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# **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**



#### Greetings!

On behalf of the Canadian Society for Horticultural Science, I wish you and your love ones the very best for the holiday season. May this time of the year be one filled with love and good memories.

Do not forget to renew your annual membership. I encourage all of you to seek new members and take a more active part in our Society. At only \$65 and \$10 respectively, regular and student memberships make nice gifts to friends, colleagues

and deserving students.

Do not forget to mark your calendar for next year annual meeting in Halifax Nova Scotia. It will be the perfect occasion to meet with colleagues from other societies. Read more about Plant Canada 2011 in this Newsletter and visit our web site for more information. Important deadlines that you do not want to miss will also be announced on Plant Canada web site.

As a member of the Agricultural Institute of Canada (AIC), CSHS has been and continue to be involved in numerous activities such as international projects and editorial work for the Canadian Journal of Plant Science. I will also represent CSHS on a task force that has been created to discus the future of AIC. Suggestions and comments regarding the role of AIC and our contribution to this important player of the agricultural/horticultural scene are welcome and should be sent to me.

You want to share your thoughts with other members, you have been nominated to a new position, you received an award, send this information to our secretary-treasurer De Kris Pruski (<u>kpruski@nsac.ca</u>). Power Point presentations and posters can also be posted on CSHS website. Send relevant files to our webmaster Dr Shahrokh Khanizadeh (<u>Shahrokh.khanizadeh@agr.gc.ca</u>).

Our congratulations go to Dr Vasantha Rupasinghe and other CSHS member for obtaining the Canada research chair. It is an outstanding achievement that we should all be proud of.

Joyeux Noël et bonne année.

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# **MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER**



Dear Colleagues,

As we head into the holiday season, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our news contributors and friends for your time commitment and support during the 2010 year. You are truly an invaluable resource. On behalf of everyone on the CSHS executive, please accept the best wishes to all our members and your families for Christmas break and a happy and a healthy, successful and prosperous 2011.

Most Sincerely,

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## PLANT CANADA 2011

Just a reminder, the next Plant Canada Conference will take place in Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 17-21, 2011. The conference is organized by CSA, CSHS, CSPP, CBA, CPS & CWSS. Under the title "Plant Adaptation to Environmental Change" a wide variety of subject will be presented and discussed.

For details please go to <u>http://www.plantcanada2011.ca/</u>. The conference posters can be downloaded from <u>http://www.plantcanada2011.ca/PDF\_Document/PC\_poster\_Khanizadeh\_42x54.pdf</u>.

As there are many researchers working on organic projects in horticulture, the Conference will have a joint session with Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada (OACC). It is still in planning stages but it looks that this session will take place on Thursday, July 21, 2011 on the same day the joint session with CIFST is taking place in the morning. For details on OACC in Truro, NS please go to: <a href="http://oacc.info/OSC/osc researchers.asp">http://oacc.info/OSC/osc researchers.asp</a>.

The Plant Canada 2011 organizers are also working on: 1) broadening the scope of organic to sustainable, 2) accommodating the Plant Health aspects, and 3) integrating CSHS's program with the Canadian Institute of Food Technology (which in fact will partially be done if more emphasis will be

put on plants and human health). Also, following a suggestion of Dr. David Percival, organizers are considering to include sustainable urban horticulture initiative that is presently being offered at Dalhousie University, Halifax. The program is lead by Dr. Deborah Buzzard. Combined with the environmental horticulture program at Nova Scotia Agricultural College (NSAC) and the Nova Scotia Community College's urban horticulture program, this could be a valuable source of new CSHS members.



# AGRICULTURE INSTITUTE of CANADA (AIC)

## Agricultural Institute of Canada Call for Nominations for AIC Awards

The Agricultural Institute of Canada invites nominations for our <u>Sustainable Futures Award</u> and <u>International Recognition Award</u>.

The <u>Sustainable Futures Award</u> recognizes tomorrow's leaders in agricultural innovation: young women and men who are advancing and applying innovative scientific knowledge on the sustainable use of agricultural resources for societal good. People who believe agricultural resources can answer challenges in human and animal health, food security, climate change, energy demand and environmental heath. The award recipient will receive \$1,000 to further advance the development and application of new scientific knowledge and a complimentary five-year membership in AIC.

The <u>International Recognition Award</u> honours individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the improvement of agriculture in the Developing World. In particular, the award recognizes those who have had a significant impact on research, teaching, technology transfer, development, management, or communications through collaboration with scientists, agricultural institutions and other interdisciplinary institutions in the Developing World.

