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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

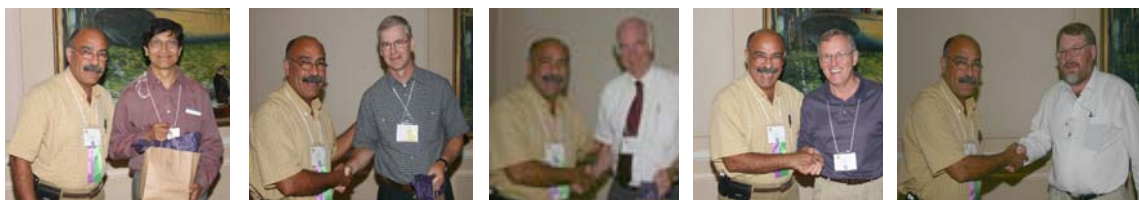


Briefing on CSHS annual meeting

The CSHS annual joint meeting with CSA and CSAS was a great success and over 60 research titles were presented during the meeting. The highlights and the abstract of the presentation are posted at CSHS.ca under [Scientific meeting](#).



Four sessions were organized and Dr. Samir Debnath (AAFC, Saint John's), Dr. John Proctor (University of Guelph), Peter M.A. Toivonen, (AAFC, Summerland, BC), Dr. Charlee G. Embree (AAFC, Kentville, Nova Scotia) and Dr. Andrew Jamieson (AAFC, Kentville, Nova Scotia) presented topics as keynote speakers on 'Developing strategies to propagate small fruit nuclear stocks of commercial interest for Canadian industry', 'Horticultural plant conservation: management and



Invited key note speakers – from left to right – Dr. Samir Debnath, Dr. Andrew Jamieson, Dr. Charles Embree, Dr. John Proctor and Dr. Peter Toivonen

commercialization', 'Fresh-cut apples: Challenges and opportunities for multi-disciplinary research' and 'The Current Status of Organic Horticulture Research in Canada' and 'Developing cultivars for organic production systems'.



Several board members including S. Khanizadeh, D. Percival and D. Charlebois were involved in various committees to organize this joint meeting. D. Percival organized a fantastic tour visiting small fruit production farms and a winery.



It was discussed and approved that more effort should be put into graduate student activities and involvement during annual meetings while recognizing their research (see Minutes).



Speaking of graduate students, congratulation to Nader Koohpayehzadeh a Ph.D. student from Laval University and Javad Hakami, from Brock University, who were the recipients of CSHS travel awards.

Congratulations to [Nicole Burkhard](#) from Nova Scotia Agricultural College (NSAC), and [Ryan Barry](#) from university of PEI, who were rewarded for their best graduate student oral presentation and to [Gwendolyn Huber](#) and [Kathryn Pickle](#) from NSAC, the recipients of the best poster award. Visit CSHS.ca for details.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER



Bonjour! We have been informed that the April issue of this Newsletter contained numerous revision marks. We apologise for this inconvenience to those of you who received the Newsletter via e-mail. Thanks to Norman E. Looney (ISHS president) for his comments. In order to eliminate this problem and any incompatibility with your word processor the Newsletter will now be published in PDF format. Free reader can easily be downloaded from Acrobat website at <http://www.adobe.com>.

This issue of your Newsletter contains the latest news following our Annual Meeting held in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Thanks to all committee members and volunteers for the excellent work done before, during and after this meeting.

One important issue that has been discussed during our AGM is the payment of ISHS country due. The amount requested by ISHS is based on the standard of living of the country. Canada is ranked as a "high income" country and the annual due is in excess of \$ 3500 for 2006. There has been a growing concern among other societies as the cost-benefit of ISHS country due. The CSHS finance would not sustain such a payment for a long time. According to Robert Prange, CSHS' representative on ISHS board, the payment of the country dues only gives our Society limited input on ISHS board. Moreover, the CSHS has the burden to collect ISHS individual subscription at its own expense while some ISHS individual members do not contribute to our Society. In line with the Australian Society of Horticultural Science, the CSHS executive is challenging the actual country due structure and is asking for some changes into the way individual subscriptions are collected. We will keep you informed as new developments happen.

