaillé localement à créer nos associations régionales et à organiser les événements, ainsi que les participants. Cette année, certaines régions se sont prévaluées du soutien financier offert par la SCP pour défrayer les honoraires de conférenciers et organiser des ateliers lors de leurs réunions. Nous encourageons les organisateurs des prochaines réunions à offrir des ateliers et des séances de formation aux membres locaux et, s'ils le requièrent, à contacter le trésorier afin de lui présenter le détail de leurs projets afin que la SCP soutienne de telles initiatives.



### **Conférence Botany 2015**

Je vous invite à assister à Botany 2015 qui est une conférence organisée conjointement par 13 sociétés canadiennes et américaines et qui se tiendra au Shaw Conference Centre à Edmonton en Alberta, du 25 au 29 juillet 2015. Le thème de la conférence est : « La science et les végétaux au profit des gens ». Nous attendons environ 2 000 délégués, ce qui constituera une occasion unique de réseautage. L'inscription débute en février 2015. Veuillez noter que l'assemblée générale annuelle des membres de la SCP aura lieu le mardi 28 juillet 2015, de midi à 14 h, et que le banquet de la SCP ainsi que sa remise de prix se dérouleront dans la soirée. Alors, inscrivez ces dates dans votre agenda et soyez attentifs aux prochaines annonces qui seront publiées à mesure que nous nous rapprocherons du grand événement.

S'il vous plaît, afin de mieux vous servir, contactez-moi pour me faire part de vos suggestions concernant l'amélioration de la SCP.

**[Deena.Errampalli@AGR.GC.CA](mailto:Deena.Errampalli@AGR.GC.CA)**

## Transition to the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act

The membership of the CPS approved new Articles and By-laws as part of the transition to the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act at the Special Meeting of the Members that was held on August 9, 2014 in Minneapolis. The Society's application to continue as a Corporation under the Act has been approved by Corporations Canada and we have received our Certificate of Continuance. The transition of the CPS to the Act is legally complete and we are now operating under the new Articles and By-laws, which have been posted in the Member's Section of the CPS website at <http://phytopath.ca/members.shtml>.

### Minutes

#### Special Meeting of Members

#### Regarding Transition of CPS Inc./SCP Inc. to the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (NFP Act)

August 10, 2014

Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA

1. **Call to order / welcome and introductions** (Janice Elmhirst), 10 a.m.  
Janice welcomed the members and guests in attendance.
2. **Determination of a Quorum**  
CPS members in attendance: 52  
Number required for a quorum under current constitution: 25
3. **Adoption of the agenda for the Special meeting of members**  
**Motion:** to approve the agenda for the special meeting of members  
Moved/Seconded: Sue Boyetchko /Fouad Daayf. Passed unanimously.
4. **Special resolution of members** to authorize two directors of the CPS Board to make application to Corporations Canada to transition to New Canada Not for Profit Corporations Act (NFP ACT) (Deena Errampalli)

#### SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF MEMBERS

continuing the CPS Corporation under the provisions of the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act and authorizing the directors to apply for a Certificate of Continuance.

WHEREAS the Corporation was incorporated under Part II of the Canada Corporations Act by Letters Patent dated the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 1989; and

WHEREAS it is considered to be in the best interests of the Corporation that it be continued under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act (NFP Act) pursuant to section 297 of the NFP Act;

#### BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT:

- a. The directors of the Corporation are authorized and directed to make an application under section 297 of the NFP Act to the Director appointed under the NFP Act for a Certificate of Continuance of the Corporation;
- b. Any one of the officers and directors of the Corporation (Deena Errampalli and or Gayle Jespersen) is authorized to take all such actions and execute and deliver all such documentation,

including the annexed Articles of Continuance (transition), the notice of registered office and of directors in the forms fixed by the Director, which are necessary or desirable for the implementation of this resolution.

**Motion:** to approve the Special resolution of members

Moved/Seconded: Deena Errampalli/Barry Saville. Passed unanimously

5. **Approval of Articles of continuance** (transition) of the CPS Inc., the corporation (Deena Errampalli)  
The articles of continuance, as presented on Form 4031 (appendix 1) were reviewed by D. Errampalli. This document, when filed with Industry Canada, will replace our constitution and letters patent.

**Questions from floor:**

Q: Why is Manitoba listed as the location for the registered office?

A: Although the registered office was changed to Ottawa Ontario in our constitution, this change was never filed with Industry Canada, so the address of record remains in Manitoba. The address will be updated after we have transitioned, and the current secretary's address will be used for all correspondence.

**Motion:** The CPS membership to approve the Articles of Continuance (transition) of the CPS Inc. the corporation (as amended) , which have been submitted to this meeting by the publication in CPS News in June 2014 and paper copies at this meeting.

Moved/Seconded: Deena Errampalli/Bruce Gossen. Passed, unanimously

6. **Approval of By-Laws** of CPS Inc., (as amended) under the new NFP Act (Deena Errampalli and Gayle Jespersen)  
D. Errampalli reviewed the new draft bylaws, including all amendments made to the bylaws based on member feedback since their distribution to the membership in CPS News.

Discussion from the floor:

By-law 30 (a): Concern that the wording of the travel reimbursement section was too vague. A vote by show of hands indicated a majority in favour of retaining the current wording as amended (47 in favour, 4 against, 1 abstention).

By-law 33 (8): It was suggested that monetary award amounts be removed from the student travel award, and that the wording of the current bylaws be retained regarding the number of travel awards. It was agreed by majority vote to strike the revised wording from By-law 33(a) and to add a clause that additional awards may be sponsored by Taylor and Francis or others.

By-law 33(9): It was agreed by consensus that monetary award amounts be removed from the student scholarship section to give more flexibility to the board and that preference be given to Canadian students or students affiliated with Canadian Universities.

**The Motion:** The CPS membership to approve the general operating by-law of the Corporation (as amended) is repealed effective on the date that the corporation continues under the NFP Act and the new general operating by-law which has been submitted to this meeting through publication in CPS News in June 2014 and paper copies at this meeting; and will be effective on the same date.

Moved/Seconded: Deena Errampalli/Dilantha Fernando.  
Passed unanimously (52 votes in favour)



7. **Adjournment** of the Special meeting of members at 11:14 a.m.

**Compte rendu**  
**Assemblée extraordinaire des membres relative à la**  
**transition de la CPS Inc./SCP inc. à la**  
**Loi canadienne sur les organisations à but non lucratif (Loi BNL)**  
**10 août 2014**  
**Minneapolis, Minnesota, É.-U.**

1. **Ouverture : mot de bienvenue et discours inaugural** (Janice Elmhirst), 10 h.  
Janis a souhaité la bienvenue aux membres et aux invités.
2. **Vérification du quorum**  
Membres de la SCP présents : 52  
Nombre requis pour atteindre le quorum selon la constitution actuelle : 25
3. **Adoption de l'ordre du jour pour l'assemblée extraordinaire des membres**  
**Motion** : approbation de l'ordre du jour pour l'assemblée extraordinaire des membres  
Proposée/Appuyée : Sue Boyetchko /Fouad Daayf. Adoptée à l'unanimité.
4. **Résolution extraordinaire des membres** visant à autoriser deux directeurs du conseil de la SCP à présenter une requête à Corporations Canada afin d'effectuer la transition à la nouvelle Loi canadienne sur les organisations à but non lucratif (Loi BNL) (Deena Errampalli)

**RÉSOLUTION EXTRAORDINAIRE DES MEMBRES**

prorogeant le statut de la SCP en vertu des dispositions de la Loi canadienne sur les organisations à but non lucratif et autorisant les directeurs à faire une demande de certificat de prorogation.

