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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings!

Lisbon 2010

This year marked the return of the International Horticultural Congress (IHC). Portugal was the host of this quadrennial event. There is no doubt that IHC is a very prestigious event, a place to see old colleagues and make new ones. Hosting such congress is certainly an incomparable occasion for any country to showcase its capacity to hold an international event, its level of education and technology, and its hospitality. But above all, hosting an IHC is quite an exploit that requires a tremendous amount of time and effort. I would thus like to take this opportunity to thank the IHC 2010 organizing committee for their outstanding efforts in hosting this world class event.

IHC 2018 – Any IHC starts with a bid that has to be presented 8 years prior to the congress. Such bid is made at the ISHS meeting in front of council representatives from all country members. As I reported in our previous Newsletter (June 2010), CSHS along with our long time friends from the ASHS and the invaluable help from the staff of the Palais des Congrès de Montréal presented a joint bid to host IHC 2018. We held a welcoming reception on the evening of August 19. Harold McNairnay, senior trade commissioner, and Fatima Carvalho, trade commissioner from the Canadian embassy gave their well appreciated support during the reception. The official presentation was made the following day. The competition was strong with a joint bid from Switzerland-Germany, a bid from Brazil, another from Thailand and, for the third time, a bid from Turkey. While we did not win the bid, it was obvious that any of these countries would make a good host and had plenty to offer. We wish the best of luck to the Turkish group, hosts of IHC 2018.

The IHC is also synonymous with election and Dr Yves Desjardins (Laval University) was elected American representative to ISHS council. This position is prestigious and an excellent opportunity to promote Canadian horticulture. My congratulations go to Yves and I wish him good luck with its new challenges. Dr Robert Prange (AAFC, Kentville) was the runner up in this election. I would also like to congratulate Bob for his commendable efforts. It is encouraging to see that two of our members managed to get so many votes from their peers. I see this as a sign that they are both respected and recognized as expert in their fields. I hope that both will participate actively in the coming editions of this Newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity of ask all our members to inform our secretary-treasurer whenever they have a nomination or receive an award. Your success is also our success.

Plant Canada 2011 – Do not forget to mark you calendar for next year Plant Canada Meeting (July 17 -21 2011 in Halifax Nova Scotia). Visit the official web site at <http://www.plantcanada2011.ca> to learn about the latest developments. We still need help from our members to get things organized. Do not hesitate to contact any of your executive members or Dr. Yousef Papadopoulos (Yousef.Papadopoulos@agr.gc.ca) to learn more about how you can help.

AIC – The Agricultural Institute of Canada (AIC) plays a key role in the publication of major agricultural journals such as the Canadian Journal of Plant Science. Many of our members have

published in at least one of the journals published by AIC and some have or are still occupying editorial functions for such journals. Through AIC's international program, CSHS has become an active participant to projects in Ghana and is also involved in a project in Nepal. A conference was organized on October 25 in Winnipeg. Our vice-president, Samir Debnath and Mary Ruth McDonald (International project coordinator) attended this meeting. The following point were presented and discussed:

October 19, 2010 Conference call

Subject: Discuss CSHS view point on AIC future direction (see note below).

Present: Denis Charlebois, president
Samir Debnath, Vice-president
Bob Bors, Prairie representative
Shahrokh Khanizadeh, CJPS editor in chief
Mary Ruth McDonald, international program representative

Excused: Robert Prange
Josée Owen

Update on Consultations on AIC's Future Direction:

Representatives of the AIC Board of Directors and staff held teleconference calls with representatives of the scientific societies and with representatives of the provincial institutes of agrology/Canadian Consulting Agrologists Association during the last two weeks of September. The teleconferences were the first step in an ongoing consultation process with stakeholders on AIC's future direction.

Stakeholders have been provided with background information on AIC's current status and situation (also available in the members only section of the AIC website). During the calls, the objectives for the in person meeting and examples of future options and opportunities for AIC have been discussed, and the stakeholder groups encouraged to send representatives.

The in person meeting was being planned for Monday, October 25 in Winnipeg. The objectives of the meeting were to:

- review the purposes of the organization as set out in the Letters Patent
- identify a vision for AIC going forward
- identify options for a structure, future governance and leadership on the Board going forward and options for transition
- explore opportunities for cooperation on programs and services
- establish task teams to further develop and carry the above forward.

