

## Guelph University Welcomes the Plant Pathologists of North America

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The organizing committee of the joint meeting of the Canadian Phytopathological Society (CPS) with the Northeastern Division of the American Phytopathological Society and the Quebec Society for the Protection of Plants has brought the curtain down on the last annual CPS meeting, held at Laval University in August 1983, and now it is time for the newly formed organizing committee to put the finishing touches on the organization of the next joint meeting of CPS. This meeting will be held at Guelph University,

Ontario, Canada, August 12-16, 1984.

The meeting promises to be a very significant one in the history of plant pathology in Canada, as it is the first time since the Canadian Phytopathological Society was founded in 1929 that all plant pathologists in North America are invited to a CPS joint meeting to discuss their latest findings in all fields of plant pathology.

Guelph, now the site of a young, dynamic, and progressive university, was also the site of a very significant meeting in the history of the Canadian Phytopathological Society. It was at a much smaller meeting organized by Canadian plant pathologists held in early December 1918 at the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph that a formal application was made by those in attendance for recognition as a division of the American Phytopathological Society. The application was approved the following year in accordance with the terms adopted with the establishment of the Pacific Division of APS. The Canadian Division met annually in December from 1919 through 1928.

The ninth meeting, held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1927, was the first to be held outside Ontario and Quebec. In 1928, a resolution was adopted authorizing the council of the division to conduct a mail referendum, the results of which revealed an almost unanimous desire on the part of Canadian plant pathologists to organize a scientific society of their own. The Canadian Phytopathological Society was founded the following year.

Much progress has been made since 1929. The Canadian Phytopathological Society now boasts a membership of approximately 450 and first published its own journal in its golden anniversary year. The *Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology* first appeared in June 1979 and fully reflects its unique Canadian identity by publishing articles in both English and French.

I believe that James Fletcher (1852-1908), the noted Canadian entomologist and botanist who fully perceived the early emergence of plant pathology as a coming science, would be delighted with this coming event to be hosted by the Canadian Phytopathological Society. In the past, our joint meetings with one or more divisions of APS and/or other organizations were always a success. These meetings give our societies the opportunity to collaborate in solving problems of common interest and encourage better communication among scientists working in the same or closely related fields of research.

We are once again calling for your participation, and our organizing committee will be contacting you shortly to determine the extent of your participation (papers, posters, etc.). Because this meeting will be bringing together an important number of scientists from all parts of Canada and the United States, it is very important for all those who wish to participate or simply to attend to promptly reply to the organizing committee's requests.

I wish the organizing committee of the joint meeting much success in its endeavor and invite all plant pathologists to Guelph this coming August.