ATTENDU QUE l'Organisation a été créée en vertu de la Partie II de la Loi sur les corporations canadiennes par lettres patentes le 8<sup>e</sup> jour de mai 1989; et

ATTENDU QU'il est dans l'intérêt supérieur de l'Organisation que celle-ci soit prorogée en vertu de la Loi canadienne sur les organisations à but non lucratif, conformément à l'article 297 de ladite Loi BNL;

**QU'IL SOIT ORDONNÉ COMME RÉOLUTION EXTRAORDINAIRE QUE :**

- a. Les directeurs de l'Organisation sont autorisés et enjoint de présenter une demande de certificat de prorogation au directeur désigné en vertu de la Loi BNL, et ce, conformément à l'article 297 de la Loi BNL;
- b. L'un des quelconques dirigeants et directeurs de l'Organisation (Deena Errampalli ou Gayle Jesperson) soit autorisé à faire tout ce qui est nécessaire ainsi qu'à signer et à livrer tous les documents, y compris les articles de prorogation annexés (transition), l'avis concernant le siège social et les directeurs, dans les formes déterminées par le directeur, qui sont nécessaires ou souhaitables pour la mise en œuvre de cette résolution.

**Motion** : approbation de la résolution extraordinaire des membres  
Proposée/Appuyée : Deena Errampalli/Barry Saville. Adoptée à l'unanimité.

## 5. **Approbation des articles de prorogation** (transition) de la SCP inc., l'Organisation (Deena Errampalli)

Les articles de prorogation, comme ils sont présentés sur le formulaire 4031 (annexe 1), ont été révisés par D. Errampalli. Ce document, quand il aura été déposé à Industrie Canada, remplacera notre constitution et nos lettres patentes.

Question d'un participant :

Q : Pourquoi le Manitoba est-il inscrit comme siège social?

R : Bien que, dans notre constitution, le lieu du siège social a été changé pour Ottawa, en Ontario, cette modification n'a jamais été transmise à Industrie Canada, alors l'adresse d'enregistrement est toujours au Manitoba. L'adresse sera mise à jour après la transition et, d'ici là, l'adresse du secrétaire actuel sera utilisée pour toute correspondance.

**Motion** : approbation, par les membres de la SCP, des articles de prorogation (transition) de la SCP inc. (tel qu'ils ont été amendés) qui ont été soumis à cette assemblée par leur publication dans le *CPS/SCP News* de juin 2014 et dont une copie papier a été distribuée aux membres assistant à cette réunion. Proposée/Appuyée : Deena Errampalli/Bruce Gossen. Adoptée à l'unanimité.

## 6. **Approbation des règlements administratifs** de la SCP inc. (tel qu'ils ont été modifiés) en vertu de la Loi BNL (Deena Errampalli ou Gayle Jesperson)

D. Errampalli a révisé le nouveau projet de règlements, y compris toutes les modifications qui leur ont été apportées en vertu de la rétroaction des membres depuis qu'ils en ont pris connaissance dans le *CPS/SCP News*.

Discussion entre participants :

Règlement 30 (a) : Certains croyaient que le libellé concernant le remboursement des frais de déplacement était trop vague. Un vote à main levée a indiqué qu'une majorité était en faveur du maintien du libellé tel qu'il avait été modifié (47 pour, 4 contre, 1 abstention).

Règlement 33 (8) : On a suggéré que les montants des prix en argent soient supprimés de la bourse de voyage pour les étudiants et que le libellé du règlement actuel relatif au nombre de prix soit gardé. La majorité a convenu, par vote, de supprimer le libellé révisé du règlement 33(a) et d'y ajouter une clause précisant que des prix additionnels pourraient être commandités par Taylor and Francis ou d'autres.

Règlement 33 (9) : Il a été convenu, par consensus, que les montants des prix en argent soient supprimés de la section sur les bourses d'études afin d'offrir plus de flexibilité au conseil et de favoriser les étudiants canadiens et ceux qui sont affiliés à des universités canadiennes.

**Motion** : approbation, par les membres de la SCP, du règlement relatif à la conduite des affaires de l'Organisation (tel qu'il a été modifié) abrogé à la date à laquelle l'Organisation poursuivra ses activités en vertu de la Loi BNL et du règlement administratif général qui a été soumis à cette assemblée par sa publication dans le *CPS/SCP News* de juin 2014 et dont une copie papier a été distribuée aux membres assistant à cette réunion, et qui entrera en vigueur à la même date.

Proposée/Appuyée : Deena Errampalli/Dilantha Fernando. Adoptée à l'unanimité (52 votes pour).

## 7. **Ajournement** de l'assemblée extraordinaire des membres à 11 h 14.



## CPS Calendar of Events

### January 2015

**15** Botany 2015 Abstract Submissions will be accepted

### February 2015

**1** Nominations for CPS Officers  
and Committees members due

Botany 2015 Conference Registration opens

### March 2015

**1** CPS Award Nominations due

### April 2015

**16** CPS Maritime Region Meeting  
Fredericton, NB

### July 2015

**25-29** Botany 2015 Meeting, Edmonton, AB

**28** CPS Annual Meeting of  
Members (Noon to 1:30 pm)

CPS Banquet and Awards  
Presentation (6:00 to 10:00 pm)

**29** Plant Canada Reception  
(7:00 – 8:00 pm)

All Societies Celebrate! event  
(8:00 to 11:00 pm)

## Committee Reports

### MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Dear colleagues,

**This is a reminder for all the CPS members to renew the CPS membership for the year 2015** and a request to encourage others to become CPS members. Many of you have already renewed; thank you very much for your timely renewal. **For renewal, January 31 is the deadline**, after which there is a late fee.

I will send the member list shortly to our journal publisher Taylor & Francis. You will receive an email from them to create your 2015 account with T & F if you have requested access to the CJPP.

Wishing you all the best in 2015.

**Vikram Bisht**

Membership Secretary, Canadian Phytopathological Society

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### NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

NOTICE from the Nominations Committee

Nominations for the CPS Board of Directors, **Vice-President** and **Junior Director-at-Large**, are needed for the coming year. Please submit names of nominees to Dr. Janice Elmhirst, Chair of the Nominations Committee at [Janice.elmhirst@shaw.ca](mailto:Janice.elmhirst@shaw.ca), by **FEBRUARY 1, 2015**.

Participating on a CPS committee is a wonderful way to benefit our profession while gaining valuable experience and networking with other members, across the country. Whatever your talents

and interests, we have something for everyone! Volunteers are needed for the Awards, Future Meetings, Nominations, Resolutions, Education, Information Products Marketing, International Cooperation, and Public Relations committees. Terms of Reference for the committees can be found on the CPS Website: Members Section. Interested volunteers please contact Dr. Janice Elmhirst ([Janice.elmhirst@shaw.ca](mailto:Janice.elmhirst@shaw.ca)) for more details.