We greatly appreciate the significant interest shown by stakeholders in assisting AIC to define its purpose and vision. AIC representatives will be meeting with the Deans of the agricultural colleges in mid-October and will also hold a teleconference call with individual AIC members before the Winnipeg meeting. Your thoughts are welcome at any time. Available information at the moment:

- AIC Owners' Meeting Package Oct. 25, 2010

Was mainly discussed the examples options and opportunities proposed in the document. All members agreed that all these items should be promoted by AIC:

- **Improve and increase the publication of Canadian agricultural science**

It is our understanding that this activity (scientific journal publication) is the main income source for AIC. This activity is well structured and remains an important showcase for all participating scientific societies including CSHS. AIC should seek ways to improve the visibility of contributing scientific societies such as including links to their respective web site on all pdf reprints and including adhesion forms in each printed issue.

- **Promote agricultural science through joint conferences and discussion papers**

Members attending our conference call were unable to tell exactly when the last AIC meeting took place. It was said that such meeting attracted large attendance. Given the wide member base of AIC, CSHS executive encourage AIC to organize meetings. Since Plant Canada already hosts general meeting every 4 years, AIC should consider hosting its meetings at a different time.

- **Inform and/or influence national agricultural policy**

None of the members attending the conference call was able to tell if AIC had any representative in Ottawa. From this, it can be concluded that a) if AIC do have representative in Ottawa, they did a bad job informing us; b) if they do not have such representative, they must do their best to get a visibility in Ottawa commensurate with the membership they represent. It was felt however that it will be a challenge to find themes or problems common to all AIC members.

- **Improve and increase work in international development**

AIC contribution to international development is well recognized and CSHS is interested in continuing its participation. This program is certainly an excellent showcase to show the rest of the world the kind of commitment and professionalism AIC and its members and capable of. Using its experience in the field of international development, we believe that AIC should put the same effort into national development by proposing or participating to national development programs. A strong representation in Ottawa combined to its multidisciplinary membership would have given a AIC a strong position to propose successful projects to programs such as AAFC clusters.

- **Conduct research related to Canada's HR needs in agricultural sciences to help inform and give direction to Canadian agricultural organizations, institutions and corporations.**

We believe that AIC is probably the best candidate to pursue such objective. CSHS, like most scientific societies in Canada is having difficulties recruiting members particularly younger ones. CSHS does not have the necessary contact with the academic institutions to get the necessary visibility needed to recruit new members.

- **Attract and engage younger members in Canadian agricultural institutions (e.g., though support in career development).**

AIC will need to maintain and strengthen its relationship with Canadian academic institutions. The diversity of AIC membership should used to prepare a showcase to be presented wherever potential new members could be found (school, meetings...).

- **Review, revise and revitalize the national accreditation program for agriculture.**

AIC in national accreditation program is an excellent opportunity to maintain contact with various (educational) partners and maintain its credibility within the agricultural community.

Denis Charlebois, October 22, 2010

Your executive – Dr Martine Dorais (AAFC Quebec) resigned from her Eastern Representative position. Martine is nonetheless very active in the field of horticulture with a key role in the organic production cluster. We wish her the best of luck with this important project and I hope that she will find the time to periodically write a column for our Newsletter. I would also take the time to encourage all our members and more specifically the members of our executive for actively seek new members. This is particularly important for all our members holding a teaching position. You are at the forefront of an amazing pool of young and talented candidates. Our Society needs their energy, their new ideas and their involvement. It will soon be time to renew your membership, why don't you bring copies of the application form in class and ask your student to join CSHS? A student's membership is only \$10.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to CSHS's October Newsletter. It is hard to believe but the fall is already in full swing and Thanksgiving passed a week ago. I hope everyone had a good summer and Thanksgiving. Autumn colors are around us. In this Newsletter I am including a number of items collected over the last four months. A big "Thank You" goes to members who sent me the information *via* email or over the phone.

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PLANT CANADA 2011

As mentioned in President's Corner above, 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 <http://www.plantcanada2011.ca/>. The conference posters can be downloaded from http://www.plantcanada2011.ca/PDF_Document/PC_poster_Khanizadeh_42x54.pdf.

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: http://oacc.info/OSC/osc_researchers.asp.

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) MEETING

Material provided by Frances Redenburg

AIC Meeting October 25, 2010 future direction of AIC (this meeting took place already).

