



...and they're off!

## 1st APS-OIP Fun Run and Walk a Success



(l to r) Honorary starter of the race Mal Shurtleff and outgoing Director of OIP George Abawi are pleased with the race turnout.

results, and photos can be found on the OIP website at [www.apsnet.org/members/oip/funrun04.asp](http://www.apsnet.org/members/oip/funrun04.asp).

The OIP board received very positive feedback about the race during the rest of the meeting. OIP would like to recognize all who helped make this event a success. We are especially grateful to the individuals who made financial contributions and to all the runners and walkers

who participated. The support from the following companies who sponsored the event was also instrumental to its success:

Arvesta	Dupont
BAAR Scientific	Percival Scientific
BASF Corp	Sakata Seeds
Bayer CropScience	Seminis Seeds
Bioreba	Sun Seeds
Campbell Soup	Syngenta

In addition, the event would not have been possible without the hard work of board member **Sally Miller**, APS staff member **Michelle Bjerkness**, and numerous volunteers who helped before and during the race. To all who made this possible, we extend a sincere "thanks."

Sally ([miller.769@osu.edu](mailto:miller.769@osu.edu)) and Michelle ([mbjerkness@scisoc.org](mailto:mbjerkness@scisoc.org)) are currently investigating ways in which the event could be held again during the 2005 meeting in Austin, TX. Please contact them if you would like to make a financial contribution or assist with the race. ■



James Farrar, winner of the 5K run, approaches the finish line.

The inaugural APS-OIP 5K Fun Run and 2.5K Walk were held during the annual meeting in Anaheim, CA, on the morning of August 1. Conducted under ideal, cool conditions, the event attracted a diverse and enthusiastic group of pathologists. Fifty runners finished the 5K, led by APS members **James Farrar** (California State University, Fresno) in 19:33, and **Alison Robertson** (Iowa State University, Ames) in 23:51. In a virtual dead heat, **Lawrence Datnoff** (University of Florida, Gainesville), 23:54, and **Kitty Cardwell** (USDA-CSREES, Washington DC), 23:55, led 20 walkers. A complete list of finishers,



(l to r) Ohioans Anne Dorrance, Margaret Redinbaugh, and Sally Miller visit before the race.

## International Travel Awardee Thanks APS for Opportunity

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This year I had the opportunity to attend the APS Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA, through the APS Foundation International Travel Award. This was an excellent opportunity to see what is going on in the world of phytopathology in the country with the most abundant scientific production in the world. Apart from finding out about the latest tendencies and advances in phytopathology, I had the opportunity to meet the most relevant scientists in my area of work. I made new contacts with scientists from the United States and other parts of the world, including some fellow Colombians. Of course, this is what you expect from attending an event such as the APS Annual Meeting. However, something that surprised me was how large and complicated the APS organization is—committees covering all areas of phytopathological interest, networks for plant health, extension, and teaching, plus committees involved in international relations, regulation, biosecurity, and early career development. Attending the APS meeting gave me a lot of new ideas not only for my work, but to improve my local society, having seen what APS has accomplished in its almost 100 years of existence. ■

## OIP Library Assistance Program Reaches 12 Countries

Thanks to the donations of 20 APS members, this past year the OIP Library Assistance Program distributed APS journals and publications to 12 developing country libraries and institutions. This year's donations went to Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, Iran, Brazil, Zambia, Ethiopia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Philippines, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. For details on these efforts visit [www.apsnet.org/members/oip/library.asp](http://www.apsnet.org/members/oip/library.asp).

OIP assists APS members who wish to donate APS journals, books, slides, etc. to designated libraries. If you are interested in participating in this program contact **Mohammad Babadoost**, University of Illinois, phone: +1.217.333.1523; fax: +1.217.333.1289; e-mail: [babadoos@uiuc.edu](mailto:babadoos@uiuc.edu). ■