

Northeastern Division's 77th Annual Meeting



The 77th Annual Meeting of the APS Northeastern Division was held at Hotel Palace Royal, Quebec, Canada, on November 1–3, 2017. Many thanks to the local organizing committee (chaired by **Russell Tweddell**)! The meeting, with 104 attendees representing five countries (including Pakistan, Israel, and Colombia), was a success; 19 graduate students entered the oral presentation competition, and 16 regular-session presentations were given. The meeting concluded with a well-attended and engaging symposium, entitled “Resurging Diseases in a Changing World,” that included four invited speakers. Two premeeting tours were well received: one on tree diseases, which featured a tour of Quebec City’s eastern areas (25 participants), and a Quebec City tour (15 participants).

With the election of incoming Secretary–Treasurer **Joan Allen** (and **Kari Peter** to serve as secretary–treasurer the following year), the division officers for 2017–2018 are **Margaret McGrath**, immediate past president; **Robert Marra**, president; **Geunhwa Jung**, vice president; and **James LaMondia**, Division Forum representative. At the division’s awards banquet, held at Hotel Palace Royal on the evening of November 2, the Graduate Student Presentation Award was given to **James Hempfling**, of the Department of Plant Biology at Rutgers University, for his presentation “Dollar Spot Control Affected by Bentgrass Susceptibility and Fungicide Programming,” and Awards of Merit were presented to **Sharon Douglas** (accepted by **Wade Elmer** on her behalf) and **Margery Daughtrey**. The evening concluded with the division’s ceremonial transfer of its storied chestnut gavel from outgoing President McGrath to incoming President Marra. ■



Rob Wick (left) presented the first-place Northeastern Division Graduate Student Presentation Award to James Hempfling (right).



APS President Mary Palm (center), pictured with Steven Johnson (left) and Bob Marra (right), provided an update on APS activities during the Northeastern Division Meeting.



APS Northeastern Division Officers (left to right): Jim LaMondia, Joan Allen, Geunhwa Jung, Bob Marra, and Meg McGrath.

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Deadline Approaching for Global Experience Program



The application period for the 2018 Global Experience Program is quickly approaching; applicant materials must be received by January 16 to be considered. Support is available from the APS Office of International Programs (OIP) for individuals who want to help scientists and extension personnel of developing countries in training and outreach efforts. The program is open to all APS members to conduct short courses, workshops, and training programs in collaboration with a cooperating institution in a developing country. Teams consisting of a senior and a junior plant pathologist are encouraged to participate, and the development of training/extension materials will be supported. Up to \$1,500 will be available for successful applicants to support travel and training material costs.

Learn more about the program and its requirements online (www.apsnet.org/members/outreach/oip/pages/globalexperience.aspx). Please contact **Ron French** (ronald.d.french@aphis.usda.gov) with any questions. Applications are due January 16, 2018. ■