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# AMERICAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY **SOUTHERN DIVISION** **NEWSLETTER**

## DECEMBER 2002

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### January 15, 2003

- ☞ Send **abstracts** as an email attachment document to [j-amador@tamu.edu](mailto:j-amador@tamu.edu), with copies to [morag@colpos.mx](mailto:morag@colpos.mx), and [n-garcia@tamu.edu](mailto:n-garcia@tamu.edu). Also send a diskette and hard copy to John Damicone (pages 1-2).
- ☞ **Abstract fees** due to Bob McGovern (page 2, 8).
- ☞ Abstracts for **graduate student research award presentations** due to Bonnie Ownley (page 2).
- ☞ **Nominations for Vice President** due to Bob McGovern (page 3, 8).

#### February 7, 2003

- ☞ Applications for **graduate student/post doc travel awards** due to Mike Benson (page 3, 7).
- ☞ **Nominations for Outstanding Plant Pathologist** due to Steve Kammerer (page 3).

#### February 15, 2003

- ☞ Registration fees due (to avoid \$25 late fee).
- ☞ Hotel reservation deadline.

#### April 6-10, 2003

- ☞ 80<sup>th</sup> annual SDAPS Meeting, South Padre Island, TX.

### 80<sup>TH</sup> SDAPS MEETING

The 80<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Phytopathological Society-Southern Division, will be held April 6-10, 2003, at the Radisson Resort South Padre Island in South Padre Island, TX. We will meet in conjunction with the Pan American Plant

Disease Conference, 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Phytopathological Society-Caribbean Division, the 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of Latin American Association of Phytopathology, and 30<sup>th</sup> National, 5<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Mexican Phytopathological Society.

Registration fees before February 15 will be \$175.00 for SDAPS members, \$125.00 for companions, and \$100.00 for students. After that date \$25.00 should be added to each respective registration fee. The registration fee includes lunch and dinner on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, lunch on Thursday, hors d'oeuvres at the Sunday reception, and coffee breaks. For registration procedures and additional information on the meeting please access the meeting web site: <http://firstone.tamu.edu/bp2003.htm>.

The suggested hotel for attendees is the Radisson Resort South Padre Island, 500 Padre Island Boulevard, South Padre Island, TX 78597 (956-761-5397; [radspisales@aol.com](mailto:radspisales@aol.com)). Room rates are \$99.00 for single and double occupancy and \$198.00 for condominiums (limited availability). Alternate hotels, the Royal Beach & Tennis Club (956-761-1166; [rbtc@sprynet.com](mailto:rbtc@sprynet.com)) and Comfort Suites (956-772-9020; [scpadrei@lodginghost.com](mailto:scpadrei@lodginghost.com)), will honor the \$99.00 room rate. Deadline for reservation to receive reduced rates is February 15, 2003.

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Our joint meeting program will consist of invited and contributed oral paper sessions, and posters.

1.) Abstracts for publication in the program booklet should be in English and Spanish and sent as an email attachment document to [j-amador@tamu.edu](mailto:j-amador@tamu.edu), with copies to [morag@colpos.mx](mailto:morag@colpos.mx), and [n-garcia@tamu.edu](mailto:n-garcia@tamu.edu).

2.) Abstracts to be published in *Phytopathology* should be sent as a hard copy and computer disk copy, together with a completed APS Division Abstract Form to John P. Damicone, Oklahoma State University, Entomology & Plant Pathology Dept., 127 Noble Research Center, Stillwater, OK 74078-3033.

#### **ABSTRACTS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 15, 2003**

Guidelines for abstracts are as follows: At least one author of each paper/poster presented at the meeting must be an APS member. Only abstracts of those papers/posters actually presented at the meeting will be published. Only unpublished information may be included. APS Division abstract guidelines, a sample format, and the division abstract form are available online on APSnet at <http://www.apsnet.org/meetings/div/instruct.asp>. If you cannot access this information, contact Bob McGovern and he will fax a copy to you.

The Abstract Review Committee of the Southern Division can reject any abstract not deemed fit for publication. Those not conforming to the required style will be returned to the author and must be resubmitted on or before the January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for acceptance. Abstracts accepted and presented at the meeting will be printed in the *Phytopathology* Supplement in June 2003.

Fifteen minutes will be allowed for each oral paper, 12 minutes for presentation and 3 minutes for questions. Overhead, 35 mm slide, and digital projectors will be available. Posters should be appropriately identified including title, name of the author and institution. The dimension of the poster should be 36 in. (90 cm) wide by 48 in. (120 cm) long. The text and pictures should be legible from a distance of 5 ft. (1.5 meters).

### **ABSTRACT FEES**

**Abstract fees are \$45.00 if paid by the deadline (January 15, 2003), \$50.00 if more than 30 days late, and \$55.00 if paid at the meeting.** Payments for abstracts should be sent directly to the SDAPS secretary/treasurer, NOT to the President Elect. **Send your invoice (page 8) plus check made payable to "SDAPS" (NOT the APS) to Bob McGovern, University of Florida-IFAS, 1453 Fifield Hall, PO Box 110680, Gainesville, FL 32611-0680. Please use the invoice on page 8 so that payments can be matched with abstracts.**

Do NOT send purchase orders or direct vouchers because they require extra handling and postage. An abstract fee credit for papers not presented at the meeting can be used for the next SDAPS meeting. RECEIPTS for abstracts may be requested at the meeting but they cannot be mailed in advance.

