

Ninety-seventh Annual Report of the American Phytopathological Society

Annual Meeting

The 97th Annual Meeting of the American Phytopathological Society was held at the Austin Convention Center, Austin TX, July 30 – August 3, 2005. Over 1300 plant pathologists from more than 35 countries attended the meeting. **President Jim MacDonald** welcomed participants to the APS plenary session “Looking to the Future.”

Plenary speakers included **Alex McCalla**, Emeritus Professor and Agricultural Economist, University of California; **Neal Van Alfen**, Dean and Director of Programs, University of California; **Colien Hefferan**, Administrator, USDA-CSREES; and **Luis Sequira**, Emeritus Professor of Plant Pathology and Bacteriology, University of Wisconsin. Plenary talks featured an in-depth review of what lies ahead for agriculture on a national and global scale and specifically what the future holds for plant pathology. See *Phytopathology News*, October 2005 for meeting photos and additional information http://www.apsnet.org/publications/phytopathologynews/Past%20Issues/2005_10.pdf

Society Affairs

Membership

ADD charts from the business breakfast pamphlet?

APS membership as of June 30, 2005 was 4,712, which was a decrease of 221 (4.5%) over 2004.

- The percent of membership residing outside the United States showed a marginal increase to 32%, with 15% of the international members being from Canada.
- Student membership decreased by 1.5%, while post doc membership remained constant at 4%. Together these represent 16% of membership.

Membership by Category:

Regular members - 3164,

- a decrease of 117 (over 300 regular members lost in past four years)

Student members - 548,

- a decrease of 118, the first decline in three years.

Post-doctoral members - 195,

- a decrease 18, the first decline in four years in post-doctoral membership.

Groups - 161,

- an increase of 26; this is the fourth year that there has been an increase in groups memberships.

Sustaining associates - 35,

- a loss of 2 associates from 2004.

Emeritus/life members - 607,

- an increase of 6; emeritus/life memberships have increased steadily over the past 12 years.

Deceased Members - July 7, 2004 - July 13, 2005

George L. Barnes
Irwin P. Boeshore
Despina D. Botseas
William A. Carey
Houston B. Couch
Harrison L. Dooley
Charles R. Drake
Burton Y. Endo
William M. Epps

Earle W. Hanson
Archie J. Latham
Joseph S. Melching
Lou S. Morrison
Robert F. Patton
Waldemar E. Sackston
Bhisham P. Singh
Joe A. Waters

Financial

The 97th Annual Report of the Treasurer can be found in the January issue of *Phytopathology* <http://apsjournals.apsnet.org/doi/pdf/10.1094/PHTO-96-0017>

Future Annual Meeting Sites

2006 Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, July 29-August 2, 2006

2007 San Diego, CA, July 28-August 1, 2007

2008 APS Centennial, Minneapolis, MN, July 26-30, 2008

2009 Portland, OR, August 1-5, 2009

2010 Nashville, TN, August 7-11, 2010

Reports of Offices, Boards, Committees, and Divisions

A report on the activities of the APS Boards and Offices as they relate to the APS Strategic Plan are available at http://www.apsnet.org/about/governance/Documents/APS_CurrentStratPlan.pdf

APS Committee web pages and updates are available from:

<http://www.apsnet.org/members/apsleadership/comm/Pages/default.aspx>

Awards

APS regularly honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the science of plant pathology. The following awards were presented at the APS Annual Meeting in Anaheim, California. Details on the awardees are available at <http://www.apsnet.org/members/awards/Pages/default.aspx>

Fellows

Carol L. Bender

Christopher Gilligan

Robert Owens

Raghavan Charudattan

Walter Marasas

Gail Schumann

Jacqueline Fletcher

Bruce McDonald

Xiao-Bing Yang

APS Awards

Noel T. Keen Award – Thomas J. Wolpert

Ruth Allen Award – Dr. Andrew Otis Jackson and Dr. Thomas Jack Morris

Excellence in Extension Award – Melodie Putnam

Excellence in Teaching Award – Caitilyn Allen

International Service Award – James R. Steadman

Syngenta Award – James R. Alfano

APS Outstanding Volunteer Award – Joyce E. Loper and Donald G. White

APS Foundation Special Fund Awards

Pioneer Fellowship in Plant Pathology – Robert Duncan, University of California, Davis