As discussed, we would like to determine each society's ability to send official representatives to a meeting in Winnipeg on Monday, October 25 from approximately 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Please reply indicating whether one or more representatives of your society could attend in person. We agreed to a maximum of three representatives per society.

If your society cannot send a representative, please indicate whether this is for scheduling or financial reasons. We are investigating the possibility of videoconferencing for those unable to attend in person.

Thanks,
Frances

You are invited to a teleconference about CSHS participation to a meeting organized by AIC to be held October 25, 2011. Dr. Samir Debnah has agreed to attend this meeting in person along with Mary Ruth McDonald. Considering our relationship with AIC, it is important to let the Institute know our position. Your thoughts and comments are needed and those unable to attend the conference call are invited to send their comments and questions in writing prior to the call. Follow the link below: <http://doodle.com/participation.html?pollId=ghttpuzum2a3hu3>

Dr. Samir Debnah attended the meeting in Winnipeg and presented the report included in the President's Corner section above (page 5 of this Newsletter).

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:

- 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 www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/units;
- 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:

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XVIII International Botanical Congress, Melbourne, July 2011

Material provided by Lindsay Robinson

The Australian botanical community invites you to Melbourne, Australia in July 2011 to participate in the XVIII International Botanical Congress. Australia has a vibrant scientific community active across all botanical disciplines and its researchers play a prominent and highly collaborative role in international biological sciences.

The Australian flora, with its many endemics and strong Gondwanan element, provides a unique opportunity full of inspiring experiences for the botanical visitor. Its ancient landscape includes vast deserts, tropical and temperate rainforests, floristically rich heathlands and unique eucalypt forests. Marine environments include a rich flora and the most extensive coral ecosystem, the Great Barrier Reef.

Australia's botanical community is eager to welcome our colleagues from around the world to the 2011 IBC for an intellectually stimulating and socially memorable occasion. **Judy West** is the Congress President.

For more information please go to the website: <http://www.ibc2011.com> and/or contact:

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ORGANIC AAFC, Canada

The Government of Canada is celebrating Organic Week by helping organic farmers and food processors take full advantage of the incredible growth the sector has enjoyed in recent years. Organic Week begins on Thanksgiving Day, October 11, and runs until World Food Day on October 16. During the week, consumers, producers and organic enthusiasts will participate in a range of unique events

planned across the country, including workshops, local farm tours and a nation-wide recipe contest.

To help kick off the festivities, Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz today announced an investment of more than \$150,000 to assist the Canada Organic Trade Association (COTA) in promoting Canada's high quality organic products to consumers abroad. COTA is one of several organic organizations across the country that is partnering to make Organic Week a success.

"This investment will help farmers stay ahead of international market trends and enhance the global competitiveness of Canada's growing organic agriculture sector," said Minister Ritz. "Our Government is always looking to support new opportunities for Canadian farmers and processors, and this investment will do just that by helping COTA capitalize on new global markets."

This investment will enable COTA to participate in international trade shows, develop a Canadian exporter toolkit, and establish web resources to profile the sector and launch the Canada Organic Brand. The Association will build upon its long-term international strategy and provide information and resources on markets to the Canadian organic sector.

"With this second year of support from the Government of Canada's AgriMarketing Program, we can begin the work of building a brand for Canadian organic products in our target markets," said Matthew Holmes, executive director, Canada Organic Trade Association. "Canadian organic producers have a great story to tell, and with this support our members can remain competitive and explore new ways of promoting our great products."

The Canadian organic retail market was valued at close to \$2 billion in 2008, representing 66 per cent growth since in 2006. This investment is provided through the AgriMarketing Program, which helps national producer and processor associations to increase exports of safe, premium Canadian products around the world. The program helps implement long term international strategies, which include activities such as the expansion of international markets, consumer education and brand promotion.

AAFC Press Release, October 8, 2010

ORGANIC, NSAC TRURO, Nova Scotia

The Government of Canada is investing in cutting-edge research to grow market opportunities and maintain a bright future for the Canadian organic industry. An investment of \$6.5 million will bring together scientific expertise from academia, industry and government to develop more efficient and profitable processes for organic farmers, Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz and MP Scott Armstrong (Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley) announced at NSAC, Truro on September 1, 2010.