Guidance statements for each of the awards and nomination forms can be downloaded from the awards section of the AIC website, <u>http://www.aic.ca/about/awards.cfm</u>

Deadline for submission of nominations for each of the awards is February 15, 2011.



# POST DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP at McGILL UNIVERSITY

Below is the information received from Macdonald Campus of McGill University:

#### Title: McGill University Postdoctoral Fellowship in Sustainable Agriculture – 2011

Location: Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Macdonald Campus, McGill University, 21,111 Lakeshore, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, Canada H9X 3V9

**Description:** Applications are now being accepted for a 2-year fellowship, valued at CDN\$35,000 per year, tenable in the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Macdonald Campus, McGill University. *The competition is intended for new incoming candidates to the university*. The successful candidate will conduct postdoctoral research in the area of sustainable agriculture under the supervision of a professor in one of the Faculty's academic units. The proposed research would address themes such as food quality and safety, nutrition and health, biosciences, bio-products and biotechnology, bio-resource and environmental engineering, conservation and the environment. For more information on the Faculty and its research activities, please visit our website www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/units.

Eligibility: Candidates must have completed their PhD within three years prior to commencement of the award.

**Application Deadline:** March 1, 2011 (*in the event that March 1 falls on a weekend, the deadline will be the following working day*), for tenure not prior to September, 1, 2011. All applicants will be contacted not later than June 1, 2011.

The following application materials are required and may be submitted by electronic mail, by fax or by postal mail" to meet the deadline:

Checklist:

- $\Box$  A letter of application from the candidate, including a statement of research interests for the period of the fellowship (*maximum 2 pages*) and an indication of when he/she expects to be available to take up the award if successful. This letter should briefly outline the facilities required to undertake the research and the name of a suitable supervisor in the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Science whose research program falls within the interest of the candidate <u>www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/units</u>;
- $\Box$  A statement of support from the proposed supervisor;
- □ The candidate's curriculum vitae *including a current e-mail address*;
- □ Names and current e-mail addresses of two individuals who have agreed to provide letters of reference (these are in addition to the statement of support from the proposed supervisor);
- □ Two letters of reference, sent directly by the referees (in addition to the statement of support from the proposed supervisor). Letters must reach the Student Affairs Office no later than

January 3, 2011.

□ University-level transcripts. These may be official transcripts sent directly by the university or universities, or unofficial transcripts sent by the candidate.

#### Please note: THERE IS NO APPLICATION FORM!

Applications will be considered based on the academic merit and research potential of the candidates and the Faculty's ability to accommodate the proposed research. Travel expenses, insurance, immigration fees, etc., will be the responsibility of the fellowship holder. There is no citizenship restriction. Following its initial consideration based on the documents listed above, the Faculty may request additional information or documents (e.g. official transcripts, original letters) from short-listed candidates, their universities, and/or their references. All application materials and enquiries should be directed to:

Scholarships Committee, c/o T. Bird Student Affairs Office, Laird Hall, Room 106, Macdonald Campus of McGill University, 21,111 Lakeshore Road, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec H9X 3V9 CANADA E-mail address: <u>Toni.Bird@mcgill.ca</u> Fax number: 514-398-7968



# The Canadian Journal of Plant Science

The Canadian Journal of Plant Science, Volume 90, Number 6, November 2010, is now available online.

The Canadian Journal of Animal Science

The Canadian Journal of Animal Science, Volume 90, Number 4, December 2010, is now available <u>online</u>.

## The Canadian Journal of Soil Science

The Canadian Journal of Soil Science, Volume 90, Number 4, is now available online.



# **ORGANIC AGRICULTURE CENTRE of CANADA**

The Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada is located at Nova Scotia Agricultural College (NSAC) campus. The Centre is highlighting up-dates to the Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada (OACC) at their **website**. For more details please go to: <u>http://www.oacc.info/FriendsE-zines/december2010.asp</u> and <u>http://www.oacc.info/index\_e.asp</u>



# NSAC AWARDED CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR, TRURO, NS

#### NSAC awarded Canada Research Chair valued at \$500,000

Bible Hill, November 29, 2010 -- Research excellence at NSAC (Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro, NS) was awarded with the presentation of a Canada Research Chair valued at \$500,000 to the Bible Hill University. Dr. Vasantha Rupasinghe received a Tier II Canada Research Chair in fruit biochemistry and bioproducts valued at \$100,000 annually for the duration of the term. Tier II Chair positions are tenable for five years and renewable once and are intended for exceptional emerging researchers, acknowledged by their peers as having the potential to lead in their field.

"NSAC is proud to be part of the Canada Research Chairs program and in particular of Dr. Rupasinghe and his leading-edge research," said Dr. Richard Donald, NSAC vice president, research, extension and outreach. "Dr. Rupasinghe's research is a key component of NSAC's research program and contributes greatly to our ability to support, healthy, sustainable communities."

