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In my 35 years of international work, I realized that access to technical and professional journals is one of the most important ways to help colleagues in developing countries. That's why I work with the OIP library assistance program to donate my issues of *Phytopathology* and *Plant Disease*.

— Bill Brown  
Colorado State University

Funding, provided by the JANE Award has allowed me to study unique populations of *P. infestans* oospores found no where else in the world except the Toluca Valley of Mexico. This research may not have been possible without the support of the JANE Endowment and it is likely to provide significant contributions to our understanding of *P. infestans* oospores.

— Sylvia Fernandez Pavia  
CEEM/PICTIPALPA, Mexico

## Office of International Programs (OIP)

The American Phytopathological Society (APS) is committed to enabling scientists and practitioners throughout the world the opportunity to share plant pathology knowledge and expertise. To promote greater interaction worldwide APS established the Office of International Programs (OIP) in 1986.

Since its inception, OIP has committed itself to meeting the following objectives: 1) provide continuity and coordination of APS international activities; 2) promote collaboration among plant pathologists and scientists of all nationalities; and 3) facilitate teaching, research, and extension with the aim of increasing agricultural production through improved plant health especially in developing countries.

## OIP Programs

Currently OIP reaches out globally through several different initiatives.

### *Library Assistance Program*

The OIP Library Assistance Program provides APS publications to developing country libraries and institutions which do not have access or cannot afford to pay subscription fees. OIP assists APS members who wish to donate APS journals to designated libraries. OIP also serves as the point of contact for distributing APS publications on CD-ROM to developing countries.

### *JANE Endowment Award*

OIP works closely with the APS Foundation to promote the John and Ann Niederhauser Endowment Award (JANE). The Endowment was created to facilitate international cooperation related to research/management of plant diseases with particular emphasis on those caused by *Phytophthora*. The Endowment supports awards for projects which have clear implications to developing countries. A call for proposals appears each year in the August issue of *Phytopathology News*.



### *International Service Award*

The International Service Award was established by APS Council in 1998 to recognize outstanding contributions to plant pathology by APS members for a country other than his/her own. Contributions may be through collaborative projects, sabbaticals, short or long term assignments with educational or government agencies, or effective coordination of education programs. A portion of the JANE Endowment has been designated as a cash prize for the International Service Award recipient. OIP and the APS Foundation administer the award program.

### *International Programs Travel Fund*

OIP in partnership with the APS Foundation established a travel fund for supporting developing country scientists to attend annual APS meetings. The fund is held by the Foundation and administered by OIP. Write directly to the OIP Director for more information on the Travel Fund.

### *Plant Health Resources Publication*

APS members, who volunteer to act as resources in their specialties are listed in a new publication titled "International Resources on Plant Diseases." Educational opportunities are also listed on computer disk and hard copy in this APS Press publication for agriculturalists and foresters primarily in developing countries.

### *Studies on Graduate Education and Placement*

Graduate education for international students is the subject for an ongoing study by OIP. Departments and academic representatives are

made aware of student's needs when they return to diverse professional opportunities. The OIP is neither an employer nor a placement agency, but preparation and opportunities for international employment have been popular subjects of discussion at APS meetings.

## OIP Committees

OIP's efforts would not be possible without the dedication of its Advisory Board and Committee members. Four committees drive the key areas for OIP.

### *Policy and Programs*

Develops OIP policies for consideration by APS Council. The committee also implements OIP programs for the APS Annual Meeting and publicizes OIP activities and the benefits of international agricultural development.

### *Education*

Promotes international communication, education opportunities, teaching aids, training courses, workshops, seminars in plant health, and scholarly exchanges to develop and update lists of scientists and organizations interested in service to developing countries, to determine the relevancy of graduate experience for developing country students and to supplement APS placement activities with career opportunities in developing countries.

### *Research*

Fosters international networks that promote collaboration in plant pathology research among all nations. These research linkages may include the exchange of information and materials, the facilitations of travel, and other activities consistent with OIP objectives.

### *Service*

Facilitates service activities in plant health technology transfer among nations. These efforts may include the exchange of information and materials, the assistance of libraries, the promotion of travel, the sponsorship of international APS memberships, and other service activities consistent with OIP objectives.