An update on the Society's finance has been discussed during our AGM held on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006 in Halifax. The key points are presented in our minutes presented at the end of this Newsletter.

With the 2006 Annual Meeting barely behind us, it is already time to get prepared for the upcoming Annual Meeting to be held in Saskatoon, Manitoba. We are counting on the participation of all our members to make this event a success.

It is also time to think of invited keynote speakers. If you know of colleagues that would be interested to be one of our keynote speakers, please ask them to contact Shahrokh or myself at their earliest convenience to make the appropriate arrangements.

We call on all supervisors to encourage their students to join the Society and submit for either an oral presentation or a poster. Their participation plays a key role in the growth of our Society and the success of our meetings. These meetings are great opportunities to present their work, receive constructive comments and get to know other members. The Society would like to increase the level of representation of graduate students within its ranks. In order to achieve this goal it has been decided to increase our visibility in universities and colleges throughout the country. We are calling on all members to:

1. Send me a list of contact persons from your and other institutions in your province responsible for departmental posting.
2. Send us ideas about the design of a poster that will be used to advertise the Society (background, slogan, information...). Part of this information might also be used to produce a

larger poster that will be on display on our booth during future meetings.

We strongly encourage active members from most provinces to do their best recruiting new members and try to reach the 5 members per 1 000 000 habitants target (see February 2006 Newsletter).

Corporate membership has been on the rise but is still underexploited. With the addition of job offer posting and link to companies' web site on the CSHS web site and rebate on booth space at our annual meeting, we hope to attract more companies into the Society. Once again, we are calling on all our members to promote the Society within the various companies they are dealing with. We are studying the possibility to form a special committee with the mandate to create a database of potential corporate members and do active recruitment. This committee will need the input of all the members from each province.

The CHSH will renew its partnership with AIC for 2007. AIC is providing CSHS with numerous services including accounting and mailing. Our association with AIC allows us to offer a discount on journal subscription to our members.

Thanks to all our contributors for their help keeping our members informed.

### **CSHS on-line views/news**

Several sections prepared on CSHS web site to present CSHS members' view-point, short communication, awards, etc. Send us your text and news.

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To all members: Your help is needed to carry on various tasks for your Society such as: contribute to your Newsletter, nominate members for the various awards, submit Viewpoints, Opinions, evaluate posters and oral presentations at our annual meeting, help organize meetings, submit ideas for our new poster and the list goes on and on.

If you are interested in any of the above, contact myself at [charleboisd@agr.gc.ca](mailto:charleboisd@agr.gc.ca) or Shahrokh at [khanizadehs@agr.gc.ca](mailto:khanizadehs@agr.gc.ca).

## HALIFAX 2006

Details on the CSHS annual meeting activities, awards, tours and a digital album is posted at CSHS web site under CSHS.ca under [Scientific meeting](#).

CSHS along with CSA and CSAS gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the following organizations:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Greencover Program, Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture's Agri-Food Industry Development Fund, [Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Agri-Future Nova Scotia](#), [Nova Scotia Agricultural College](#), [Department of Agriculture and Marketing, Province of Nova Scotia](#), [Sleeman's](#), [Agrium](#), [DowAgro Science](#), [Simplot Agribusiness](#), [Co-op Atlantic](#), Bay Enterprises, [Propeller Brewery](#), [Acadian Seaplants Limited](#) and [Jost Vineyards](#)

## SASKATOON 2007

Join us from June 10 to June 14, 2007 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan for our next annual meeting.

Plenary Sessions: Natural Products and a Plant Health Network

Special Events: Saskatchewan Youth Science Journalism Challenge

Other Symposia Sessions:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicating Plant Sciences</li> <li>• Designing a New Agri-Food Industry</li> <li>• Organic Horticulture</li> <li>• Natural Products from Horticultural Crops</li> <li>• Advances in Medicinal Research</li> <li>• Emerging Plant disease Epidemics</li> </ul>	<p>Contributed Paper and Poster Sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant Responses to the Environment</li> <li>• Pest Management</li> <li>• Plant Development &amp; Improvement</li> <li>• Society Student Competitions</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long Distance signaling via Phloem</li> <li>• Natural Products and Physiology</li> <li>• Linking Plant Pathology with Industry</li> <li>• Successes and Disappointments in Plant Physiology from a Cropping System Perspective</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bookmark you agenda for the next CSHS annual meeting and do not miss to nominate students and colleagues for the WCSH and CSHS travel and merit awards. Check CSHS web site for detail in early spring 2007</b></p>