Named Student Travel Awards

(<http://www.apsnet.org/members/foundation/awardees/Pages/2005Awardees.aspx>)

5th I.E. Melhus Graduate Student Symposium Awards

Susan Lambert, University of Tasmania

Megan M. Kennelly, Michigan State University

Paul Esker, Iowa State University

Mizuho Nita, Ohio State University

David Schmale, Cornell University

Peter S. Ojiambo, University of Georgia

The Elsie J. and Robert Aycock Award - Brooke Edmunds, North Carolina State University

The J. Artie and Arra Browning Award - Alyssa Collins, University of Delaware and Tara Tarnowski, University of Georgia

The Robert W. Fulton Award - Anne Halgren, Oregon State University

The Stephen A. Johnston Award - Nora Catlin, University of Massachusetts

The Donald E. Munnecke Award - Paula Freitas, University of California, Davis

The John S. Niederhauser Award - Gillian Young, Michigan State University

The Virology Award - James Susaimuthu, University of Arkansas

The José and Silvia Amador Award and APS Council Award - Maritza Abril, University of Southern Mississippi

The C. Lee Campbell and APS Council Award - Holly Thornton, University of Georgia

The Gustaaf A. and Ineke de Zoeten and APS Council Award - Kameka Johnson, University of Georgia

The Zahir Eyal and APS Council Award - Claire Venard, University of Kentucky

The John F. Fulkerson and APS Council Award - Burton Bluhm, Purdue University

The Richard L. Gabrielson and APS Council Award - Jill Calabro, Oregon State University

The Janell Stevens Johnk and APS Council Award - Brian Schwingle, University of Minnesota

The Arthur Kelman and APS Council Award - Raul Allende-Molar, Washington State University

The William J. Moller and APS Council Award - Stephen Jordan, Michigan State University

The Malcolm and Catherine Quigley and APS Council Award - Lindsay Triplett, Michigan State University

APS Foundation International Travel Awardee

Ambayeba Muimba-Kankolongo, The Copperbelt University, ZAMBIA

Report of the Business Meeting

The Eleventh Annual Networking Breakfast and 96th APS Business Meeting were held on August 3, 2004 in the Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA. Following breakfast, President **G. Bergstrom** called the business meeting to order and welcomed attendees. Winners of student travel awards and International Travel Award were recognized. Pres. Bergstrom extended appreciation to the over 500 members who volunteered in APS over the past year. Secretary **C. Ishimaru** reported on the membership of the Society and gave the Necrology Report. Treasurer **E. Stromberg** gave the APS Financial Status Report. Pres. Bergstrom recapped some of the highlights of APS activities since the last meeting.

Plaques of appreciation were given to members completing terms in Council, Offices and Boards:

Southern Division Councilor: Albert Culbreath

Potomac Division Councilor: Arvydas. Grybauskas

Secretary: Carol Ishimaru

Senior Councilor-at-Large: Richard Belanger

Immediate Past President: Jacque Fletcher

Director of Office of Industry Relations: Chris Becker

Director of Office of International Programs: George Abawi

APS President **G. Bergstrom** transferred the gavel to **J. MacDonald**. Pres. **MacDonald** gave closing remarks and invited everyone to the 2005 APS Annual Meeting in Austin, TX, July 30 – August 3, 2005, the theme of which will be **Looking to the Future**.

Report of Council Meetings

Midyear. President **J. MacDonald** presided at the 2005 Midyear Council Meeting held at APS headquarters on February 17-20, 2005. *See May 2005 issue of Phytopathology News for meeting summary.*

Annual. President **J. MacDonald** presided at the 2005 Annual Council Meeting in Austin, TX, Saturday, July 30, 2005 and Wednesday, August 3, 2005. Persons completing terms on Council are listed in the Report of the Business Meeting.

Council continues with a knowledge-based governance system in which it functions as a committee of the whole during most of its meetings. With this format, reports are strategically driven and recommendations generated through standing committees, offices, boards and ad hoc committees.