Dr. Rupasinghe's research involves developing and commercializing innovative, socially and economically acceptable value-added foods, food additives and ingredients, natural health products and other bioproducts from cool climate fruits. Increased consumption of fruits and vegetables as well as the use of novel food ingredients derived from fruits and vegetables will be important in helping to manage current and emerging health care challenges.

"Less in the abundance though they are, some non-nutrient components in fruits such as polyphenolics have remarkable power in promoting human health and wellness," said Dr. Rupasinghe.

Research will be expanded to identify unique antioxidant compounds of fruits that can play a major role in reducing the risk of chronic diseases like brain disorders and heart disease. The new funds will allow Dr. Rupasinghe to explore the processes of isolating these valuable components from underutilized fruit bio-resources in Atlantic Canada and then to develop novel bio-products.

NSAC holds three prestigious Canada Research Chairs - one in agricultural biotechnology, one in organic agriculture and currently fruit biochemistry and bio-products. NSAC is a specialized university

that cultivates learning and research, focusing on improving and sustaining our environment for the health and well-being of society. For more info please go to: <u>http://nsac.ca/news/2010/vasantha.asp</u>



# **GLOBAL FOOD: THE BEST OF THE SERIES - Breaking news**

The Globe and Mail is running a series about food and food sources. Highlights of the week-long project, including most viewed articles, video and features, top-rated comments and poll results can be found at <u>http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/time-to-lead/global-food</u> This is very interesting material containing lots of information.



# SOIL AMENDMENT PROGRAM, Nova Scotia

Farm Focus, December 16, 2010

Nova Scotia is investing \$400,000 for the Soil Amendment Program, Agriculture Minister John MacDonell said Nov. 25, at the NS Federation of Agriculture annual meeting in Truro.

The new funding will assist farmers to transport lime and wood ash to their land to help with soil fertility, volume, moisture retention and pH balance.

"Keeping lands productive is important, but it can be cost-prohibitive for farmers to transport substances like lime to individual farms," said NSFA President Richard Melvin. "We welcome new funding for a soil amendment program and are grateful that the minister shares our concerns regarding the importance of improving soils on Nova Scotia farms."

Growers can apply to the Department of Agriculture for assistance in the spring.



## PROTINUS

#### Seed Germination, December 16, 2010

Two Western Canadian companies have teamed up to provide canola growers a new seed-applied fertilizer option for enhanced early plant growth. Canterra Seeds is offering Protinus, a seed-applied fertilizer developed by Wolf Trax that is designed to enhance early seedling growth, on two canola hybrids for the 2011 growing season. For more information, click <u>here</u>.

Innovotech Inc., which specializes in biofilm product development, has secured additional funding of \$154,000 for Agress, its environmentally friendly seed treatment and plant spray designed to protect crops against both bacterial and fungal infections. The two year funding from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Growing Canadian Agri-Innovations Program will be governed by the Pulse Crops (Canada) Association and will focus on the improvement of dry bean yield, disease resistance and seed quality. For more information, click <u>here</u>.

According to a recent article published in the *Vancouver Sun*, producers in Western Canada are scrambling to find good planting seed for next year. "The wet growing season that downgraded crops has also taken a toll on the quality of available seed. Bruce Carriere of Discovery Seeds in Saskatoon says in his 19 years in the seed testing business, he's never seen anything quite so ugly as this year. Germination and vigour are low; disease is high. On wheat, the lab is seeing the highest fusarium counts ever, even in western parts of the Prairie region that aren't noted for the disease," says the article. For more information, click here.

The Government of Canada has highlighted its commitment to renewable fuels. Federal regulations requiring five per cent renewable fuel content in gasoline came into effect on December 15, 2010. These regulations are one pillar of the Government's broader Renewable Fuels Strategy. The Strategy will establish a demand for renewable fuels that will help stimulate Canadian biofuel production, create jobs and new market opportunities for farmers, and help create jobs in rural communities, while accelerating the commercialization of new biofuel technologies. For more information, click here.

Agrium has sold the AWB Commodity Management Business to Cargill. The company anticipates that the sale to Cargill will be completed in the first half of 2011. For more information, click <u>here</u>.