## CSHS REPRESENTATIVE ON NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SOCIETIES

**S. Khanizadeh** from AAFC and **D. Percival** are representing CSHS at Plant Canada board meeting. It was also discussed and approved that **Blanche Dora Dansereau** be the CSHS representative on ASHS board



**Blanche Dora Dansereau**, is a Professor of Ornamental Horticulture-Floriculture, Plant Science Department, Horticulture Research Center, Laval University, Quebec, Canada. She is a CSHS member since 1985, ASHS member since 1969 and is an internationally respected scholar who's academic and scientific career reflects her broad range of interests in the multifaceted features of ornamental horticulture. She was the first to develop production protocols for the use of supplementary lighting of greenhouse roses with Mount Bruno Floral in 1978. She was co-founder of the Greenhouse Crop Specialization Research Group, which later became the Horticulture Research Center at Laval University. Elected Fellow ASHS in 2005, she has provided distinguished leadership in ASHS activities and helped renew contacts to encourage a better and renewed cooperation with ASHS, CSHS and ISHS members. She will be the CSHS-ASHS liaison committee chair (starting August 06) and will continue with this endeavor. Currently, named to ASHS strategic planning committee, chair 06 and 07). During the last 12 years, she has been actively involved with ASHS activities such as Chair Extension Publication Award Selection Committee (04 ASHS Centennial Conference Planning Committee, member 00-02, ASHS Society Liaison and Workshop coordinator for IHC 2002 (CSHS-ASHS-ISHS); Chair ASHS Executive Director Search committee, April-November 99; International Division Vice-President (96-98); Established Outstanding International Horticulturists Award, Chair 98; Outstanding International Horticulturists Award committee, member 98-02; International Division Advisory Council, Chair and member (96-01), ASHS Continuing Education Committee, Chair and member, 97-99; ASHS Membership Representative, Québec, 80-98; Organizing Committee member for ASHS-98, Montréal, Québec; Chair and organized ASHS Northeast Region Annual Meeting, 94 and member since 1990.

**Dr. Robert Prange** from AAFC and **Dr. Yves Desjardins** from University of Laval were also re-elected to represent CSHS on ISHS board.

We sincerely acknowledge your effort and work and on behalf of the CSHS members and executive committee thank you for serving and representing our Society.



**Do not forget to send us your:  
job offer, nomination, published paper, poster,  
presentation, questions, suggestions, nominations and  
any other relevant information that could be of interest to our members  
The CSHS web site and Newsletter are there for you.  
Use them wisely!**

## CSHS-ASHS LIAISON COMMITTEE

### REPORT UPDATE

5 October 2006

- The CSHS can start and should start planning to organize a workshop during ASHS annual meeting to be held 21-24 July at Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Fla. The deadline for submitting workshop information is February 2008.
- Your CSHS/ASHS representative can request a specific time and date. This request needs to be made as soon as possible.
- **I introduced a Colloquium subject for 2007: Cross Border Movement of Horticultural Commodities** to Industry Council, and everyone was in agreement that this would be an excellent colloquium for Industry's Marketing and Economics Working Group to sponsor (chair: J. Dennis) with International Division. **The title submitted is Barriers to Increased Horticultural Trade & Market Integration.** Dr. Robert K. Prange, AAFC, Kentville, NS, provided suggestions for possible Canadian speakers from CFIA. I will provide an update on this as soon as the ASHS makes their decision.
- The ASHS Board has not yet determined the venue for the 2010 meeting. I will keep you updated with my progress in developing a joint CSHS-ASHS meeting in Canada.
- The ASHS Board of Directors will meet December 2 in Miami Florida. The major discussions will be 2007 budget and progress on Certified Horticulturist Advisor program.
- The Board will also recognize The Fairchild Garden with the ASHS Hort Landmark Award. CSHS members should be thinking about proposing a unique Garden in Canada for this award. I know that we certainly have some worthy gardens.
- There does not seem to be anything major on the horizon, therefore I will not be attending this December meeting. The Board will meet in the spring and before July meeting in Scottsdale, Ariz. I plan on attending these two meetings.