Janice Elmhirst  
CPS Past President and Nominations Committee Chair



## AWARDS COMMITTEE



**Call for 2015 CPS AWARDS**  
**Nominate your colleagues today!**  
**Submissions close MARCH 1, 2015**  
**Send to [mark.Gijzen@agr.gc.ca](mailto:mark.Gijzen@agr.gc.ca)**



Take a few moments to nominate your colleagues, and students for one of the CPS awards. The awards are summarized below. Full awards details and criteria may be found at <http://phytopath.ca/awards.shtml>. All submissions must be complete and received by the Awards Committee ([mark.Gijzen@agr.gc.ca](mailto:mark.Gijzen@agr.gc.ca)) by March 1, 2015.

### 1. Honorary Member

This award is open to any person who has rendered eminent service to plant pathology and is normally not a member of the Society. Submit a letter of recommendation outlining service and achievements.

### 2. Award for Outstanding Research

As the Society's most prestigious award, it recognizes outstanding research in plant pathology in Canada. Consideration is given to research involving new concepts, phenomena, or principles in plant pathology. Submit letter of recommendation outlining research achievements.

### 3. Outstanding Young Scientist Award

This award recognizes the contributions of a junior scientist (under 45 years of age) who has made an outstanding contribution to plant pathology in Canada. Submit letter of recommendation outlining:

- superior research accomplishment, either as a single contribution or as a series of associated endeavours, in plant pathology or in a related field
- meritorious contribution to plant pathology scholarship or literature, whether or not this is based upon the recipient's own original research, and whether or not it be based upon predominantly Canadian material
- unusually valuable practical application of scientific or technological expertise
- significant leadership in plant pathology

### 4. Graduate Student Travel Awards (2 awards from CPS, 2 from Plant Canada, and 1 from Taylor and Francis sponsored award of \$500 each)

This award provides reimbursement of travel, accommodation, registration and other costs to attend the CPS Annual Meeting. The student must be in a MSc or PhD research program in plant pathology, but does not need to be a CPS member. The application must include:

- A copy of the abstract of the presentation to be published in the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology
- A one-page statement from the student outlining the significance and implications of the research to be presented
- A letter of support from the senior supervisor outlining the student's research and academic abilities
- A brief (2-page) resume of the student's background and relevant experience

Academic transcripts inclusive of undergraduate and graduate training

### 5. Achievements in Plant Disease Management

This award recognize individual or team contributions from industry or not-for-profit agencies, for innovative research, development of products and technologies, and/or transfer of information for the benefit of disease management in Canada. Supporting evidence and up to three letters of reference are required to substantiate contribution to:

- scientific research on products and technologies used in plant pathology
- innovative solutions to problems in plant pathology
- participation in plant pathology extension
- volunteer support to the Society

## 6. CPS Education Award (open to CPS members and public, including school students)

This award recognizes contributions by individuals or groups for the development of teaching resources that can be used by instructors in public schools or universities to illustrate the importance and (or) principles of plant pathology and related topics. Resources could include videos, websites, software, experimental designs, new texts, posters, or articles of educational interest.

## 7. Best Student Poster Presentation Awards

Best Student Presentation Awards for poster presentations are evaluated during the CPS annual meeting. There will be Best Student and three runner up awards for each of the poster presentations. Submit a copy of the abstract to the Awards Committee indicating the type of presentation. The evaluation criteria are based on content and organization and presentation.

## 8. Graduate Student Scholarships (3 scholarships of \$1500 each plus paid CPS membership)

Scholarships are available to undergraduate, MSc and PhD students studying at a post-secondary institution in Canada. Following the award of the CPS Graduate Student Scholarship, candidates are expected to present their research at a national or regional CPS meeting at some future date and their supervisors are requested to provide a short biography of the student for the quarterly newsletter of the Canadian Phytopathological Society. Application submissions require:

- Two letters of support/reference from an academic or work supervisor who has known the candidate for at least 12 months
- A personal statement consisting of one page that outlines the applicant's motivation for pursuing graduate studies in plant pathology, as well as future goals, their personal activities that demonstrate research abilities and leadership, e.g., publications, teaching, volunteerism, community involvement, etc.
- An essay on a topic in plant pathology or an original research proposal that demonstrates the applicant's ability to communicate and organize ideas. Maximum of 3 pages in length, typed double-spaced, 12-point font

- Copies of academic transcripts for undergraduate studies and graduate studies if applicable
- Evidence of registration in a graduate program, (letter from supervisor or documentation from university, such as a tuition receipt)



# Regional Meeting Reports

## CPS-BC Regional Meeting Report 2014

The CPS-BC Regional meeting was held on November 12, 2014, at the Simon Fraser University, Surrey Campus in Surrey, B.C. The meeting was organized and hosted by the local arrangements committee led by Dr. Zamir Punja from Simon Fraser University. The meeting was attended by a total of 36 participants, including students, researchers and industry. The agenda captured a wide range of Phytopathological topics in Agriculture and Forestry.

Following registration and welcome remarks, the formal part of the program started with a mini symposium on an overview of the medicinal marijuana (*Cannabis sativa*) industry covering aspects on plant production, regulations, pests, diseases and more. The information was presented by personnel from Agrima Botanicals located in Maple Ridge, BC. In addition to this, there were a total of six oral presentations and eleven poster presentations. Topics covered epidemiology, fungicide or biocide efficacy trial results, disease management issues and tools, and an update on emerging plant disease issues in B.C. The best poster presentation award was presented to **R.L. Wallace** (University of British Columbia - Okanagan Campus, Kelowna, B.C.) for a presentation on 'Biological control of postharvest disease in two

varieties of British Columbia apples using *Pseudomonas fluorescens* isolates'. Second place recipient for the poster presentation was **T.T. Watson** (University of British Columbia - Okanagan Campus, Kelowna, B.C.) for the poster on – 'Alternative management of root-lesion nematodes (*Pratylenchus penetrans*) and *Cylindrocarpon/ Ilyonectria* spp. impacting apple and sweet cherry during replant establishment'. The formal part of the meeting was followed by a nice dinner and awards presentations. Poster presentation awards were presented by the CPS Past President, Dr. Janice Elmhirst.

Vippen Joshi, CPS-BC regional representative conducted the business meeting. Vippen presented the treasurer's report prepared by Rona N. Sturrock.

The 2015 Western Forum meeting is planned to occur in Abbotsford, B.C. The 2015 CPS-BC Regional meeting could occur right before or after the Western Forum meeting to be held in October, 2015 in Abbotsford. The BC Ministry of Agriculture staff have undertaken the task to organize it.

Thanks to the local arrangements committee (Zamir Punja, Andrew C. Wylie, and associates) who put together an impressive program in a very spacious meeting room followed by a delicious dinner, and to Maria Jeffries for taking minutes for the business meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Vippen Joshi, CPS-BC Regional Representative



## CPS-SK Regional Meeting Report 2014

The CPS-Saskatchewan Regional Annual Meeting was held on December 11, 2014 at AAFC Saskatoon Research Center, Saskatoon. The meeting was attended with over 60 attendees including students, plant pathologists, research scientists, technicians, and industry members. Twenty-seven abstracts were submitted while 17 abstracts were for oral presentations and 10 abstracts for poster presentations.

