APS Signs Collaborative MOU with the Brazilian Society of Phytopathology

A recent memorandum of understanding (MOU) between APS and the Brazilian Society of Phytopathology (SBF) looks to provide greater engagement between the two societies and increase memberships in both societies. Additionally, joint scientific sessions and networking activities are planned for each society’s annual meetings.

An APS-SBF Working Group, appointed by the president of each society, includes the following active members (APS): Eduardo Chagas (Louisiana State University [LSU]), Lawrence E. Datnoff (LSU; APS Working Group chair), Robert Gilbertson (University of California-Davis), Michael Goodin (University of Kentucky [UK]), Pierce Paul (The Ohio State University), Natalia Peres (University of Florida), and Nicole Ward Gauthier (UK).

The SBF Working Group includes Rita de Cassia Pereira Carvalho and Renato de Oliveira Resende (Universidade de Brasília), Luiz Gonzaga Chitarra (EMBRAPA), Eduardo S. G. Mizubuti (Universidade Federal de Viçosa), and William Mário de Carvalho Nunes (Universidade Estadual de Maringá).

The APS-SBF Working Group met in 2015 at the APS Annual Meeting in Pasadena and in 2016 at the APS Annual Meeting in Tampa to develop plans and schedule activities. As a result, the APS-SBF Working Group will sponsor a session at the 2017 SBF Annual Meeting highlighting scientific collaborations between the two societies, as well as a coordinated booth during both societies’ annual meetings to showcase Brazilian students studying/working in the United States and the potential opportunities for American students/faculty in Brazil. Stay tuned!