*Blanche Dansereau*

CSHS/ASHS Representative

## CSHS-GhIH PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

Since 2000 the CSHS-GhIH Dry Season Vegetable Project, under AIC's International Twinning Partnership Program, has been reporting on the project progress through updates in this newsletter. As the first phase closes and CSHS embarks on a second phase with Ghana Institute for Horticulturists (GhIH), the time is right to share some of the highlights in the success the project has made toward its social development goals. This project receives financial support of the Government of Canada provided through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

Chronic and severe food insecurity and malnutrition, especially among poor and vulnerable groups in the northern rural areas of Ghana have been identified as major challenges to meeting basic human needs. Sustainable vegetable cropping has the potential to address these issues. The Dry Season Vegetable Project listed as some of its social development objectives the following:

- To increase food security of the poor, particularly communities affected by HIV/AIDS
- To increase household income in rural communities
- To support farmers in implementing environmentally sustainable agricultural practices
- To advance the role of women as participants in and beneficiaries of agriculture

Project participants in Ghana, with the assistance of the CSHS-GhIH project members, carried out many activities toward these objectives. Farmer Field Schools were a great success. A total of 240 farmers participated in the 14-week Field Schools, learning about sustainable vegetable crop production techniques, using an approach called Participatory Technology Development. Groups of farmers carried out field trials, which empowered them to analyze their own situations and be responsible for their decisions. Multi-location vegetable variety trials were conducted which allowed farmers to compare the performance of varieties of crops such as tomatoes, hot peppers, eggplant (garden eggs) and okra under management different from their own practice, and to learn how to select seed to improve varieties. Radio programs carried discussion of vegetable cropping techniques to communities in their own local languages, allowing an even greater number of farmers to learn. The farmers and communities played an active role in the development and implementation of the activities and programs.

This focus on education and learning had positive results. Adoption of agricultural practices was evaluated during the project, and practices such as treating seed, planting in rows, and using neem extract for pest control were widely adopted. Of participants who tried composting, almost 90% planned to continue the practice.

According to the farmers, as a result of the Dry Season Vegetable Project, they were able to grow enough vegetables to generate income to pay for their children's school fees, purchase bicycles and build houses. In a survey measuring the impact of the project, 38% of respondents said that the standard of living in their community had improved. A further 21% said that poverty had been reduced and food security had been achieved. Additional benefits included a reduction in youth migration and an increase in employment.

Women's roles in the communities include farming, supporting male farmers by caring for the home and children, balancing nutritional needs of family members, preserving and storing food, and generating other household income. Nonetheless, women have often been excluded from leadership and decision-making roles.

The Dry Season Vegetable Project encouraged the participation of women in all aspects of the project. Women farmers attended Field Schools and were assigned leadership roles there. CSHS-GhIH continues to explore barriers to women's participation in dry season vegetable production. . Women participants in the Field Schools numbered 106 of the 240.

These highlights demonstrate the important work that CSHS carries out with the GhIH to use vegetable horticulture in addressing social development goals in the Upper West Region of Ghana. The second phase of the project will build on these successes and place new emphasis on nutritional security through the introduction of orange-fleshed sweet potato production, using vegetable production for food and generating household income, understanding how HIV/AIDS may impact agricultural communities, and strengthening women's leadership in the communities. GhIH will continue to support student groups in the five regions





GhIH Project Co-ordinator in the North, Gustav Mahunu takes soil samples with the help of farmers at Nandom in a vegetable field trial as part of the Dry Season Vegetable Project's activities to promote sustain-able cropping practices. Note the mud walled fence which act as a barrier to roaming cattle and goats in the dry season. (Photo credits: Ghana Institute of Horticulturalists, Patrick Kumah, March 2006).



CSHS Project Team Leader Dinah Cephis, flanked by the Busa community Chairperson, GhIH coordinator in the North Abdul-Halim Abubakari and the local extension agent, congratulates a woman farmer from Busa on her successful completion of Farmer Field School. Note the woman in the background carrying vegetable in the traditional way in the tin pan on her head. The haziness in the photo shows the impact of the harmataan winds in blowing dust from the Sahara in the dry season. (Photo credits: Ghana Institute of Horticulturalists, Patrick Kumah., March 2006).

