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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Colleagues

Greetings! CSHS has had an excellent summer of meetings and preparation activities for upcoming events. The Montreal Plants and Soils Conference turned out to be an excellent meeting for CSHS. Much is owed to the local CSHS members including Shahrokh Khanzideh, Denis Charlebois, Katrine Stewart and others for their efforts in this meeting. A big “job well done” and “thank you” goes out to all of those who helped out and also to those who attended the meeting. In a climate of reduced budgets, endless paperwork and research uncertainties, your participation is greatly appreciated. On a more positive note, CSHS is partnering with the Canadian Society of Agronomy for the next Plant Canada Meeting which is being held in Halifax In July of 2011. If you would like to participate in this meeting, please feel free to contact me or other members of the CSHS Executive. Emphasis is being placed on developing a program that is cost friendly, interdisciplinary and cutting-edge, but also with opportunities for networking with colleagues and “down-time” (vacation) with friends and family.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Dear Colleagues

Welcome to CSHS's October 2008 newsletter. We hope this will help keep you informed on all that is happening with our society.



CSHS Annual Business Meeting, 2008

The CSHS Annual Business Meeting was held during the Plants and Soils 2008 Conference initially scheduled to be held on July 13 in Room 1100 of the Trottier Building at McGill University. The highlights of the meeting were conveyed at the Annual General Meeting of CSHS which was held on July 14 from 12:15 to 2:30 p.m. in Room 1100 of the Trottier Building.

Upon calling the meeting to order, the agenda was circulated (the detailed agenda can be found on CSHS's web site) and approved.

Prior Business

Minutes from the 2007 Annual Business Meeting were circulated previously. No questions or concerns were raised regarding these minutes, and there was also no outstanding correspondence.

Financial Report

From a financial perspective, CSHS presently has assets of \$53,702 and outstanding expenses of \$1,591. As part of its assets, CSHS presently has investments (Macoun Hill and WCHS) amounting to \$20,370, and there is \$31,054 presently in a CSHS account.

Upon examining the revenue sources for CSHS in 2008, \$10,418 was generated with membership fees providing \$4,645, the Halifax 2006 meeting providing \$5,698, and Plant Canada providing \$75 (note this needs to be checked). With respect to expenses incurred in 2008, these amounted to \$7,305, and included AIC Office Services (\$1,543), postage (\$152), web site maintenance (\$170), Associate Membership in AIC (\$1,000), Directors and Officers Liability Insurance (\$410), Industry Canada Annual Filing Fee (\$30), and a down-payment of \$4,000 for the Montreal 2008 meeting (which CSHS is to be reimbursed for by the conference).

During discussions of CSHS's financial situation, attention was given to examining the sustainability of CSHS awards which includes achievement awards, travel awards, and graduate student contribution awards at meetings (oral and poster contributions). For the Montreal 2008 meeting, \$400 was allocated for each of the best graduate student oral and poster contributions entered in the competition. It was felt that the graduate student awards are essential for a society such as CSHS. However, more effort should be placed on advertising the travel awards in the future.

Meeting Report

It was felt that the Montreal Plants and Soils Meeting provided a very good interdisciplinary meeting for the CSHS membership. CSHS is very appreciative of the contributions of Shahrokh Khanzideh, Denis Charlebois and Katrine Stewart for this meeting. Although CSHS did not have the largest contingent of registrants at the meeting, Tom Bruulsema (Chair of the Organizing Committee) mentioned that these contributions were a significant component associated with the success of the meeting.

Plant Canada Report

At the 2007 Plant Canada meeting held in Saskatchewan, it was decided to hold the Plant Canada meeting every four years. The net impact of the meeting on CSHS has to be finalized with the conference having a net profit of ~\$50,000, and these profits being shared among the contributing professional societies on a pro-rated, attendance basis. The next Plant Canada meeting is scheduled to be in Halifax in 2011, and CSHS is taking a co-sponsoring role with the Canadian Society of Agronomy with this meeting.

