

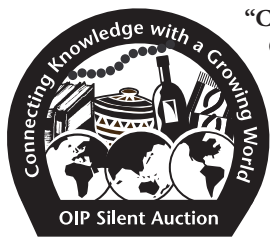
OIP News & Views

OIP Activities in Québec City

As you make plans to attend the joint APS/CPS/MSA meeting this summer in Québec City, Québec, Canada, OIP would like to bring to your attention two great opportunities to support the international activities of APS. In response to popular demand, OIP will host two events that have been held at previous annual meetings.

APS-OIP 5K Fun Run/2.5K Walk for International Outreach and Collaboration

Join your friends and support OIP by participating in the second 5K Fun Run/2.5K Walk for International Outreach and Collaboration. The event will take place in the historic Plains of Abraham Battlefield Park, which overlooks the St. Lawrence River and is near the Québec City Convention Center. The race will be held, rain or shine, at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 30, and will be coordinated by a local runner's club, the Club de course à pied de l'Université Laval. OIP thanks **Louis Bernier**, Université Laval, for local arrangements and substantial assistance with the Park and Club. Registration for the race is only \$25. All registrants will receive an official race t-shirt, and prizes will be given to the top three men and women finishers. Proceeds from the event will help enhance the various international activities of APS, including improved networking among scientists and organizations. To register, mark your APS annual meeting registration form. For those who are interested in supporting the cause but are not the morning type, sign up for the "donation only" registration. You will support OIP, get a little more sleep, and still receive a race t-shirt.



"Connecting Knowledge with a Growing World." The Second Annual OIP Silent Auction

This auction was a great success at the annual meeting last year in Austin. Support OIP by participating in the Second Annual OIP Silent Auction in Québec City. The auction will be held during the Welcome Reception on Sunday, July 30. Funds raised will be used for the new "Connecting Knowledge with a Growing World" workshop series that will support collaboration among plant pathologists from around the world.

• Auction Items

OIP wants fabulous cultural items for the auction. Last year more than 80 products from six continents were donated and almost \$4,000 was raised. Help us top these figures in 2006! Do you have items you have collected during international travel or artwork you have made? How about bottles of wine, chocolate, or other special treats from around the world? Donations may be in the form of crafts, artwork, tools, books, services, or any other item that reflects your culture or cultures that you have visited. Items should be valued at \$10 or more.

• Make a Donation

If you are interested in donating an item for the auction, download and complete the donation form at www.apsnet.org/members/oip/silentauction.asp and submit it to APS by July 7. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can still donate items for the auction by shipping them with a completed donation form by July 7 to the attention of Michelle Bjerkness at APS Headquarters. When mailing a donation, please write "Silent Auction Donation" on the outside of the package. We will notify you when your donation arrives.

• Sponsorship Option

If you are unable to provide an item for the auction, but would like to support the workshop series, download the sponsorship form at www.apsnet.org/members/oip/SilentAuctionSponsorForm.pdf and submit it with your monetary donation to OIP by June 1.

• At the Meeting

You are invited to bid during the APS Welcome Reception on Sunday, July 30, from 7:00-9:30 p.m. Browse and bid on one or several items. With each winning bid you will take home a unique item and help cooperation among plant pathologists worldwide. ■

OIP Library Assistance Program—Activities in 2005

During 2005, the OIP Library Assistance Program sent journals to the following institutes: Awassa College of Agriculture, Ethiopia; University of Debrecen, Hungary; University of Ibn Zohr, Morocco; CIIDIR—IPN-Unidad Sinaloa, Mexico; and ICARDA/University of Aleppo, Syria. In total, the following were shipped: nine volumes of *Nature*, 12 volumes of *Science*, 30 volumes of *Plant Disease Reporter*, 93 volumes of *Plant Disease*, and 159 volumes of *Phytopathology*.

Publications were donated by **Christina Matta** (University of Wisconsin), **Robert Carroll** (University of Delaware), **Timothy Tidwell** (California Department of Food & Agriculture), **Tom Creswell** (North Carolina State University), **Barry Cunfer** (University of Georgia), and **William Dowler** (Clemson University). Shipments were made possible by contributions from Christina Matta, Robert Carroll and the Department of Plant & Soil Science (University of Delaware), **David Thomas**/Syngenta Crop Prot., Inc. (U.S.A.), Crompton Corp./Uniroyl Chem. (U.S.A.), Tom Creswell and the Department of Plant Pathology (North Carolina State University), **Mohammad Babadoost** (University of Illinois), **Elizabeth Jeffery** and **Elvira de Mejia**/TIES Mexico Program (University of Illinois), Barry Cunfer, and the APS-OIP Library Assistance Program. OIP sincerely thanks the above individuals and organizations for their outstanding generosity.

Donations of books, compendia, and CDs continue to be the items that are most frequently requested of the OIP Library Assistance Program. In 2005, these requests were more than double the total that was received for journals. If you have thought about assisting this program, please consider donating these items, as well as journals. OIP will certainly find a good home for anything you can contribute! To help, please contact Mohammad Babadoost at: N-533 Turner Hall, Department of Crops Sciences, 1102 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana, IL 61801-4798; Phone: +1.217.333.1523; Fax: +1.217.333.5299; E-mail: babadoos@uiuc.edu. ■

OIP Announces Recipients of the JANE and International Travel Awards

OIP is pleased to announce the recipients of the JANE and International Travel Awards for 2006. Funding for both of these awards was made possible by a generous donation from **John and Anne Neiderhauser**.

The JANE award goes to **Jorge Teodoro de Souza** (CEPLAC/CEPEC, Itabuna, Brazil) and **Adeniyi David Iwaro** (University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago) for their project entitled, "Studies on the genetic diversity and pathogenicity of *Phytophthora* isolates obtained from cacao in Brazil and Trinidad and Tobago." OIP appreciates the opportunity to fund work on this important tropical crop. (Note that a symposium on the major cacao diseases will be held at the 2006 annual meeting.)

The International Travel Award goes to **Walid Hamada** (National Agronomic Institute of Tunisia). At the 2006 annual meeting, Hamada will give a presentation entitled, "Genetic characterisation of *Phytophthora infestans* in Tunisia revealed the presence of the A2 mating type."

Congratulations to the 2006 awardees, and thanks to all who have applied for these awards. Watch for the call for proposals later this year for 2007. ■