*Josée Owen*

## AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

Sincere congratulations from the CSHS board and members to **Dr. Norman E. Looney** from Pacific Agri-Food Research Ctr., Summerland, British Columbia for his re-appointment as the president of ISHS.



### A CSHS member received the Distinguished Agrologist Award

Congratulation to Ms Dinah Ceplis who received the MIA Distinguished Agrologist Award. This award was presented to Dinah for her professional eminence and distinction of outstanding service to the institute in the field of agrology. Dinah was nominated by the Western Manitoba branch for her outstanding work with rural people in Africa. The official presentation was made during the MIA Annual Meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at the Canada Inn, 2401 Saskatchewan Ave. W., Portage la Prairie, MB.

Congratulations on behalf of CSHS board and the members. Keep on the great work



## WESTERN CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR HORTICULTURE

"The Western Canadian Society for [originally of] Horticulture was formed at Regina, November 11-12, 1943 at a meeting chaired by M.B. Davis, Dominion Horticulturist. The meeting was organized in response to the severe winter of 1942-43 which had caused devastating losses in horticultural plants on the prairies, particularly fruit trees. The main aim was to coordinate horticultural research on the prairies and thus facilitate a breeding program for hardier cultivars. Work on hardiness zonation began immediately, and through the efforts of this group, the Prairie Cooperative Fruit Breeding Program was established, with headquarters at Morden, MB.

WCSH was the originator of the Canadian Society for Horticulture Science, which was formed in 1956. According to the 1957 WCSH proceedings report, a highlight of the 1957 convention was "the



(left) MB Davis, Dominion Horticulturist who chaired the formation meeting of the WCSH in 1943, (right) Rosthern Experimental Station - one of the many stations set up across the prairies for agricultural and horticultural research purposes.

wholehearted support given to the newly formed Canadian Society for Horticulture Science by way of agreement that the WCSH should constitute the Prairie Section of the national Society and that an additional one dollar membership fee be charged active WCSH members which would constitute membership in the Canadian Society". For many years, WCSH was the strongest component of CSHS

and considered vital to its success, although it operated independently for the most part. WCSH, made up of horticulturists across the prairies, met annually in one of the prairie provinces to discuss research results and future needs. This increased communication was invaluable in reducing duplication of efforts. Eventually the various federal research stations on the prairies began specialization in particular crops.

The Prairie Regional Trials for Woody Ornamentals, begun at Morden in 1959, gave regular reports via WCSH. Vegetable research was highly promoted by WCSH. Potato research, led by Agriculture Canada at Lethbridge, was also prominent, and reports via WCSH were common until it was deemed desirable to set up an independent organization, the Prairie Potato Council. WCSH also provided a venue for good interaction with universities and private plant breeders, and horticultural extension was increased on the prairies. For a number of years WCSH provided student medals to the top graduating students in horticulture at the University of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. WCSH Merit Awards were given to ornamental plants, starting in 1965. Over the years, emphasis on research and extension services gravitated towards commercial horticulture on the prairies. Established grower groups across the prairies took on an increasingly active role in promoting their crops and established direct links with government. As a result, attendance at WCSH functions became greatly reduced, also due to cutbacks in horticultural research at Agriculture Canada stations on the prairies and reduced funding for inter-provincial travel. WCSH became dormant in 1992 but was renewed as the prairie chapter of the CSHS in 2005 at their Annual General Meeting in Edmonton, AB."



Drs. Karen Tanino and Bob Bors are the representatives of the WCSH on CSHS board.

## OSPREY

### **AIC Journals: Online Submission and Peer Review**

The Agricultural Institute of Canada has contracted with the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI) for the use of their OSPREY web-based manuscript submission and peer review system.

OSPREY was developed by CISTI in collaboration with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) in Australia, and is used by the Canadian Journal of Forest Research, the Canadian Journal of Earth Science and other journals published by the National Research Council of Canada.