ISHS Country Membership Fees

Following up on actions from a previous CSHS Executive Conference Call, CSHS discussed the concept of paying for the ISHS Country Membership fee. In the past, this fee was expensive (>\$2,400/year) and did put a significant strain on CSHS's financial situation. Subsequently, the decision was made to not pay the fee for 2006 and 2007. However, ISHS revised its fee structure resulting in a new Annual Country Membership Fee of €240 (~\$360/year). Therefore, it was decided that CSHS would pay the ISHS Country Membership Fee with the understanding that ISHS is to provide an overview of what services ISHS can provide to CSHS.

Once the ISHS Country Membership Fee has been paid, it is anticipated the next task will be to get CSHS representation on ISHS's Council. CSHS will be sending out a "call of interest" by e-mail to

CSHS members and may have an election if sufficient interest in present. If you are interested, please feel free to contact Samir Debnath (debnaths@agr.gc.ca).

CSHS Web Site

CSHS continued to be very fortunate in having an excellent web site. Under the maintenance of Shahrokh Khanzideh, the site has information on the society, membership information, upcoming meetings, awards, opportunities, etc. CSHS is also providing space on its server for the Plant Canada web site. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the web site, please feel free to contact Shahrokh or other members of the CSHS Executive.

AIC/CSHS International Activities

An update of the project involving AIC/CSHS and Ghanaian Institute of Horticulturists was provided by Dr. Merv Pritchard. CSHS contributions to the project have been provided by Dinah Cephis, Merv Pritchard, Josee Owen and Mary Ruth McDonald. The objectives for the project have been to improve irrigated vegetable production in the Upper West Region of Ghana, and support GhIH through membership, publication of the journal, and vibrant student association. Outcomes for the project have included increased amount and types of vegetables, improved nutrition and health, increased family income, more employment reduces migration, which reduces AIDS and Guinea worm infection, and greater gender equity.

CSHS Publication Awards

Under the guidance of a committee assembled by Dr. Shahrkh Khanzideh (CSHS Past President), CSHS reviewed all papers in the discipline of horticulture published in the Canadian Journal of Plant Science during 2007. It is with great pleasure that the following two papers were designated by CSHS as the top publications for 2007:

[Biochemical characterization of enzymatic browning in selected apple genotypes](#)

A. P. K. Joshi, H. P. V. Rupasinghe, N. L. Pitts, and S. Khanzadeh 87(5):1067–1074, December 2007

[Nutritional implications of biosolids and paper mulch applications in high density apple orchards](#)

G. H. Neilsen, E. J. Hogue, T. Forge, D. Neilsen, and S. Kuchta 87(3):551–558, July 2007

CSHS Membership

CSHS membership continued to remain constant for the 2007/2008 consisting of the following:

	2006	2007	2008
Corporate	2	2	2
Life	23	23	17
Regular	50	62	62
Retired	17	20	21
Student	14	16	17

Efforts were made in 2008 to include more information on CSHS including the development of promotional material to be made available to new potential members, and new membership applications forms. With a declining membership pool, increased specialization associated with focused scientific meetings, and enrolment challenges at universities, maintaining a stable membership

base was will continue to be a potential issue for CSHS. If there is an interest in promotional material and/or membership application information, please access the CSHS web site or contact Denis Charlebois (charleboisd@agr.gc.ca).

CSHS Executive

The present structure of CSHS's Executive consists of the following:

President:	David Percival
Vice-President:	Denis Charlebois
Secretary-Treasurer:	Samir Debnath
Western Representative:	Vacant
Central Representative:	Martine Dorais
Eastern Representatives:	Laura VanEerd Vasantha Rupasnighe
Prairie Representative:	Bob Bors
Past President	Shahrokh Khanizadeh

There is a need to fill the Western Representative for CSHS. The roles and responsibilities of the regional representatives are to (i) represent CSHS at related functions inside their region (e.g., AIC Annual Meeting) and liaise with various stakeholders on matters pertinent to CSHS; (ii) serve on local organizing committees for CSHS related activities; and (iii) promote CSHS within the particular region with emphasis on recruiting new members and facilitating awareness of CSHS awards. *If anyone is interested in serving as a regional representative to CSHS, could they please forward there name(s) to Samir Debnath by Dec. 1, 2008.*