Brief committee and implementation updates

Scientific Programs Board (SPB) sought to streamline efficiencies in the planning of the annual meeting by requesting changes in the Manual of Operation (MoO) to eliminate the Annual Meeting Program Committee and to transfer responsibilities to the Planning Committee.

Publications Board informed council that web-based journal submission (manuscript tracking) is in process. The possibility of quarterly submission of articles for F&N and B&C are being reviewed. APS Press wishes to retain copyrights on visual materials, with no change in policy at this time.

Ad Hoc Journal Operations Committee updated council on the current digitization of back issues in conjunction with University of Wisconsin Library System. Implementation of open-access for back issues post 1997 is still being determined. Staff is proactively signing institutional members to online site licenses.

Ad Hoc Early Career Professionals Committee requested to be instituted as a standing General Policies Committee. They are currently developing a benchmarking tool to assist members in planning their career. Advice from senior career professionals will be sought.

Ad Hoc Awards and Honors Issues Committee reviewed the current APS sponsored Awards and Honors, the process and committees and made several recommendations to enhance the process. Electronic submissions, earlier submission date, inclusion of non-Fellows on the committee, Fellows as candidates for Excellence Awards, establishment of a new service award, "Volunteer of APS", were proposals submitted to council.

Ad Hoc Centennial Committee proposed a structure of five subcommittees, Products, Finance, Display, Presentation, and Program, each with a chair from the base committee. They will be asked to prepare listings of items under their purview. The Centennial committee is in discussion with various committees for historical sessions leading up to the 2008 meeting.

Significant Motions passed

1. From FAC: 2005 Advance registration fees are \$395 with a discount to \$370 for online registration. includes two drink tickets (1 at each function)
2. From FAC: the former \$5,000 for the Centennial is increased to \$10,000 annually (fiscal 06-08) to achieve the \$30,000 reserve to be expended at the 2008 meeting
3. From FAC: we provide to ICPP 5,000 Euro immediately on the condition that APS is listed in the program as a sponsor and receives a complimentary exhibition booth
4. From FAC: Approve FY06 Budget, with amendments per previous motions included (dues increasing by CPI \$1.00 and Library subscriptions are increased by 6%).
5. From Councilors Forum: DeBary Bowl be discontinued effectively on the 2005 meeting
6. From Committee on Committees: Motion to streamline committee reporting process; including committee nominations procedure.
7. From Council open access be allowed for articles after 24 months from current issue publication, to take effect immediately
8. From Council: The pub board chair will be appointed who is not simultaneously an EIC for a journal
9. From APS Press The F&N and B&C Tests Editorial Board will reside under the purview of the APS publications board
10. From Councilors Forum: Fellow" award; the addition of "the advancement of disease management" be listed in the criteria
11. From Council: approve Coop Agreement between APS and USDA/NPDRS (Nat'l Plant Disease Recovery System)
12. From Council: Council charges APS staff to proceed immediately to contract with Atypon Systems for electronic services for MPMI/Phytopathology/PD on an ongoing basis.
13. From FAC: approve the increase in member dues from 69 to 70 dollars per year

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New Council members for 2005

Vice President: Raymond D. Martyn

Treasurer-Elect: Randall C. Rowe

Junior Councilor-at-Large: Wayne F. Wilcox

Councilor, North Central Division: Raymond Hammerschmidt

Editor-in-Chief, Phytopathology: Robert L. Gilbertson

Foundation Representative: Ann R. Chase

Other Significant Appointments

Status of Appointed Committees

Completed

ad hoc Journals Committees.

ad hoc Private Practice Issues

ad hoc Plant Pathology Priorities

Reappointed/Re

ad hoc Centennial Committee is now a “Special Committee”

ad hoc Crop Biosecurity and Emerging Diseases & Pathogens Committee is now a “Special Committee”

Other

In addition to the Annual Council Meeting, a Strategic Planning and Leadership Forum was held on July 29, 2005 from 9 am – 5 pm in Austin. Building on the success of the past two years’ forums, over 35 attendees, representing APS Staff, Council, and invited participants gathered to brainstorm selected topics impacting the future of APS. The focus topics this year were “Building a strategic partnership with Industry” and “APS’s strategic objectives in public affairs and education”.