OSPREY is user friendly, simple to use, and requires no special software. OSPREY is available 24/7 from anywhere in the world, and provides security, data back-up and detailed manuscript tracking. Authors will be able to submit manuscripts quickly and easily in virtually any file format and check the status of their manuscripts at any time.

OSPREY will be available for CJPS, CJAS and CJSS starting on 5 September 2006 through the AIC web site: [www.aic.ca](http://www.aic.ca). Authors wishing to submit manuscripts to Canadian Journal of Soil Science, Canadian Journal of Plant Science, and Canadian Journal of Animal Science should log on to the AIC website ([www.aic.ca](http://www.aic.ca)) and follow the "submit your manuscript" link.

For information contact: Tim Fenton - [journals@aic.ca](mailto:journals@aic.ca), (613) 232-9459 (309).

## 2006 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

### Canadian Society for Horticultural Science Annual Business Meeting Lunenburg room, Westin Nova Scotian Hotel - August 02, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by CSHS President Shahrokh Khanizadeh

Allan Sullivan acted as moderator

Agenda:

#### 1. Approval of agenda

#### 2. President's Report

- (i) **Introduce new executive**
- (ii) **Highlights of previous executive meetings**
  - Membership
  - Plant Canada 2005
  - Awards (new)
  - Web site
  - Joint meeting (CSA, CSAS and CSHS)
  - Merit Award, members are invited to submit candidates
  - Affiliations
    - AIC – take care of mailing and accounting, discount of Journals
    - Plant Canada – election in 2007 for CSHS representatives
    - Plant Canada 2009 to be held in Halifax NS
    - ISHS country due (to be debated)
    - ASHS 2008 and 2010 possible joint meetings
  - The President invites members to participate more to the Society's activities
- (iii) **Accomplishments**
  - New awards created: student travels awards, merit award, best poster and oral presentation awards
  - Web site: member list, link to corporate members, historical background about WCSH as voted on last AGM
  - Creation of a WCSH Travel Grant for Prairie students in horticulture (\$8 K) through a trust fund
  - Titular of WCHS award will be assigned by this organization
  - History of WCHS chapter placed on CSHS web site
  - New members; corporate members and graduate students
  - Publication of Newsletter (goal is 4 times/ year). Collaboration from members is needed.
  - Reestablishment of contact with David Hill and more contribution to Macoun-Hill fund.
- (iv) **Future plan and objectives**
  - Emphasize on National Meeting and Activities, Building a strong Society and Increase Membership – suggestions
  - Maintain actual fees
  - Provide more Services to Members
  - Increase Membership, especially Graduate Students
  - Increase the Number of Corporate Members
  - Make them more involved in Society

- Work with other Societies, ASHS, Plant Canada, ISHS
- Create subcommittees: Web committee, annual conference committee, awards committee and membership committee

### 3. Secretary-treasurer's Report

(i) **Assets**

- As of June 30, 2006 , the Society's Assets total 35 404 \$

Assets	
Bank	25 225 \$
Investment certificate - Macoun-Hill	8 025 \$
Prepaid Expenses	2 153 \$
Liability Insurance	702 \$
HortShot translation	451 \$
Web site hosting (10 years)	1 000 \$
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>35 404 \$</b>

Revenues	
Society	
Membership fees	4 818 \$
Plant Canada 2005	1 474 \$
Macoun Hill	
Interest	25 \$
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>6 317 \$</b>
Expenses	
Office Services	1 414 \$
Postage	241 \$
Web Site	167 \$
AIC Membership Fee	1 000 \$
Insurance Expense	351 \$
Miscellaneous Expense	30 \$
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3 201 \$</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>3 116 \$</b>

<b>Net Income</b>	<b>3 116 \$</b>
Meeting (Awards) Expenses	
Best Paper Awards (4 x 500 \$)	2 000 \$
Graduate Student Travel Awards (2 x 400 \$)	800 \$
Best Poster Awards (2 x 400 \$)	800 \$
Best Oral Presentation (2 x 400 \$)	800 \$
<b>Total Meeting (Awards) Expenses</b>	<b>4 800 \$</b>
<b>New Net Income</b>	<b>- 1 686 \$</b>