"Demand for organic products is growing and this Government wants to help our hardworking Canadian farmers capture as much of this market as possible," said Minister Ritz. "By creating this all-star team, we can maximize the investment and focus Canada's organic expertise on the research that shows the most promise in delivering a profitable, competitive edge to farmers." The Organic Federation of Canada will manage this investment to address the priorities of organic producers. The research will focus on soil fertility, grain cropping, greenhouse production and food processing. This

cluster will also help develop a recognizable, high-quality brand to help establish Canada as a leader in organic production and help farmers expand their businesses.

"The Organic Science Cluster project, funded by the Government of Canada, is a major event in the development of this relatively new but rapidly growing segment of Canadian agriculture - organic food," said Ted Zettel, president of the Organic Federation of Canada. "The Organic Federation of Canada congratulates Minister Ritz and his staff on the foresight and leadership they are providing, in responding to new market demands with this exciting research project."

"The Government of Canada knows the value of investing in a sector that gives so much to Canadian families and our economy," said MP Armstrong. "This investment will benefit organic farmers, as well as conventional farmers here in Nova Scotia and across Canada, who will have access to research results that could improve their cost effectiveness and environmental management."

In partnership with the OFC, the Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada at Nova Scotia Agricultural College, was instrumental in raising an industry contribution of \$2.2 million for this project.

"In this challenging period of declining oil supplies, increasing climate change and economic shifts, research results in organic agriculture offer options for all farmers and consumers," said Dr. Ralph Martin, Founding Director of the Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada. "As Canadian consumers look for more organic products, this research will help Canadian farmers to benefit from this opportunity."

The Canadian organic sector has grown considerably in the last 10-15 years. Retail sales of organic food products in Canada were valued at over \$2 billion in 2008.

The Organic Cluster is delivered by the Growing Forward framework under the Agri-Innovations program, a \$158 million five-year program announced to support industry-led science and technology projects. For more information on Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's programs visit www.agr.gc.ca.



Dr. Ralph Martin, Founding Director of the OACC demonstrates the injection lance, a device like a larger syringe used to inject organic material into apple trees to build tree health and prevent disease. (L to R) Dr. Bernie MacDonald, co-president NSAC, Dr. Martin, Mp Scott Armstrong, Minister Gerry Ritz and Ted Zettel, President of the Organic Federation of Canada.



Dr. Ralph Martin addressing the public following Minister Gerry Ritz announcement. (L to R) Dr. Bernie MacDonald, co-president NSAC, Ted Zettel, President of the Organic Federation of Canada, Minister Gerry Ritz, Dr. Ralph Martin and Mp Scott Armstrong. The ceremony took place at NSAC fruit orchard in Truro.

DIGGIN DIPPER CONFERENCE, NSAC TRURO

Material provided by Dr. Norman Goodyear, NSAC Truro

Digging Deeper Conference a Success

It has been two month since the Digging Deeper Conference/Symposium 2010 was held on campus. The event was a tremendous success. It was a unique collaborative effort on the part of the International People Plant Council and the Canadian Horticultural Therapy Association. It was wonderful to have such a diverse gathering of international colleagues from as far as way as Japan and Korea to Europe and Pakistan.

There were two important learnings for me, among others. The first that the development of Horticultural Therapy in Canada is on par with what is happening in the rest of North America and Europe but perhaps not so advanced as in Korea and Japan. We have lots to learn for our colleagues there and the conference was such a great opportunity for making those connections. The second was the recognition of the importance of strengthening and growing the academic, research and practitioner linkage. I think we at the university are poised to make a significant contribution to this linkage. I wish to thank the university for its support at so many levels and in particular the volunteers from

Continuing Education and Plant and Animal Sciences.



Digging Deeper Conference participants at NSAC Truro

BUY LOCAL

by Ronald L. Doering

You can't open the food section of your newspaper these days without another sermon on the virtues of eating local. The eulogy takes as self evident the moral superiority of the gospel of the locavorism: relocalizing the food supply promotes sustainability because it reduces the fossil fuel needed to deliver the food.

Buying local makes a good deal of sense when the natural conditions support the seasonal production of good fresh local food. Who wouldn't buy our local asparagus in June and fresh sweet corn and tomatoes in August? Indeed, we always have. Canadians have always supported roadside stands of blueberries and local fruits and vegetables; we have always loved our local fish and local summer and autumn farmers' markets. What is new is the pretentious elevation of this simple idea by the chattering culinary class to the status of a comprehensive creed which, they assert, can make a major contribution to a more sustainable food system. Locavores focus on the concept of the food mile to condemn the current system of globalized trade. They dream of a return to an earlier time when the food supply wasn't controlled by big bad agribusiness.