The meeting was started with opening remarks from Dr. Jianwei Zhao, the representative of CPS-SK, by welcoming the attendees, and then followed by two featured speakers. **Dr. Lyndon Porter** from the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, presented "Resistance in pea to the root rot pathogen *Fusarium avenaceum*", and **Dr. Randy Kutcher** from the University of Saskatchewan presented to us a historical review of evolutionary change in wheat diseases in Saskatchewan titled "A review of wheat diseases in Saskatchewan over the last century".

CPS President Deena Errampalli addressed her greetings to the meeting via video teleconference. She also brought updates from the CPS Board on transition of the CPS to Canada NPF Act, CPS website re-design, the Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology, the Code of Practice, the reduced meeting registration fees for CPS student members, the reduced CPS membership fee for technicians, and the fostering collaboration with international plant pathology societies and plant protection societies. Deena's enthusiasm for plant pathology was very inspiring to the audience and she extended her warm invitation to the audience for the upcoming the "Botany 2015" meeting in Edmonton, Alberta, 2015.

The topics presented at the meeting covered key areas in significant diseases such as blackleg, sclerotinia stem rot, and clubroot in canola, Fusarium head blight and strip rust in wheat, Fusarium root rot and Ascochyta blight in pea, net blotch of barley, and late blight in potato. In each of the crop diseases, in-depth research was presented from pathogenic fungi identification, genetic diversity of pathogenic fungi, phytoalexins as antifungal metabolites, host resistance, and disease management via fungicide and bio-control.

We were extremely pleased to see the active participation from research scientists where presentations were made on up-to-date research on bio-control of potato blight, identification of pathogenic fungi associated with root rot of field peas, molecular marker development and management of clubroot disease in canola, and the application of FTIR technology in dissecting host resistance mechanism in wheat Fusarium head blight. We were very happy to welcome participants

from University of Alberta, AAFC Lethbridge Research Center, and Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, and presentations were made on research from root rot of field pea to barley diseases including net blotch.

Another highlight of this meeting ascribes to the enthusiastic contribution of graduate students. Eleven graduate students delivered fantastic oral presentations in this meeting. Seven students competed for student awards in the oral presentation category, and two for poster presentation awards. All of the presentations were of high quality and it was difficult to separate them apart. After some debate, we decided to give two awards for the oral presentation and one for the poster presentation. **Huy To**, a PhD candidate from Department of Chemistry, University of Saskatchewan was awarded first place in the oral presentation category for his talk titled "Novel phytoalexins from crucifers: structure, biosynthesis and antifungal activity". The second place winner of

the oral presentation went to **Pree Edirisinghe**, Department of Plant Science, University of Saskatchewan, for her presentation "Evaluation of Fusarium wilt resistance in a flax germplasm". The poster presentation award was given to **Gurcharn Brar**, Department of Plant Science, University of Saskatchewan, for his poster presentation titled "Races of *Puccinia striiformis* f. sp. *tritici* in western Canada". Congratulations to all!

One new thing we tried at this meeting was to request feedback from the participants. Thanks to those who provided their feedback. This information is of great value for improvements in future meetings.

We thank AAFC Saskatoon Research Center for providing the venue for this meeting. Thanks to BASF, CPS, and Dow AgroSciences for their financial support to this meeting. Thanks to Lone Buchwaldt and Coreen Franke who worked together with Jianwei Zhao as a local arrangements committee to

organize this meeting. Thanks to the judges Faye Bouchard, Diana Bekkaoui, and Godfrey Chongo for their help evaluate students' presentations.

Sincerely  
Jianwei Zhao, CPS Regional  
Representative for Saskatchewan



**Huy To (right) is presented with the Best Student Oral Presentation Prize by Prof. Robin Morrell at the CPS-SK Regional Meeting**

## CPS-MB Regional Meeting Report 2014

**2014 Manitoba CPS Regional Meeting minutes**  
**December 4<sup>th</sup> 2014**  
**Morden AAFC Research Centre, Morden MB**

The 2014 Manitoba Regional Meeting of the Canadian Phytopathological Society was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December at the AAFC Research Centre in Morden MB. Thirty-Five people attended the event.

Registration with coffee and donuts started at 9:00am.

After introductions, the attendees first received a warm welcome from Dr. David Wall on behalf of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and from Dr. Jim Menzies on behalf of the local arrangements committee. Dr. Deena Errampalli, the current CPS President, joined by video teleconference and made a short presentation. Dr. Errampalli welcomed the attendees and conveyed information on future CPS and joint meetings.

Disease updates followed: Dr. Brent McCallum (leaf, stripe, and stem rusts), Dr. Jim Menzies (crown rust, smuts, and ergot), Dr. Khalid Rashid (flax and sunflower diseases including aster yellows, verticillium wilt, rusts, sclerotinia rots, and downy mildews), Mrs. Holly Derksen (FHB in wheat and Goss's wilt in corn), Dr. Debbie McLaren (pulse diseases including root rots, mycosphaerella blight, mold, anthracnose, and downy mildew, as well as canola blackleg), Dr. Xiben Wang (barley diseases), Dr. Vikram Bisht (soybean and vegetable diseases).

This year there were seven student presentations as follows:

- **Alkher H, Adam LR, Kawchuk LM, Peters RD, Al-Mughrabi KI, Daayf F.** Cross-pathogenicity of *Phytophthora infestans* on potato and tomato.
- **Hajihassani A, Tenuta M.** Host preference and seed-borne transmission of the stem nematodes, *Ditylenchus weischeri* and *D. dipsaci*.
- **Amarasinghe CC, Tittlemier SA, Fernando WGD.** Identification of nivalenol producing

*Fusarium cerealis* in winter wheat for the first time in Manitoba, Canada.

- **Reimer LM, De Kievit T, Ferenando WGD.** The plant growth promoting ability of biocontrol bacteria *Pseudomonas chlororaphis* PA23, *Pseudomonas brassicacearum* DF41, and *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* BS6.
- **Becker MG, Girard IJ, Fernando WGD, Belmonte MF.** How Low Can We Go? Optimisation of RNA sequencing libraries to study the *Brassica napus* – *Leptosphaeria maculans* pathosystem genomics.
- **Zhu X, Islam MR, Adam LR, Daayf F.** Functional analysis of potential pathogenicity determinants in *Verticillium dahliae*.
- **Molina OI, Tenuta M, Daayf F.** Quantification of *Verticillium* species using Real Time PCR in potato soils in Manitoba.

After lunch, the attendees were given a tour of the AAFC Morden Research Centre. Then presentations were given by Dr. Mark Belmonte from the University of Manitoba, Dr. Vikram Bisht from Manitoba Agriculture, and Dr. Maria Antonia Henriquez from AAFC Brandon:

- **Belmonte MF, Becker MG, Zhang X, Fernando WGD.** Comprehensive RNA profiling of the *Leptosphaeria maculans* - *Brassica napus* cotyledon pathosystem.
- **Bisht V, Gudmestad N, and Desjardins M.** Boscalid and Azoxystrobin resistance in *Alternaria solani* isolates from Manitoba.
- **Henriquez MA, McLaren DL, Conner RL, Balasubramanian PM, Chang KF, Hwang SF, Strelkov SE, Gossen BD, Penner WC.** Soybean root rot and *Phytophthora* rot in Manitoba.