CSHS is also fortunate to have affiliations with other organizations. CSHS representation with these other organizations presently includes the following:

ASHS:	Blanche Dansereau
Plant Canada:	Shahrokh Khanzideh and David Percival
ISHS Council:	2 CSHS members are required

CSHS Meeting Information

The past, present and potential future venues for the Annual CSHS Meeting were discussed consisting of the following:

- 2006 Halifax
- 2007 Saskatoon
- 2008 Montreal
- 2009: Options that were discussed included (i) ISHS GreenSys conference (Quebec City), (ii) joint CSA Meeting (Guelph), and (iii) ASHS Meeting (St. Louis). It was determined that the ISHS Greensys conference offered the best combination of available CSHS membership to help with organization of the meeting and potential source of new CSHS members.**
- 2010: TBD (Options include the CSS Meeting being held in Vancouver)
- 2011: Plant Canada Meeting

CSHS Priorities for 2008/2009

The priorities that were discussed for the upcoming year consisted of (i) continue working at increasing or at least maintaining membership, especially graduate students; (ii) maintain involvement with national meetings and with ISHS activities (Quebec meeting); (iii) increasing the number of corporate members; (iv) maintaining cost to benefit scenario of CSHS (i.e., low annual membership fees); (v) continue to provide services to members; and (vi) working with other societies including ASHS, Plant Canada and ISHS for the advancement of horticulture in Canada.

Scientific Meetings Related to Horticulture

2009 - International Symposium on Sustainable Greenhouse Systems Greensys 2009, Hotel Loews Concord, Quebec City Canada from June 14–18, 2009 (www.greensys2009.com). For more information contact Dr. Martine Dorais (Doraism@agr.gc.ca) or Dr. André Gosselin (Andre.Gosselin@crh.ulaval.ca), Tel. 1-418-656-2131 Ext. 2068 or Fax 1-418-656-7871.

Canadian Journal of Plant Science (CJPS)

An international peer-reviewed journal, shared with the Canadian Society of Agronomy (CSA), is the Society's principal scientific publication. The CJPS is published 4 times per year (January, April, July and October) and features sections in Vegetables, Ornamentals and Fruit and Pest Management. An Application of Technology section provides an excellent vehicle to publish results of applied studies in all aspects of horticulture. Review articles are published in all areas of plant science and ensure a continuing high profile for the Journal. CSHS members serve as Associate Editors, and the Editorship of the journal alternates between CSA and CSHS. Why not take advantage of your CSHS membership to obtain special discounts on either paper or electronic Internet subscriptions to CJPS? Electronic-only subscription is a special privilege available only to members and represents a 70% discount on the non-member rate. Consult the [Journal Web site](http://pubs.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/aic-journals/cjps.html) (<http://pubs.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/aic-journals/cjps.html>) for further information.

The 2008 CSHS Graduate Student Awards

Best oral presentation winner: Lara Gibson

Title: Ripening Patterns at the Field Level in Lowbush Blueberry.

Authors: Lara Gibson, Leonard Eaton and H.P. Vasantha Rupasinghe.

Congratulations to Lara and co-authors.

Best poster presentation winner: Irina Comte

Title: Fire-Free Clearing on Smallholder Farms Affects Soil Physical and Chemical Properties In The Brazilian Amazon

Authors: Irina Comte, Robert Davidson, Marc Lucotte and Guillaume Rousseau

Congratulations to Irina and co-authors.

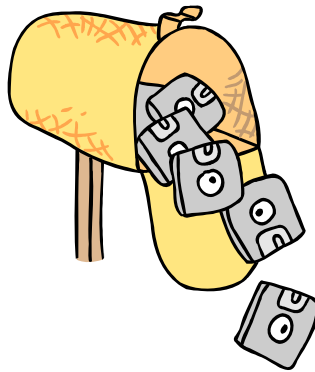
Thank you to all the judges for their constructive remarks.

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Thank you

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Please, do not forget to send your information to Denis Charlebois

Name and contact information of potential corporate members
Name and contact information of teaching institutions (college, university)

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