The locavores' philosophy is misguided because it rests on several faulty assumptions. The first is that the energy used in transportation (the food mile) is the largest factor in terms of fossil fuel use. It is not. Countless life cycle assessments have concluded that the energy used in production, processing and preparing of food far outweighs the energy used in transportation. Studies vary but the average

contribution of transportation seems to be about 11 percent. So, for example, it is four times more energy-efficient for London consumers to buy grass-fed lamb imported by ship from New Zealand than to buy grain-fed lamb raised locally. Winter tomatoes from Spain use far less energy than home-grown British tomatoes grown in energy intensive hothouses. Local is not necessarily greener.

With their simplistic focus on food miles, locavores ignore other factors of sustainability. I was in a very chic restaurant in Tucson where the smug chef righteously proclaimed that all his ingredients were locally grown. He was quite offended when I asked him about the environmental and other costs of importing all that fresh water to grow that food in the Arizona desert. And, how is it more sustainable to deny developing countries the opportunity to export their tropical fruits and vegetables?

The dreams of the locovores are unrealistic and unachievable for most parts of the world. No region in this country could even begin to provide the broad range of food products that we need to meet our nutritional requirements. The cruel reality of geography means that localism is not viable for most products in most parts of Canada for most of the year.

Fortunately, the locavore fad is primarily restricted to the foodie elite and others that suffer from anti-corporate angst. The vast majority of Canadians are grateful to go into their local supermarkets to buy food from all over the world with variety and prices no one could have imagined even a decade ago - and buy local in the summer when it makes sense.

I do not deny that we need to reform our food production practices. Getting to a system of sustainable global food production is one of the 21st century's defining challenges as we get closer to a planet with nine billion people. Locavores, however well intentioned, undermine the quest for more sustainable agriculture by, among other things, focussing on a very minor link in the food chain.

Ronald L. Doering , BA, LL.B, MA, LL.D, is a past president of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, September 30, 2010

CANADIAN JOURNAL of PLANT SCIENCE EDITORIAL MEETING

Material provided by Shahrokh Khanizadeh

The meeting was held through a Conference Call on September 24, 2010. Below are a few points taken from the meeting:

- **Review Articles and Associated Editors (AE)**

- ***Review articles, AE encouraged to find the author***

It was noticed that there were not enough invited review papers as were expected. Associate Editors are encouraged to find authors for review articles and to send the manuscript title and abstract along with the possible number of pages to Shahrokh Khanizadeh (Shahrokh.Khanizadeh@agr.gc.ca). Page charge for selected invited review articles will be covered from the Editor's budget. Note the authors for invited review paper should be Journal Society members (CWSS, CSHS or CSA). The page charge will be \$30.00 per page for Society members as opposed to higher page charge for non-

member authors (\$90.00 per page). All invited review papers will go through the normal review process.

- Non-Canadian Associate Editors, 5 US, 1 China

Currently the Journal has six non-Canadian Associate Editors: five from USA and one from China. It is felt that there should be more non-North American Associate Editors. Associate Editors were encouraged to forward their nominations for new Associate Editors to Shahrokh.

- Manuscripts in poor English and poor format

About 22% of the submitted manuscripts were rejected due to poor English and/or format. However, if the manuscript possessed significant scientific information important to the readers, they will be sent to an AE for review.

- Workshop, CSA, Saskatoon. Special issue, Elroy

Three papers from the Statistical Workshop at the 2009 CSA meeting in Guelph were published in the Canadian Journal of Plant Science in a special section. The cost of one paper was covered by Editor's budget.

- **Changes to Journals' Submission System: ScholarOne**

The Journal's submission system will change from Osprey to ScholarOne (formerly Manuscript Central). The system is presently being tested, and should go live within a few weeks. OSPREY will remain in service until all manuscripts in it have been processed. The Editor will now be deciding and forwarding the accepted or rejected letter based on AE decision. In spring 2011 the online journals will move from the present NRC site to Atypon. The Atypon site allows text delivery in pdf and HTML, article by article publishing, reference linking, CrossRef forward linking, and searching of content.

- **Review Period (AE and Reviewers)**

The Associate Editors were requested to complete their review within 5-6 months. They can inform the Editorial Office if it is not possible to complete the review within the specified period of time. Assignment of these manuscripts to alternate AEs can be done to speed up the review process.