**Dr. Fouad Daayf (center) congratulates the winners of the Best Student Oral Presentation awards at the CPS Manitoba Regional Meeting. Michael Becker (right) won first place and Oscar Molina (left) took second.**

After a short coffee break, awards for best student presentations were presented to two winners. The best student oral presentation went to **Michael Becker** (supervisor: Dr. Mark Belmonte) and the runner-up was **Oscar Molina** (supervisor: Mario Tenuta). The business meeting followed shortly after.

#### **Business meeting**

After welcoming the members, Dr. Daayf asked for the adoption of the minutes from last year's meeting. The minutes were accepted by a motion from Dr. K. Rashid, seconded by Dr. B. McCallum. Dr. Daayf and Mr. Lorne Adam provided an update on the newly remodeled CPS website and invited the members to send any comments or remarks on the new website to the CPS Board.

The members then discussed the possibility of hosting the annual meeting of the CPS in Winnipeg in 2017. A

vote was held and the members unanimously voted for hosting the meeting in Winnipeg. Dr. Daayf and Dr. Menzies will be chairing the local arrangements committee.

Dr. Daayf presented a financial update of the Manitoba regional section, and then thanked all those in the audience for coming, and Drs. Menzies, Rashid, and Bisht for this year's local arrangements of the CPS-Manitoba section meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Fouad Daayf  
CPS-MB Regional Representative



## Report on EFPP

### **11<sup>th</sup> European Foundation for Plant Pathology (EFPP) conference in Krakow, Poland.**

Over 300 delegates from 44 countries in 5 continents attended the 11<sup>th</sup> European Foundation for Plant Pathology (EFPP) conference in Krakow, Poland from Sept 8-13, 2014 and shared their scientific research, developed new collaborations and strengthened existing collaborations.

The EFPP (<http://www.efpp.net/default.htm>) Board met with the representatives of different plant pathology Societies from Europe and Canada (Photo).



*In front, from left to right: Dr. Arne Hermansen (EFPP treasurer), Dr. Piet M. Boonekamp (EFPP vice-president), Prof. Ma<sup>3</sup>gorzata Mańka (EFPP president and President, Polish Phytopathological Society ), Dr. Martin Verbeek (EFPP general secretary).*

*Middle row, from left to right: Prof. Tatiana E. ăesan (Romania), Dr. Deena Errampalli (President, Canadian Phytopathological Society, Canada), Prof. Ma<sup>3</sup>gorzata Jêdryczka (Poland), Prof. Lesley Torrance (British Society of Plant Pathology, UK).*

*Back row, from left to right: Prof. Piotr Sobiczewski (Poland), Prof. Maria I. Clara (Portugal), Prof. Maria M. Lopez (Spain), Dr. Petr Komínek (Czech Republic), Prof. Radovan Pokorný (Head, Czech Society for Plant Pathology, Czech Republic), Dr. Victoria Luksha (Belarus), Dr. Natalia Sklimenok (Belarus), Dr. Nenad Keàa (Serbia)*

The conference with the theme, 'Healthy Plants-Healthy People', was opened by Prof Malgorzata Mańka, President of the EFPP and the dignitaries from Poland brought best wishes to the delegates.

Dr. Deena Errampalli was the Guest of Honour at the 11<sup>th</sup> EFPP conference. At the plenary session of the Conference, Dr. Errampalli delivered one of the opening addresses on behalf of the Canadian Phytopathological Society (CPS) and offered greetings from the Canadian plant pathologists to the European plant pathologists colleagues and thanked the EFPP members and the organizers of the 11<sup>th</sup> conference for bestowing such an honour on the CPS President.

An excellent scientific program was organised by Prof. Piotr Sobiczewski (Chair) and in his international scientific committee. A special thank you goes to Prof. Malgorzata (Gosia) Jedryczka (Secretary of the Scientific Committee), whose careful thought, creativity, dedication, leadership and hard work in the organization of every aspect of the conference made it a memorable event for all those that had attended the conference. There were eight contributed oral presentations sessions (1. New pathogens and shifts in pathogenicity; 2. Toxic metabolites of pathogens; 3. Pathogen identification, detection and monitoring; 4. Genomics, proteomics and bioinformatics; 5. Diseases of trees in forests and recreation sites; 6. Plant disease management; 7. Plant pathogens in soil, air, and water; 8. Plant disease resistance). A special session was held at the Wieliczka Salt Mine, with a lecture on biological monitoring, in the treatment salt chambers of the Wieliczka Salt Mine Health Resort, and concluded with an amazing



**In the Wieliczka Salt Mine**

conference dinner in the hall about 125 meters below ground level, with floors, ceiling and walls, made up of salt rock. Errampalli and some of the EFPP members were made honorary citizens of the Wieliczka Salt Mine.

In addition, three workshops on Ramularia leaf spot of barley, Blackleg and Clubroot of crucifers, and the 5<sup>th</sup> International Seed Health Conference, were held on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

At the EFPP conference closing ceremony, awards for best poster presentation in each of the scientific and workshop sessions were presented.



**Poster award winners**

Many CPS members attended the conference and presented talks, posters and some chaired the scientific sessions.



**CPS Members in attendance at the EFPP Conference**

The conference concluded with a field tour to the ecological orchard (September 12<sup>th</sup>) where participants observed diseases of tree fruits, and an excursion and field trip to Krakow-Czestochowa Upland area, a land of caves, castles, and unusual limestone cliffs, ravines and rock formations in the forests.

A good time was had by all! The next EFPP conference will be held in 2017 (location to be determined).

Many of the challenges in plant disease control are global and addressing them requires international collaboration. The CPS hopes to continue to foster collaboration with EFPP and the individual plant pathology societies in the foundation including the Polish Phytopathological Society.

Prepared and submitted by  
Deena Errampalli,  
President, Canadian Phytopathological Society



**Ogrodzieniec Castle**



**Knight Deena with a sword in the Ogrodzieniec Castle fighting the plant pathogens - perils of being a plant pathologist!**



## People and Awards

### **Richard Hamelin receives Scientific Achievement Award from the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)**

Richard Hamelin, a Laurentian Forestry Centre scientist in forest pathology and genomics, has received the Scientific Achievement Award at the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) World Congress. He becomes the first Québécois to receive this prestigious honour and the second from NRCan (René Alfaro won in 1990).

Over the last 20 years, Richard has innovated by integrating molecular biology and genomics into forest pathology with the aim to answer questions related to pathogen detection and monitoring, population dynamics and ecology. The strength of his research in the areas of genomics, diagnostics and monitoring of pests, and forest pathology has

allowed him to become a key player in large-scale international projects.

Since 1994, Richard has helped educate the next generation of scientists by teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in forest pathology as well as by being a supervisor or a member of worldwide review committees for nearly 50 graduate students and post-doctoral fellows.

His main achievements are the translation of genomics into molecular diagnostic and detection tools, the development of a platform for molecular diagnostics of forest pests, and the monitoring of the impact of transgenic trees on microbial diversity.

Richard is an inspiring role model for young scientists and his colleagues thanks to his multidisciplinary approach to answering complex research questions and his capacity for bringing together scientists with various expertise.