# CSHS MEMBERSHIP 2010

Material provided by Dinah Ceplis

Below are the latest numbers on CSHS membership:

Scientific Society	Membership 2010	GDD	
		Male	Female
the Canadian Society for Horticultural Science	78	64	14 (18%)



# **Upcoming Horticultural Meetings / Conferences (next 6 months)**

### Year 2011

- 1) January 13-14, 2011, Ottawa, Ontario: **The Future of Farms and Food in Canada**, Canadian Agricultural Economics Society, <u>http://www.ag-innovation.usask.ca/2011policyconference.html</u>
- 2) January 24 -25, Wolfville, Nova Scotia: Healthy Soils, Healthy Crops the Beginning, Scotia Horticultural Congress 2011, <u>http://www.hortns.com</u>
- 3) January 27 -30, Guelph, Ontario: Guelph Organic Conference and Trade Shaw, http://www.guelphorganicconf.ca
- February 7-11, 2011, Lucknow (India): I International Symposium on the Horticulture of Opium Poppy. Info: Prof. Dr. Ram Rajasekharan, CSIR-CIMAP, PO CIMAP, Near Kukrail Picnic Spot, Lucknow 226015, India. Phone: (91)5222359623, Fax: (91)5222342666, E-mail: director@cimap.res.in E-mail symposium: papaver@cimap.res.in Web: http://www.papaverconference2010.net/
- 5) February 8 -11, 2011, Tampa, Florida: **30<sup>th</sup> North American Strawberry Growers** Association Annual Meeting, <u>http://www.nasga.org</u>
- 6) February 28 March 2, 2011, London, Ontario: Growing the Margins: Rural Energy Conference and Exhibition, Canadian Farm and Food Biogas Conference and Exhibition, http://www.gtmconference.ca ; http://www.gtmconference.ca/splashbiogas
- 7) March 19-23, 2011, Davis, CA (United States of America): I International Symposium on Wild Relatives of Subtropical and Temperate Fruit and Nut Crops. Info: Dr. Mallikarjuna

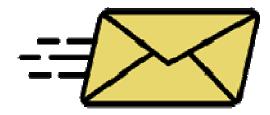
Aradhya, USDA Germplasm Repository, One Shields Avenue, University of California, Davis, CA 95616, United States of America. Phone: (1) 530-752-6504, Fax: (1) 530-752-5974, E-mail: aradhya@ucdavis.edu or Dr. Daniel Kluepfel, USDA ARS - 378 Hutchison Hall, Dept.Plant Pathology, Univ. Ca, Davis, One Shields Ave., Davis, CA 95616, United States of America. E-mail: dakluepfel@ucdavis.edu Web: http://www.wildcrops2011.org/

- 8) March 24-26, 2011, Djerba (Tunisia): IV International Symposium on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants SIPAM2011. Info: Dr. Houcine Khatteli, Institut des Régions Arides, Route de Djouf, Km 22,5, 4119 Médenine, Tunisia. Phone: (216)75633121, Fax: (216)75633006, Email: <u>h.khatteli@ira.rnrt.tn</u> or Dr. Mohamed Neffati, Institut des Regions Arides (IRA), Route de Djorf Km 22,5, 4119 Medenine, Tunisia. Phone: (216)75633839, Fax: (216)75633006, Email: <u>neffati.mohamed@ira.rnrt.tn</u> E-mail symposium: <u>sipam@ira.rnrt.tn</u> Web: <u>http://www.sipam.ira.rnrt.tn/</u>
- 9) April 4-7, 2011, Adelaide (Australia): International Symposium on Organic Matter Management and Compost Use in Horticulture. Info: Mr. Johannes Biala, PO Box 74, Wynnum Queensland 4178, Australia. Phone: (61)7-39011152, Fax: (61)7-33962511, E-mail: <u>biala@optusnet.com.au</u> Web: <u>http://compost-for-horticulture.com/</u>
- 10) May 15-19, 2011, Puebla (Mexico): II International Symposium on Soilless Culture and Hydroponics. Info: Dr. María de las Ni Rodríguez Mendoza, Area de Nutrición Vegetal. IRENAT, Colegio de Postgraduados, Montecillo, Texcoco Edo. Méx, 56230, Mexico. Phone: (52) 595 95 51030, Fax: (52) 595 95 1 01 98, E-mail: <u>marinie@colpos.mx</u> E-mail symposium: <u>issch@colpos.mx</u> Web: <u>http://www.soillessculture.org/</u>
- May 15-19, 2011, Alnarp (Sweden): I International Symposium on Microbial Horticulture. Info: Dr. Beatrix W. Alsanius, Dept. of Horticulture, SLU, Box 103, 230 53 Alnarp, Sweden. Phone: (46)40415336, Fax: (46)40465590, E-mail: <u>beatrix.alsanius@ltj.slu.se</u> or Dr. Hakan Asp, Department of Horticulture, Box 55, 230 53 Alnarp, Sweden. Phone: (46)40415326, Fax: (46)40415519, E-mail: <u>hakan.asp@ltj.slu.se</u> or Prof. Dr. Paul Jensén, Box 53, SLU, LTJ-Faculty, SE-230 53 Alnarp, Sweden. Phone: (46)706878960, Fax: (46)40 460421, E-mail: <u>paul.jensen@adm.slu.se</u> Web: <u>http://www.ishs-microhort.com/</u>
- 12) May 23-26, 2011, Wenatchee, WA (United States of America): IV International Conference Postharvest Unlimited 2011. Info: Dr. Jim Mattheis, USDA ARS TFRL, 1104 N.Western Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801, United States of America. Ph: (1)5096642280ext249, Fax: 5096642287, Web: <u>http://www.postharvestunlimited2011.org/</u>
- 13) May 26-27, 2011, Warsaw, Poland: European Organic Marketing Forum. Info: <u>http://www.organic-marketing-forum.org/index.php?lang=english</u>
- 14) June 13-17, 2011, Quebec City (Canada): International Symposium on Responsible Peatland Management and Growing Media Production. Info: Dr. Line Rochefort, Department of Plant Sciences, Université Laval, Pavillon P. Comtois, 2425, rue de l'Agriculture, Québec, QC G1V 0A6, Canada. Phone: (1)4186562131ext2583, Fax: (1)4186567856, E-mail: <u>line.rochefort@fsaa.ulaval.ca</u> or Jean Caron, Department of Soil Sciences, Université Laval, Pavillon P. Comtois, 2425 rue de l'Agriculture, Quebec, QC G1V 0A6, Canada. Phone:

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- 15) June 15-19, 2011, (Turkey): I International Mulberry Symposium. Info: Prof. Dr. Sezai Ercisli, Ataturk University Agricultural Faculty, Department of Horticulture, 25240 Erzurum, Turkey. Phone: (90) 442-2312599, Fax: (90) 442 2360958, E-mail: <u>sercisli@atauni.edu.tr</u> E-mail symposium: <u>sercisli@hotmail.com</u>
- 16) June 19-23, 2011, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu (Canada): IX International Symposium on Modelling in Fruit Research and Orchard Management. Info: Dr. Gaetan Bourgeois, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Horticultural R&D Centre, 430 Blvd. Gouin, Saint-Jeansur-Richelieu,QC J3B 3E6, Canada. Phone: (1)4505152017, Fax: (1)4503467740, E-mail: gaetan.bourgeois@agr.gc.ca
- 17) June 20-24, 2011, Yerevan (Armenia): XV International Symposium on Apricot Breeding and Culture. Info: Dr. Alvina Avagyan, Armenian State Agrarian University, 74, Teryan Street, Yerevan, Armenia. Phone: (374)93415037, Fax: (374)10202834x121, E-mail: <u>alvinaav@mail.ru</u> or Dr. Aleksandr Kalantaryan, 37 Mamikonyants street. ap.49, 00010 Yerevan, Armenia. Phone: (374) 10237805, E-mail: <u>alikjan@gmail.com</u> E-mail symposium: <u>info@apricot2011.com</u> Web: <u>http://www.apricot2011.com/</u>
- 18) June 22-26, 2011, Zlatibor (Serbia): X International Rubus and Ribes Symposium. Info: Prof. Dr. Mihailo Nikolic, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Belgrado, 6 Nemanjina, 11080 Belgrade, Serbia. Phone: (381)63 801 99 23, Fax: (381)11 21 93 659 or Dr. Brankica Tanovic, Pesticide & Environment Research Inst., 31b Banatska, 11080 Zemun-Belgrade, Serbia. Phone: (381) 11 31 61 773, Fax: (381) 11 30 76 133 E-mail symposium: <u>x.rubusribes@agrif.bg.ac.rs</u> Web: <u>http://www.x-rubusribes.agrif.bg.ac.rs/</u>
- 19) July 5-7, 2011, Wisley (United Kingdom): I International Trials Conference: Assessment of Ornamental Plants. Info: Dr. Simon P. Thornton-Wood, Royal Horticultural Society, Wisley, Woking, Surrey GU23 6QB, United Kingdom. Phone: (44)1483224234, Fax: (44)1483211750 E-mail symposium: ornamentals2011@rhs.org.uk Web: http://www.rhs.org.uk/Plants/ornamentals2011.asp
- 20) July 17-21, 2011, Halifax, Nova Scotia: Plant Canada 2011. Info: <u>http://www.plantcanada2011.ca</u>/
- 21) July 23-30, 2011, Melbourne, Australia: XVIII International Botanical Congress. Info: <u>http://www.ibc2011.com</u>





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