- **List of outstanding Reviewers (2010) for CJPS with MS numbers**

Associate Editors were requested to nominate one or two outstanding reviewers to the Editor along with a short paragraph about the selected reviewers (review procedure, expertise suggestions, etc). Among them, the Editor will select a maximum of ten to be listed on the journal and web site along with a short biodata.

28th IHC, Lisbon – Portugal, August 22-27, 2010

Science and Horticulture for People, the theme of the Congress, emphasised horticulture scientific components and how it relates to scientists, producers, consumers and society at large. People are also the focus of horticulture for development. The IHC is a forum for horticulture people to know each other, to interact and to establish relationships. Over 3,900 participants attended the congress. It was well organized (considering the number of people attending). The breaks scheduled during the day, sufficient time for poster display and a permanent encouragement for round table discussions were the key to interact with other scientists from around the globe. E-posters and 'The Horticulture Brokerage Event', a novelty in horticultural congresses, also contributed to interaction among participants.

NEPAL PROJECT

Material provided by Derek Lynch

International (ITPP) Project in Nepal focused on organic agriculture

In November 2008, the Sustainable Agriculture Development Program (SADP) in Nepal contacted the Agricultural Institute of Canada (AIC) to enquire about possibilities for partnership, collaboration or twinning on areas of organic agriculture in Nepal. SADP is a non-profit organization committed to enhancing the livelihood of resource poor farmers through research, development and promotion of sustainable agricultural systems.

Discussions in Nepal and Canada continued for the next year, with AIC contacting organizations and individuals in Canada to identify interest in a potential new partnership with SADP through the AIC International Twinning Partnership Program (ITPP). For more information on the ITPP program and current projects linking Canadian scientific societies with partners in Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Vietnam, Ghana and Ethiopia please see <http://www.aic.ca/international/itpp.cfm>. The broad goals of ITPP partnership project must address capacity development of partner organizations, food security and/or income generation, along with the cross cutting them of gender equality.

Dr. Derek Lynch, representing the Canadian Society of Agronomy, Dinah Ceplis, representing the Canadian Society for Horticultural Science, and Tom Beach, representing AIC, first visited Nepal in December 2009 to view SADP activities, meet their partners and project beneficiaries and discuss the viability of a project with potential partners from Nepal and from Canada. They also gathered information on organic agricultural production in Nepal; farmers and organizations with motivation to adopt organic technologies; developing markets to make organic production profitable; current associated research and extension efforts and programs; recent national organic standards for Nepal; and tracking positive environmental changes due to organic practices. Based on the potential identified, and SADP's vision, goals and organizational objectives, a one year (early 2010 to March 31, 2011) Phase One project development phase was initiated with funding through the ITPP program. In Nepal, the lead project partner is SADP in collaboration with LI-BIRD (Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development), and the Tribhuvan University Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science. A Canadian coordinating committee, open to all CSA and CSHS members interested in participating in this partnership project, has been formed and currently includes Dr. Lynch, Dr. Burlakoti, Dr. Samir Debnath (CSHS), and Carolyn Halde, PhD candidate, U of Manitoba (CSA).

A second visit of a team, including Dr. Rishi Burlakoti, CSHS, Dr. Lynch and Tom Beach, to Nepal is planned for this coming December. The objective is to meet with SADP and all partners to determine the viability of a longer term partnership and to further develop a project proposal to be submitted for consideration as part of the ITPP 2011 program submission to CIDA. Further information on SADP is available at www.sadpnepal.org, LI-BIRD at www.libird.org, and Tribhuvan University at www.tribhuvan-university.edu.np.

If you are interested in serving on the Canadian project coordinating committee, or for more information please contact Derek Lynch (dlynch@nsac.ca).

