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Dear prospective and current members/Cher tous,

Greetings from the Canadian Society for Horticultural Science/La Société Canadienne de Science Horticole (CSHS/SCSH, www.cshs.ca). We hope you are keeping well in this era of Covid-19. We are a society with representation from all regions across Canada (Western, Prairie, Central, Eastern, Atlantic and Northern), as well as a growing international membership.

You are involved in many important horticulture activities. If you are not yet a member, we encourage you to join the CSHS. ***Our annual membership fee is just $65 CAD.*** There are currently even more savings for 2 year ($120), 3 year ($175) and 5 year regular memberships ($275). **BUT**, in 2021, membership fees will increase to $70, $ 130, $190 and $300 for 1, 2, 3 and 5 years, respectively. So, savings are highest if you become a member now and for multiple years. CSHS student memberships are just $25/year, or $40/year to join 3 societies (see below). **NEW: Postdoctoral Fellow rate: $50**. Payments are easy and can be completed by PayPal or Interac.

***There are several benefits of being CSHS member***, including receipt of the International Society for Horticultural Science’s quarterly magazine, Chronica Horticulturae (latest attached). We also feel supporting students is important and have created a Student Committee that receives funds for student activities. The student chair sits on the CSHS Executive Board.

**NEW:** ***On August 27 this year, the CSHS Student Committee will organize a special online “CSHS Graduate Student Conference”. It will be a live online conference available only to CSHS members.*** ***It is a great way graduate students can gain exposure for their research to CSHS members while acquiring experience organizing a conference. If you supervise students and your students are not currently members, they can join for $25 and make presentations (oral or poster). Student presentation awards will be provided. More details to follow to CSHS members.***

**Your membership provides the following benefits and more:**

* Reduced page charges to publish in the Canadian Journal of Plant Science (CJPS, $30/page for members, $90/page for non-members).
* Significantly reduced registration fees at the annual CSHS/SCSH conferences with cost savings equal or more than the annual membership fees.
* Timely direct mail alerts to jobs, grant opportunities, etc.
* Only CSHS members will be sent regular issues of Chronica Horticulturae, the International Society for Horticulture Science magazine. Interesting articles on international horticulture, dates of upcoming international conferences, etc. are featured. Please see the latest issue attached.
* For students: a NEW offer in which you can become a member of THREE societies; Canadian Society of Agronomy (CSA), Canadian Society of Soil Science (CSSS), as well as our CSHS for the *reduced annual fee of $40*. Regular price: $60/year.
* Financially supports CSHS student activities across Canada.
* Only registered members are eligible for awards:
	+ Many student awards for oral and poster presentations, travel
	+ Most Cited CJPS Paper award
	+ Invitation to be a conference speaker (normally registration and accommodation costs waived)

The past year was a busy one; some highlights of our 2019 activities:

* Brand new website: [www.cshs.ca](http://www.cshs.ca)
* The CSHS was an active participant of Plant Canada, the joint conference of all seven professional plant societies in Canada. Plant Canada was held July 7 – 10 last year at the University of Guelph with the theme, “Communicating Innovation in Plant Science” and attracted over 550 attendees.
* The Student Committee has worked hard on increasing our presence on social media including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter and will be organizing the August 27, 2020 online CSHS Graduate Student Conference.
* Please, learn about our various activities in the field of horticulture on our website and social media webpages ([www.cshs.ca](http://www.cshs.ca)).

Thanks for being a member or considering to join the CSHS and Welcome in Advance!

All the best,

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