**Dr. Richard Hamelin, CPS Past President 2004-2005 (second from the right), receives the Scientific Achievement Award at the IUFRO**

Finally, as a pioneer and expert in the field of molecular forest pathology, Richard was recognized for his distinguished achievements in forest science.

### About IUFRO

IUFRO is a global network for forest science cooperation that enhances the understanding of the ecological, economic and social aspects of forests and trees. At each World Congress, IUFRO recognizes outstanding achievements. Awards are given to scientists who have demonstrated achievement in the advancement of regional or world forestry or forest research.



### Mardi Desjardins Retires

Mardi Desjardins has decided to retire. Mardi has been an anchor for many years for the crop diagnostic work in Manitoba. With lots of patience and a keen eye, Mardi had discovered many new pest issues for Manitoba over the years. She dealt with a wide variety of pest and non-pest crop issues and worked with the Dutch Elm disease project to help sustain Winnipeg's Elm trees. A great personality to work with; she will be greatly missed professionally.

In her own words, Mardi says: *"The time has come for me to move on from my life as a plant disease diagnostician. My last hours in the lab will be the morning of Nov 25. When I think back to the first time I stepped through the doors of this lab on January 2 of 1980, I did not see this far into the future or imagine the interesting things I would have the opportunity to learn. I have seen a lot of dead plants and many amazing fungi during my time in the lab. A conservative estimate is around 45,000 plant samples. Although 35 years sounds like a long time, it has gone by faster than I ever believed it could. I will miss the adventure of working in the lab environment and will miss the people but I do have some great memories to take with me. There are certainly parts of this career that are hard to leave behind but I look forward to the future with*

*excitement. As I step away from my career, I wish you all the best for the future in yours!"*

On behalf of the CPS membership, we wish to thank Mardi for her many contributions to the Society over the years, and wish her the best of everything in her new path forward.



### Introducing Dr. José Ramón Úrbez-Torres Plant Pathologist – Research Scientist – AAFC/PARC Summerland



Dr. José Ramón Úrbez-Torres was born in Zaragoza, one of the largest fruit tree and grapevine production areas of Spain. He received his Bachelor (2000) and Master (2004) degrees in Agricultural Sciences from the University of Valladolid (Spain). Additionally, he obtained a Master in Viticulture, Enology and Wine Marketing from the International Social Science Council in 2001. Dr. Úrbez-Torres interest in plant pathology research started in 1999, when under the supervision of Plant Pathologist Dr. H. Peláez, he participated in several research projects as a summer student in the Crop Protection Department at the Castilla y León Provincial Government Research Institute ITACyL in Valladolid. In 2001, Dr. Úrbez-Torres temporally joined this Department as Technical Agricultural Engineer and conducted research on some of the most economically important grapevine

pests (the European grapevine moth *Lobesia botrana*) and diseases (powdery and downy mildew, botrytis, and Eutypa dieback) of the region.

In 2003, awarded with a scholarship from the European Union, Dr. Úrbez-Torres joined the Department of Plant Pathology at the University of California Davis under the supervision of Extension Specialist Dr. W. D. Gubler, a worldwide recognized grape pathologist. Dr. Úrbez-Torres conducted research as a Postgraduate Researcher on several grapevine diseases until September 2005, date he started the Ph.D. program at U.C. Davis. He received his Ph.D. in Plant Pathology in September 2009. Dr. Úrbez-Torres focused his research efforts to elucidate the etiology, biology, and epidemiology of grapevine trunk diseases (GTDs) in California, particularly on 'Botryosphaeria dieback'. During those years, Dr. Úrbez-Torres was also able to extend his research on GTDs to other grape-growing regions in the U.S.A. and Mexico. He continued his research at U.C. Davis as a Postdoctoral Researcher until October 2010 investigating the etiology of branch dieback and root rot diseases of olive trees in California. Although most of Dr. Úrbez-Torres research at U.C. Davis was focused on grapevine and olive diseases, he also worked closely with other commodity groups contributing to understand several other economically important diseases in apple, blueberry, cherry, pear, pomegranate, and walnut.

In fall 2010, Dr. Úrbez-Torres joined as Visiting Fellow the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada/Pacific Agri-Food Research Centre (PARC) in Summerland, British Columbia under the supervision of Research Scientist Dr. P. Bowen and Biologist D. O'Gorman. Dr. Úrbez-Torres research projects focused on elucidating the status of GTDs in both young and mature vineyards in BC and working towards the development of a molecular diagnostic tool to rapidly and accurately identify all fungi associated with this pathosystem. The outcomes of this research revealed for the first time GTDs to occur in vineyards throughout BC and over 40 different fungal pathogens associated with these diseases were identified by means of phenotypic, molecular, phylogenetic, and pathogenicity studies, including novel species for the scientific community. Additionally, a molecular diagnostic tool based on the reverse dot-blot hybridization technique has been successfully developed, tested and validated for the rapid and

specific identification of 35 different fungi associated with 'black-foot', 'Petri-disease', and 'esca' diseases of grapevines. In September 2014, Dr. Úrbez-Torres successfully competed for a Plant Pathologist Research Scientist position at PARC. His current research continues focusing on programs related to plant pathology (fungal, bacterial, and viral pathogens) of woody perennial fruit crops with emphasis on cherry and grapevine. Accordingly, Dr. Úrbez-Torres current grapevine research projects include i) the study of the epidemiology of GTDs in BC and the development and implementation of effective control strategies against these diseases, ii) further development of molecular diagnostic tools for detection and identification of the major fungal pathogens affecting woody perennial crops, and iii) the study of the current status of grapevine virus diseases in BC with emphasis on grapevine leafroll, grapevine fanleaf, and the newly discovered grapevine red-blotch virus, which is a multidisciplinary team research project in collaboration with Entomologist Dr. T. Lowery, Plant Physiologist Dr. P. Bowen, Biologist/Viticulture C. Bogdanoff, and Phytochemist Dr. K. Usher. Dr. Úrbez-Torres current fruit tree research, in collaboration with D. O'Gorman, focuses on the study of a recently discovered cherry disorder known as 'slip-skin', the cherry replant disease, and studies on the cause of fruit tree dieback in BC. Since Dr. Úrbez-Torres started his position at PARC as Visiting Fellow, he has been also supporting and contributing as plant pathologist to the apple and cherry breeding program led by Dr. C. Hampson as well as the postharvest physiology program led by Dr. P. Toivonen.

Though Dr. Úrbez-Torres is still at an early stage of his scientific career, he is regarded as one of the leading scientists with regards to the wider group of taxonomically diverse fungal pathogens generally referred to as the GTD complex. As a result, Dr. Úrbez-Torres was invited to become a member of the International Council on Grapevine Trunk Diseases in 2010. Dr. Úrbez-Torres is member of the American Phytopathological Society (APS) since May 2004, the Spanish Phytopathological society (SEF) since August 2010, and the Canadian Phytopathological society since October 2013.