Upcoming Horticultural Meetings / Conferences (next 8 months)

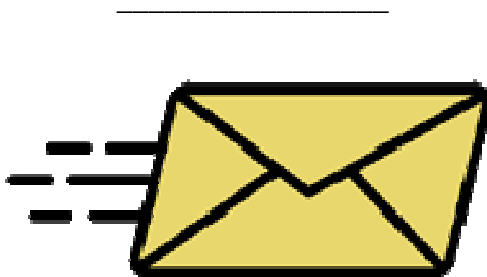
- 1) November 22-26, 2010, Kingston (Jamaica): **I International Symposium on Tropical Horticulture - TropHort2010**. Info: Prof. Dr. Nouredine Benkeblia, The University of the West Indies, Department of Life Sciences, Mona Campus, Kingston 7, Jamaica. Phone: (1)8769271202, Fax: (1)8767024203, E-mail: nouredine.benkeblia@uwimona.edu.jm Web: <http://ocs.mona.uwi.edu/ocs/index.php/th/th1>
- 2) November 23-26, 2010, General Roca (Rio Negro) (Argentina): **XI International Pear Symposium**. Info: Dr. Enrique E. Sanchez, INTA Alto Valle, Casilla de Correo 782, 8332 General Roca, Rio Negro, Argentina. Phone: (54)29414439000, Fax: (54)2941439063, E-mail: esanchez@correo.inta.gov.ar Web: <http://www.inta.gov.ar/altovalle/Pears2010/index.html>
- 3) December 5-9, 2010, Dakar (Senegal): **International Symposium on Urban and Peri-Urban Horticulture in the Century of Cities: Lessons, Challenges, Opportunities**. Info: Dr. Remi Nono-Womdim, FAO-AGP, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153, Rome, Italy. Phone: (39)0657052772, Fax: (39)0657056347 E-mail symposium: uph-symposium@fao.org Web: <http://www.fao.org/agriculture/crops/core-themes/theme/hort-indust-crops/isd/en/>

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- 1) 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/>
- 2) 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/>
- 3) 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, E-mail: h.khatteli@ira.rnrt.tn or Dr. Mohamed Neffati, Institut des Régions Arides (IRA), Route de Djerba Km 22,5, 4119 Medenine, Tunisia. Phone: (216)75633839, Fax: (216)75633006, E-mail: neffati.mohamed@ira.rnrt.tn E-mail symposium: sipam@ira.rnrt.tn Web: <http://www.sipam.ira.rnrt.tn/>
- 4) 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: biala@optusnet.com.au Web: <http://compost-for-horticulture.com/>

- 5) 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: marinie@colpos.mx E-mail symposium: issch@colpos.mx Web: <http://www.soillessculture.org/>
- 6) 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: beatrix.alsanius@ltj.slu.se or Dr. Hakan Asp, Department of Horticulture, Box 55, 230 53 Alnarp, Sweden. Phone: (46)40415326, Fax: (46)40415519, E-mail: hakan.asp@ltj.slu.se or Prof. Dr. Paul Jensen, Box 53, SLU, LTJ-Faculty, SE-230 53 Alnarp, Sweden. Phone: (46)706878960, Fax: (46)40 460421, E-mail: paul.jensen@adm.slu.se Web: <http://www.ishs-microhort.com/>
- 7) 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: <http://www.postharvestunlimited2011.org/>
- 8) May 26-27, 2011, Warsaw, Poland: **European Organic Marketing Forum.** Info: <http://www.organic-marketing-forum.org/index.php?lang=english>
- 9) 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: line.rochefort@fsaa.ulaval.ca or Jean Caron, Department of Soil Sciences, Université Laval, Pavillon P. Comtois, 2425 rue de l'Agriculture, Quebec, QC G1V 0A6, Canada. Phone: (1)4186562131ext2881, Fax: (1)4186567856, E-mail: jean.caron@fsaa.ulaval.ca Web: <http://www.peatlands2011.ulaval.ca/>
- 10) 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: sercisli@atauni.edu.tr E-mail symposium: sercisli@hotmail.com
- 11) 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-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC J3B 3E6, Canada. Phone: (1)4505152017, Fax: (1)4503467740, E-mail: gaetan.bourgeois@agr.gc.ca
- 12) 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: alvinaav@mail.ru or Dr. Aleksandr Kalantaryan, 37 Mamikonyants street. ap.49, 00010 Yerevan, Armenia. Phone: (374) 10237805, E-mail: alikhjan@gmail.com E-mail symposium: info@apricot2011.com Web: <http://www.apricot2011.com/>

- 13) 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: x.rubusribes@agrif.bg.ac.rs
Web: <http://www.x-rubusribes.agrif.bg.ac.rs/>
- 14) 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>
- 15) July 17-21, 2011, Halifax, Nova Scotia: **Plant Canada 2011**. Info: <http://www.plantcanada2011.ca/>
- 16) July 23-30, 2011, Melbourne, Australia: **XVIII International Botanical Congress**. Info: <http://www.ibc2011.com>



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