(ii) **Revenues and Expenses**

- Membership fees are slightly less than 5 000 \$
- While an increase in student and regular members is essential for the Society's activities, an increase in corporate members is essential to maintain healthy finance.
- Society's income is in the black as of June 30, 2006. However, this year finance is in the red when we take into account the money spent for the awards. Profits from the Joint Meeting are expected.
- Expenses must be reduced. One option is to opt out of ISHS and stop paying the country due (more than 3 400 \$ in 2006).
- Robert Prange, CSHS' representative on ISHS board gave some feed back on the ISHS executive committee
  - ISHS council meet every 2 years

- CSHS have a seat on this council (conditional on payment of country due). This seat allows CSHS representative to vote on budget approval and election of the board.
- The member questioned what are the benefits of the country due and what it brings back to CSHS.
- Both the Australian and American Societies for Horticultural Science are questioning the amount of that country due.
- Concern: Regular (individual) ISHS members have no voice on council.
- About 50 Canadians are regular members of ISHS while only a fraction of them are members of CSHS.
- The practice of having the CSHS pay the country due for members outside the Society is questionable.
- Peter Toivonen propose a motion to discontinue paying ISHS country due
  - Seconded by Deborah Baszard
  - Point was debated and a vote was called. All in favor with 2 abstentions. Motion passed.
- A letter will be written by CSHS Secretary to inform ISHS Secretary about this decision. In this letter ISHS will be invited to come forward with suggestion to reduce the financial burden of the country due.

**(iii) Membership**

- Current Membership
  - 2 corporate members
  - 23 life members
  - 50 regular members
  - 17 Retired members
  - 14 Students (big increase compared to 2005)
- Membership distribution
  - Nova Scotia is doing very well with the highest representation per habitant.
  - CHSH membership decrease in 5 provinces between 2005 and 2006.
  - More visibility would help to regain lost members and attract new ones.
  - Members are asked to come up with ideas to prepare a poster and a flyer to be distributed in all colleges and universities teaching horticulture.
  - Efforts will be made to have links to our web site on other Societies web site (CSA...)

**(iv) Varia**

- Robert Prange proposed that CSHS executive contact Charles Eaves' son to secure a trust to provide grants to students in the field of horticulture.
  - Motion carried.
- Motion to elect Blanche Dansereau as CSHS' representative to ASHS
  - Moved by Robert Prange
  - Seconded by Peter Toivonen
  - Motion carried.

## SYMPOSIA / CONFERENCES

### 6<sup>th</sup> Canadian Pulse Research Workshop, Saskatoon, November 1 - 3, 2006



This workshop, held every second year, is a forum at which pulse crop researchers present their latest findings on topics like genetic improvement, crop quality and utilization, agronomy, pathology, and environmental stewardship.

At this year's workshop in Saskatoon a special focus will be a half-day symposium on the Pulse Innovation Project, which is an initiative of Pulse Canada increase pulse crop consumption in North America via promotion of various health and wellness aspects of pulse crops in human diets. The sessions will include invited overviews of the production and utilization of pulses as well as contributed oral presentations and posters. In addition, pulse research updates from Australian and European scientists are planned.



Saskatoon is a key centre for pulse crop research in North America. The University of Saskatchewan campus is renowned for the application of biotechnology in the agriculture industry. It is home to leading federal and provincial research centres and Innovation Place, one of North America's most successful research parks with 127 companies. It is the headquarters for many pulse-based commercial enterprises in the inoculant, seed, feed, food processing, dehulling, grain processing and exporting sectors. Saskatchewan Pulse Growers, a leading Canadian pulse crop industry association, is based in Saskatoon.

The local organising committee includes:

- Bert Vandenberg (chair), University of Saskatchewan (Crop Development Centre)
- Kofi Agblor, Saskatchewan Pulse Growers
- Rosalind Ball, University of Saskatchewan (Department of Plant Sciences)
- Sabine Banniza, University of Saskatchewan (Crop Development Centre)
- Kirstin Bett, University of Saskatchewan (Department of Plant Sciences)
- Yantai Gan, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- Bruce Gossen, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- Barbara Hoggard-Lulay, University of Saskatchewan (Crop Development Centre)
- Allison Krahn, Saskatchewan Pulse Growers
- Ray McVicar, Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food
- Ken Sapsford, University of Saskatchewan (Crop Development Centre)
- Bunyamin Tar'an, University of Saskatchewan (Crop Development Centre)
- Tom Warkentin, University of Saskatchewan (Crop Development Centre)

For more information visit the Pulse Crop Research Group's website: <http://www.pulse.usask.ca/whatsnew.html>

## 4<sup>th</sup> ISHS International Symposium on Seed, Transplant and Stand Establishment of Horticultural Crops. San Antonio, Texas, USA Dec. 3-6, 2006.