## Announcements

### CPS Website gets a new look!

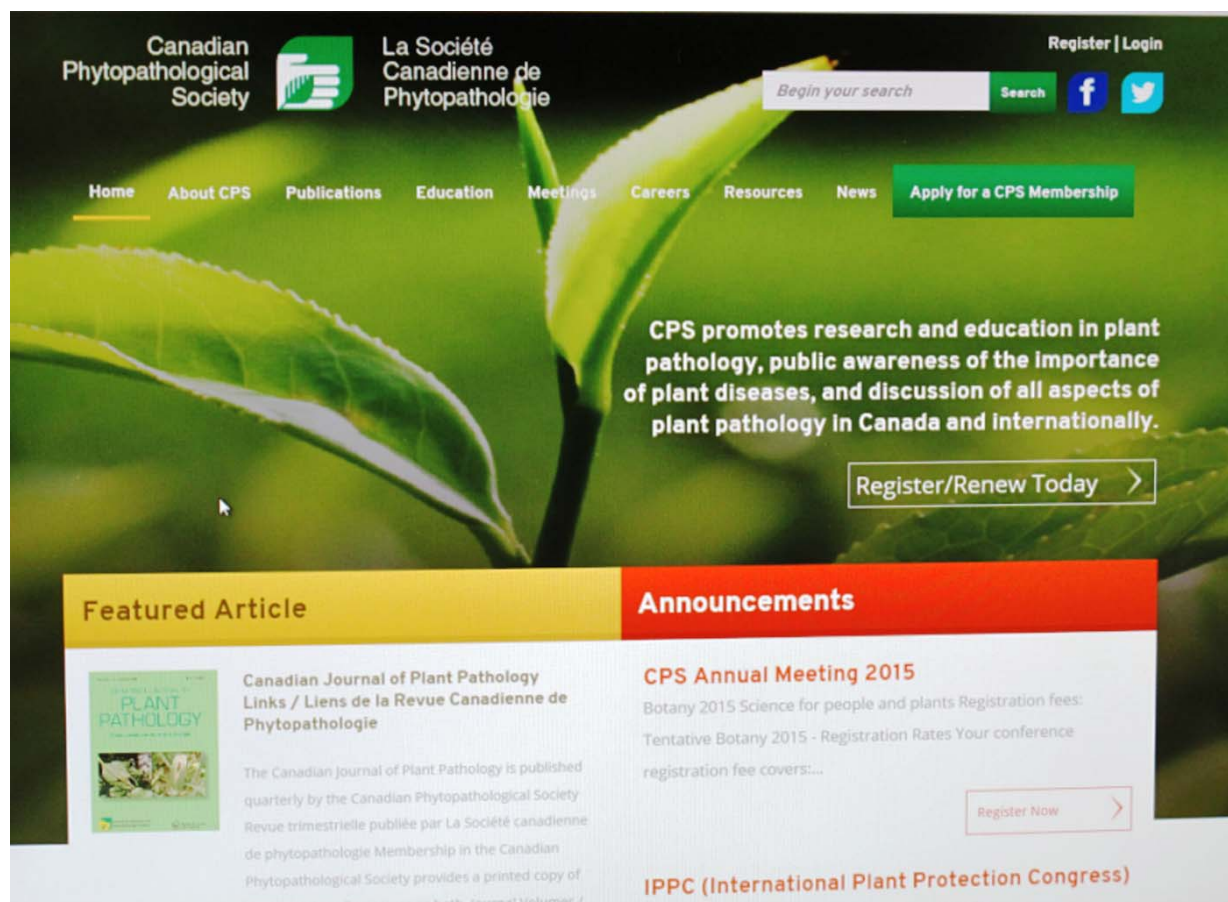
The CPS Website, [www.phytopath.ca/](http://www.phytopath.ca/) has been completely redesigned. The homepage gives you quick and easy updates on what's happening with CPS along with news and information. This product is the result of a lot of work done by CPS Website Committee, and the Modern Earth Web Design Team over the past 15 months.

Our goal with this new site is to provide our visitors with an easier way to learn about what the

Canadian Phytopathological Society does, why we do what we do, and how to get involved. We will be adding new items over the coming months.

We hope you find the new website has a fresh look, is easy to use and is informative. Please send us your feedback: [info@Phytopath.ca](mailto:info@Phytopath.ca)  
Sincerely,

The CPS Board of Directors



## Announcements



**July 25 - 29, 2015**  
**The Shaw Conference Centre**  
**Edmonton, Alberta - Canada**

**Joint meeting of**  
**Canadian Phytopathological Society**  
**with 12 other Plant Societies from Canada and USA**

**Relevant Dates**  
**Abstract Submissions will be accepted January 2015**  
**Conference Registration opens February 2015**

<http://www.botanyconference.org/>

## ISPP - International Newsletter on Plant Pathology



International Society for Plant Pathology

The International Society for Plant Pathology promotes the world-wide development of plant pathology and the dissemination of knowledge about plant diseases and plant health management.

News and announcements from all on any aspect of Plant Pathology are invited for the Newsletter.

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

### ISPP NEWSLETTER 44 (11) November 2014

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- Fishing for a new Newsletter Editor
- 5th Asian Conference for Plant Pathology 2-6 November 2014
- International Summer School on Plant Disease Epidemiology (ISSPDE 2015)
- Call for Nominations for the International Plant Protection Award of Distinction
- IPPC 2015 18th International Plant Protection Congress 2015 - Mission Possible: Food for All through Appropriate Plant Protection
- Brazil: Portable detection for huanglongbing (HLB = citrus greening)
- Soilborne Diseases Symposium, 10-13 November 2014 in Hobart, Tasmania
- Daniel McAlpine and The Bitter Pit
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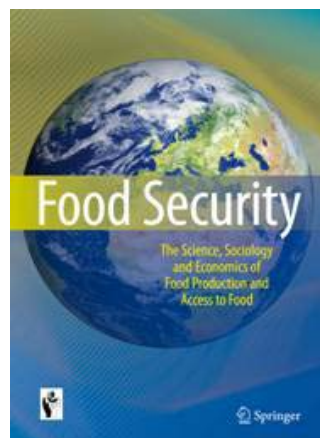
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- Seasonal Greetings
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# PLANT SCIENCE SCAN

Edition 11, January 2015

**BACKGROUND:** The Plant Health Science Division of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency routinely scans external sources to identify information that might be of possible regulatory significance or interest to Canada's national plant health. This Plant Science Scan report was prepared by and for the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's staff as a mechanism to highlight potential items of interest, raise awareness and share significant new information related to plant health.

## Index of Articles

### Pathology

- 1 **Update:** Recent outbreak and control of *Synchytrium endobioticum*, the causing agent of potato wart disease, in Denmark
- 2 **First Report:** Asian brown rot, *Monilia polystroma*, in Italy
- 3 **First Report:** *Phytophthora tentaculata* in the United States
- 4 **Update:** Polyphasic taxonomic study proposes revision of the *Ralstonia solanacearum* species complex

### Botany

- 7 **First Report:** Spotted lanternfly, *Lycorma delicatula*, in the United States
- 8 **Update:** *Lespedeza cuneata*, a potential rangeland concern for Canada

### Entomology

- 5 **New Treatment:** Phytosanitary treatment of wood pallets by microwave
- 6 **Tool Development:** Adopting and evaluating a trapping system for the Asian longhorned beetle

### Biotechnology

- 9 **Review:** A comparative analysis of insertional effects in genetically engineered plants: Considerations for pre-market assessments
- 10 **Update:** The end of a myth – Bt (Cry1Ab) maize does not harm green lacewings



Numbered squares correspond to numbered articles above

The Plant Science Scan is a compilation of publicly available information on issues of potential regulatory significance to the CFIA's Plant program. It provides readers with a brief summary and references for recently released information on regulated and emerging plant pests and diseases, invasive plant species and issues relating to Plants with Novel Traits (PNTs) and biotechnology.

