

**Minutes of the Mycology Committee Meeting
Austin, Texas
Saturday, July 30, 2005**

The committee met at 5.30 pm in room 13AB, Austin Convention Center, Carrie L. Harmon chair, Mani Skaria, vice chair. A total of 24 people attended the meeting, 20 registered their names (see table 1) in the attendance register.

The meeting was called to order at 5.30 by chair, Carrie L. Harmon and minutes were recorded by vice-chair, Mani Skaria.

After the welcome by the chair and introductions (name, institutions and location) of the attendees, the chair started business meeting.

The chair announced the various special symposia and sessions that are co-sponsored by the Mycology Committee at the 2005 annual meeting. They were:

1. Malicious Microbes: Human Health Hazards in Plant Pathology Laboratories on August 2nd. George Hudler introduced the speakers and recommended the attendees to attend the above session.
2. Mycology Roundup on July 31st. Carrie Harmon introduced the speaker, Mary Palm to the attendees.
3. Fungal Phytotoxins, Biology, and Pathogenesis, organized by Weidong Chen and Carol Stiles. The speakers were introduced to the committee.
4. *Fusarium* special session organized by Randy Ploetz.
5. Weidong Chen briefed about symposium, Fungal Phytotoxins

Other updates were: 1) MSA meeting update in Hawaii by Carol Stiles. She represents APS, 2) George Hudler briefed about the importance of introducing mycology to non-students, his involvement with the Teaching Committee and the online teaching, 3) Mani Skaria talked about his production of on-line course on indoor mold, 4) Carrie Harmon talked about the Mycology Committee website, the need for a new, condensed mission statement,

Symposia nominations for the 2006 meeting: 1) Robert Lartey requested cosponsoring the "*First International Symposium on Cercospora Leaf Spot of Sugar Beet.*" It will go under the title Diseases of Plants. Lartey inquired whether APS would waive registration for non-APS member speakers. Randy Plotz confirmed that the registration fee for non-APS members will be waived. All the speakers are already arranged and he expects 50-75 people to attend the symposium. This request for sponsorship was approved unanimously.

2) Randy Ploetz requested cosponsor for the proposed *Cocoa Diseases: Important Threats to chocolate production Worldwide*. There were several good comments about the proposed symposium from various attendees. The request was approved unanimously.

3) Turner Sutton / Karen Scholthof/ Paul Peterson requested support from the mycology committee for the APS centennial celebrations. She discussed the following: history of plant pathology, history of pathogenic fungi, rust diseases, history of virology, plant effect on politics. The request was approved unanimously. The current title of the symposium is **“The role of fungi in science and human affairs.”**

Website: Tom Chase volunteered to manage the web site of the Mycology Committee.

Prevalent Fungi List: Laura Redmond and Cartol Stiles spoke about the list of fungi and the supervisors. They discussed the permitting process. Jim White (?) talked about the virus list.

Another topic of discussion was on **endophytes** and biological control.

Nominations:

Tom Chase was nominated to be the vice chair

New members nominated were: Paul Zambino, Amanda Gevens, Darin Eastburn, Steve Jordan, Stephen Doodwin, and Carol Stiles

There is no limit on the number of committees one could serve.

Table 1. Name and contact information of people present at the Mycology Committee Meeting, July 30, 2005, Austin, Texas.

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	Paul Zambino		
	Others present but did not register their names ?	Any names?	