The symposium will be held in San Antonio, Texas, USA, December 3-6, 2006, under the auspices of the International Society for Horticultural Science.

Improvement of stand establishment requires basic and applied understanding of seed and seedling performance under a variety of environments. We expect this symposium to foster exchange of experiences by scientists from all over the world and to promote their cooperation for a renewal of objectives in this field.

The main emphasis will be on vegetable and ornamental species, including competing weeds. We also encourage scientists working in horticultural species that have therapeutic, pharmaceutical or culinary properties (medicinal, aromatic, and herbs) or in landscape restoration (wild species). We hope to attract scientists and educators in biology, physiology, genetics, pathology, horticulture, agronomy, and/or ecology as well as industry and anyone else interested in seed and transplants.

For more information visit: <http://sest2006symposium.tamu.edu/>



## 2007 Annual Meeting Northeast Region of American Society for Horticultural Science Campus Based Meeting at University of Maryland, College Park, MD

### CALL FOR TITLES

From January 4-6, 2007 the Northeast Region of the American Society for Horticultural Science (NEASHS) will meet in College Park, Maryland. University of Maryland will host the meeting.

*Highlights of the meeting* include a welcoming reception/poster session on Jan 4, paper sessions including a graduate student paper competition (up to **\$300 award** for best presentations), a tour at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), and the NEASHS business meeting (with breakfast) and presentation of student awards.

#### Tentative Schedule of events:

##### Thursday

Arrive in College Park, Registration and Poster setup at the hotel (3-6 pm)

Reception and Poster Session (7-8:30 pm), light food provided and cash bar available

##### Friday

Morning paper session on campus, including graduate student paper competition

Lunch at the Student Union (on your own)

Tour at Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC)

##### Saturday

Business meeting (breakfast included) and student award presentations at the Hotel

Paper session

Call for paper and poster titles: By **October 16**, please submit titles, authors (indicate who will present) and affiliation. Also specify poster or paper **and** indicate if you wish to be included in the graduate paper competition. Send to Carolyn DeMoranville, UMASS Cranberry Experiment Station.



by e-mail (**preferred**): [carolynd@umext.umass.edu](mailto:carolynd@umext.umass.edu)  
or by FAX 508-295-6387

Oral presentations will be scheduled for 15 minutes (12 minutes plus questions). An LCD projector and PC laptop will be available -- it is not video capable. We plan to have all presenters load onto one laptop for this purpose. Students presenting for the graduate oral paper competition must use digital format. Poster boards will be provided - they are 4 x 4 ft (120 x120 cm). After all titles have been received, authors will be sent abstract instructions and deadlines including instructions for bringing PowerPoint presentations for use on a shared laptop. Student competitors will be sent judging criteria and competition guidelines.

Hotel rates, registration fees, registration:

The **Best Western College Park Inn** will be the conference hotel. The hotel is located at 8601 Baltimore Avenue in College Park, MD. Phone 301-474-2800, Fax 301-474-6113. For more information see their web site at [www.bwcollegepark.com](http://www.bwcollegepark.com).

Hotel rate is \$79 (plus tax) single or double -- To get this rate you must reserve by **Nov. 4, 2006** by calling their toll-free number (**1-800-442-1644**) and requesting the group rate code **10080-ASHS**. Online reservations will not get the reduced rate -- **you must reserve by phone.**

Registration fee is \$80 (\$50 for students), and includes the welcoming reception, breakfast at the business meeting on Saturday, transportation on Friday, and all sessions. Dinners, Friday breakfast and lunch are on your own. Registration forms will be mailed in early November.

**To receive the 2nd mailing - submit a title or send an e-mail.**