In previous years similar Plant program related information has been distributed via the "Science

Scan", "Science Intelligence Reports" and the "Plant Health Early Warning System" (PHEWS). As in the past, the Plant Science Scan is intended to be informational, communicating emerging scientific and technical information relevant to the CFIA's Plant program.

If you wish to be added to the distribution list, please send an email indicating your preference to [PSS-SSV@inspection.gc.ca](mailto:PSS-SSV@inspection.gc.ca)

# SURVOL

## SCIENCE DES VÉGÉTAUX

Édition 11, janvier 2015

Contexte : La Direction des sciences de la protection des végétaux de l'Agence canadienne d'inspection des aliments (ACIA) effectue régulièrement un balayage des sources externes afin d'identifier toute information pouvant avoir de l'importance ou de l'intérêt, sur le plan réglementaire, pour le programme canadien de protection des végétaux. L'ACIA a rédigé le présent Survol - science des végétaux comme outil de sensibilisation, pour mettre en relief certaines questions d'intérêt et partager de nouvelles informations ayant de l'importance pour la protection des végétaux.

### Index des articles

**Pathologie**

- 1 **Mise à jour** : Récente éclosion de *Synchytrium endobioticum*, l'agent causal de la gale verruqueuse de la pomme de terre, au Danemark et mesures de lutte
- 2 **Premier rapport** : La pourriture brune asiatique (*Monilia polystrama*) en Italie
- 3 **Premier rapport** : *Phytophthora tentaculata* aux États-Unis
- 4 **Mise à jour** : Proposition de révision du complexe d'espèces du *Ralstonia solanacearum* d'après une étude de taxinomie polyphasique

**Botanique**

- 7 **Premier rapport** : *Fulgore Lycorma delicatula* aux États-Unis
- 8 **Mise à jour** : *Lespedeza cuneata*, source de préoccupations possibles dans les parcours naturels au Canada

**Entomologie**

- 5 **Nouveau traitement** : Traitement phytosanitaire de palettes en bois par micro-ondes
- 6 **Développement d'outils** : Mise au point et évaluation d'un système de piégeage pour le longicorne étoilé

**Biotechnologie**

- 9 **Revue** : Analyse comparative des effets insertionnels chez les végétaux génétiquement modifiés : facteurs à prendre en considération dans les évaluations préalables à la mise en marché
- 10 **Mise à jour** : La fin d'un mythe – le maïs Bt (Cry1Ab) n'a pas d'effets néfastes pour les chrysopes

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Le Survol - science des végétaux est une compilation de renseignements publics sur des dossiers pouvant avoir de l'importance au chapitre de la réglementation pour le programme des végétaux de l'ACIA. Il fournit aux lecteurs un résumé des renseignements récents sur les maladies et les phytoravageurs réglementés et émergents ainsi que sur les espèces végétales envahissantes, en plus des références connexes. Le Survol traite également des végétaux à caractères nouveaux (VCN) et de la biotechnologie.

Au cours des années précédentes, des renseignements similaires sur le programme des

végétaux ont été diffusés par l'entremise du "Compte Rendue Scientifique", du "Science Intelligence Reports" et du "Plant Health Early Warning System" (PHEWS). Comme dans le passé, le Survol - science des végétaux est préparé à titre informatif et vise à communiquer de nouveaux renseignements scientifiques et techniques pertinents quant au programme des végétaux de l'ACIA.

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## Employment

### Research Scientist – Mycology

**Organization Name:** Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada - Science and Technology Branch

**Location:** Ottawa (Ontario)

**Closing Date:** January 26, 2015

The position, located at the Eastern Cereal and Oilseed Research Centre (ECORC), requires scientific innovation and leadership in the area of fungal systematics with a focus on the Ascomycetes causing leaf, stem and seed diseases. The successful candidate will lead multidisciplinary research to improve identification systems for economically relevant plant pathogenic genera and fill critical knowledge gaps relative to quarantine, invasive and mycotoxigenic species. The successful candidate will be expected to provide leadership in resolving taxonomic and nomenclatural issues, enhancing knowledge of Canadian biodiversity and validating existing legacy specimen data, and identifying markers that are suitable for the development of molecular diagnostic tools.

The scientist will work as part of multidisciplinary teams, with mycologists at AAFC and CFIA, with plant pathologists at AAFC, and with the Biodiversity Bioinformatics team at ECORC, and will also collaborate with researchers in universities and industry. The Mycology group at ECORC conducts innovative research in Biosystematics and the Centre houses significant holdings of fungi in the National Collections.

The researcher is expected to manage multiple projects in a multidisciplinary setting requiring collaboration with other scientific teams. The incumbent will be expected to seek internal and external funding and collaborators to support the research program and to effectively manage resources to achieve the desired outcomes. The scientist will directly supervise staff, and may mentor and train postdoctoral fellows and graduate students.

For anyone interested please go to the following link to apply:

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### Chercheur/chercheuse en mycologie

**Nom de l'organisation:** Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada - Direction générale des sciences et de la technologie

**Lieu:** Ottawa (Ontario)

**Date limite:** le 26 janvier 2015

Le titulaire du poste, qui travaillera au Centre de recherches de l'Est sur les céréales et les oléagineux (CRECO), devra faire preuve d'un esprit scientifique innovateur et d'un sens du leadership dans le domaine de la systématique des champignons, plus particulièrement en ce qui concerne les ascomycètes causant des maladies des feuilles, des tiges et des semences. Le candidat retenu dirigera des recherches multidisciplinaires visant à améliorer les systèmes d'identification des genres d'agents phytopathogènes d'intérêt sur le plan économique et à combler des manques d'information critiques en ce qui concerne des espèces de quarantaine et des espèces envahissantes et mycotoxinogènes. Le candidat retenu devra assurer la direction des activités visant à régler des problèmes taxonomiques et de nomenclature, à améliorer les connaissances sur la biodiversité du Canada, à valider des données existantes sur les spécimens et à relever des marqueurs appropriés pour l'élaboration d'outils de diagnostic moléculaire.

Le chercheur participera à des équipes multidisciplinaires et travaillera avec des

mycologues d'AAC et de l'ACIA, des phytopathologistes d'AAC et l'équipe de la bio-informatique de la biodiversité au CRECO en plus de collaborer avec des chercheurs de l'industrie et du milieu universitaire. Le groupe de la mycologie du CRECO mène des recherches innovatrices sur la biosystématique, et le Centre abrite un grand nombre de spécimens de champignons faisant partie des Collections nationales.

Le chercheur devra gérer de nombreux projets dans un cadre multidisciplinaire nécessitant une collaboration avec d'autres équipes scientifiques. Le titulaire du poste devra trouver des fonds et des collaborateurs à l'interne et à l'externe pour appuyer le programme de recherche et gérer efficacement les ressources de façon à atteindre les résultats souhaités. Le chercheur supervisera du personnel et pourrait encadrer et former des boursiers postdoctoraux et des étudiants diplômés.

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