



Canadian Society for Horticultural Science Soci t  Canadienne de Science Horticole

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Dear Members,

Thank you for being a member of the Canadian Society for Horticultural Science/la Soci t  Canadienne de Science Horticole (CSHS/SCSH, www.cshs.ca).

This letter is to highlight some of the major activities the CSHS carried out in the past couple of years, and to remind you that your membership can be renewed at www.cshs.ca/membership. You may like to take a few minutes to get it done before the new year.

Your membership provides the following benefits and more:

- **A complimentary subscription** to the electronic editions of the [Canadian Journal of Plant Science](#) (CJPS) as a CSHS member.
- **Reduced page charges to publish** in the Canadian Journal of Plant Science (CJPS): \$30 per page for members, \$90 per page for non-members.
- **Significantly reduced registration fees** at the annual CSHS/SCSH conferences with cost savings that can be far more than the annual membership fees. For example, for the upcoming conference in meeting in Kelowna (June 23-26, 2025), members will save \$100 for registration.
- For students: An offer in which they 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 registration fee of \$60.
- Timely direct **email 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.



- Only registered members are eligible for **awards**:
 - **Student awards** for oral presentations, poster presentations, and travel. Since we are a smaller society, the possibility for winning awards is much higher than some larger societies.
 - **Most Cited Paper Award** in Canadian Journal of Plant Science.
 - **Invitation to be a conference speaker** with the possibility of waived registration and accommodation costs.
- **Financial support** of CSHS student activities across Canada.

Horticulture is an important sector in Canada's economy. You are involved in many important horticulture activities and would like to see this sector to grow. Our society provides a platform for this, and many of our efforts are geared towards supporting our students, the new generation of horticulture experts and scientists. The CSHS needs your energy, enthusiasm and commitment to horticulture in Canada.

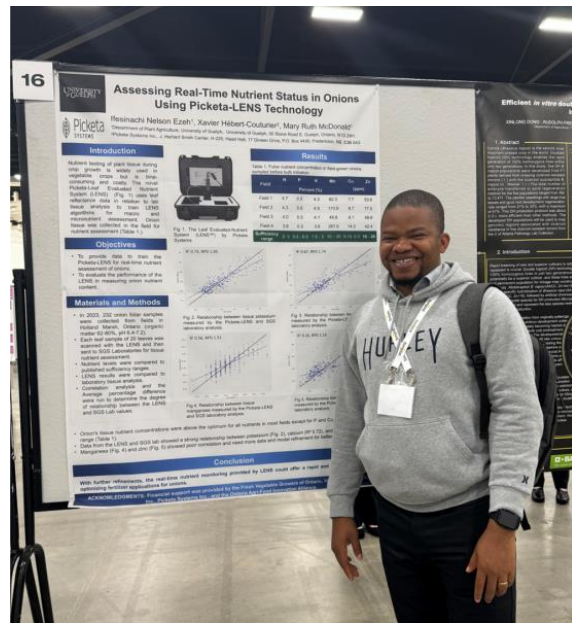
Our **Regular** membership fee is just **\$90 per year**. There are currently even more savings for 2-year (\$170), 3-year (\$225) and 5-year regular memberships (\$425). **Student** memberships are only **\$30 per year**, or \$60 per year to join three societies (CSHS, CSA, CSSH). **Postdoctoral Fellow** membership is **\$60 per year** and **Retired** members have a special rate of **\$30 per year**.

Our **Corporate** membership fee is only **\$360 per year**. Each Corporate membership also includes five complimentary regular memberships worth \$90 each for a total value of \$450.

All the rates are in Canadian Dollars; payments are easy and can be completed online by PayPal, E-transfer, or cheque payable to the Canadian Society for Horticultural Science (www.cshs.ca/membership).

Here are some highlights of our 2024 activities:

- The CSHS participated in the [Plant Canada 2024 Conference](#) held July 7-10, 2024 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. This was a reunion of seven Canadian plant science societies and provided an opportunity for productive scientific exchange among participants from across Canada. CSHS student members received six presentation awards (oral and poster) for a total of \$2000.
- CSHS members are preparing a Horticulture Special Issue entitled **Emerging Trends in Horticulture** for the February 2025 issue of the Canadian Journal of Plant Science. Drs. Melanie Kalischuk, Lord Abbey and Raphael Ofoe are as guest co-editors of this special issue.
- The society is actively preparing for the **CSHS & CSA 2025 Joint Conference** which will be held on June 23-26, 2025 in Kelowna, BC. There will be a pre-conference tour along with exciting plenary and concurrent sessions pertinent in horticulture and agronomy. Visit the [CSHS website](#) for updates.
- The Student Committee has continued to work on increasing our presence on social media including [Facebook](#), [Linked In](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).
- Please, learn about our various activities in the field of horticulture on our website and social media webpages (www.cshs.ca).



Graduate student Ifesinachi Nelson Ezeh [received third place for his poster](#) from both the *Canadian Society of Horticultural Sciences* and the *Canadian Phytopathological Society* at Plant Canada 2024.

Thank you for your continuous support of the CSHS. Please encourage your students, colleagues and friends to join. We are looking forward to seeing you all face-to-face in the near future at the **CSHS & CSA Joint Conference** on June 23-26, 2025, in Kelowna, BC.



A research orchard in the Okanagan Valley, British Columbia. Photo: [Medhi Sharifi, AAFC](#)

Have a wonderful holiday!

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