### **SDAPS GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD**

Graduate students are invited to enter the Graduate Student Research Award Competition. A plaque and monetary award will be given to the first, second, and third place speakers (\$300, \$200, and \$100, for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, respectively).

Submission of Papers Students competing for the award must i.) be an enrolled student in a graduate program in the Southern Division either at the time of, or within six months of, the abstract submission deadline (January 15, 2003); ii.) be a member in good standing of the Southern Division at the time the paper is presented (page 6); iii.) be sole or senior author of the paper; and iv.) present this paper at a meeting of the SDAPS. The paper must communicate results of research in plant pathology conducted while in the pursuit of a degree at a Southern Division college or university.

A registration discount will be given to those students who participate in the Graduate Student Award Competition. A complimentary luncheon will also be provided for each student competing.

**Students should mail FIVE hard copies of the abstract to Past President Bonnie Ownley, University of Tennessee, Entomology and Plant Pathology Department, 2431 Center Drive Room 205, Knoxville, TN 37996-4500 by January 15. In addition, one hard copy and one copy on diskette sent to President Elect John Damicone.** Be sure to indicate on the division abstract form that the abstract is for the graduate student awards session. The \$45.00 fee for publication of the abstract should be mailed to Bob McGovern by January 15, 2003.

## SDAPS GRAD STUDENT / POST DOC TRAVEL GRANTS

Graduate Students and Post-doctoral associates who plan to present a paper at the Southern Division meeting at Padre Island, TX, are encouraged to apply for the Southern Division Travel Award. This year the Executive Committee of SDAPS has approved up to five awards of \$300. Graduate students and post-doctoral researchers who are members of the Southern Division of the American Phytopathological Society are eligible to compete for a Travel Award to present their research at the SDAPS meeting. Applicants competing for the Travel Award must i) be enrolled in a graduate program in the Southern Division or a post-doctoral research associate at an institution in the Southern Division at the time of the abstract submission deadline or within six months of the abstract submission deadline, ii) be a member in good standing of the Southern Division at the time of the meeting, iii) submit the application form and a cover letter documenting the need for a Travel Award, and iv) request that their major advisor or PI supervisor submit a letter of support. Graduate students competing in the graduate student paper competition are eligible for a Travel Award. Applications are due **February 7, 2003**.

Applications are available on page 7 of this newsletter or can be downloaded at [http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/plantpath/SD\\_APS/SouthernAPS.html](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/plantpath/SD_APS/SouthernAPS.html) and should be sent to D. M. Benson, Vice President SDAPS, [mike\\_benson@ncsu.edu](mailto:mike_benson@ncsu.edu), North Carolina State University, Department of Plant Pathology, Campus Box 7629, Raleigh, NC 27695-7629. Recipients will be contacted by the Vice President prior to the meeting. Awards will be presented at the 2003 SDAPS business meeting.

## NOMINATIONS FOR THE OUTSTANDING PLANT PATHOLOGIST AWARD

This honor is granted to a member of the American Phytopathological Society-Southern Division in recognition of distinguished contributions to plant pathology. The contributions may be in research, teaching, extension, or any other aspect of plant

pathology in either an academic or non-academic setting. The award will consist of a plaque and a monetary gift (\$400).

The nomination must be accompanied by a statement - no longer than 3 to 4 pages, double-spaced - giving name, position, affiliation, and critique that includes the nature, scope and relevance of the contributions that qualify the nominee for consideration. A biographical sketch of the candidate not exceeding 1,000 words should accompany the nomination. The nominator should prepare and send five copies of the statement and the biographical sketch to:

**Steven J. Kammerer, Sygenta Crop Protection, Inc.  
100 Rivers Edge Road N., St. Augustine, FL 32092  
by February 7, 2002.**

## NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President is responsible for membership and assisting with program development for the annual meeting and will become President Elect upon completion of the term of office.

Please fill out the attached nomination form (page 7) with your suggestions for Vice President and place it in a sealed envelope. *Sign* your name on the outside of the envelope and return it to Bob McGovern by January 15, 2003.

## SOUTHERN DIV. TEAM WINS 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DE BARY BOWL!



Anton de Bary  
(1831-1888)

The Southern Division Team won the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual de Bary Bowl contest at the APS Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, WI. After placing in numerous previous contests the SD Team overcame stiff opposition from the Potomac Division squad in the finals. (Our arch nemesis, the Pacific Division sans quiz-wizard, Ellen Bentley, was eliminated in an earlier round). The SD team consisted of **Kerik Cox, Fred Dixon, Jennifer Flowers-Doyle, Pat Heist, Layla Sconyers, and Paul Vincelli**. Congratulations to all!

Let's keep up the winning momentum and prepare for the de Bary Bowl in Charlotte in 2003. The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Division de Bary Bowl will be held at the upcoming meeting at South Padre Island. Show your school spirit by putting together a team to represent your university. If there are not enough meeting attendees from your university to make a team, we'll merge universities. Teams of no more than five members from each school will compete for fun and prizes. John P. Damicone, Oklahoma State University, is the organizer. He is looking for assistants to moderate and keep score during the competition. SDAPS members may also submit questions (with answers!). Contact him at [jpd3898@okstate.edu](mailto:jpd3898@okstate.edu).

## NEW SDAPS WEB SITE

Southern Division of APS has recently established a new web site for the division at: [http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/plantpath/SD\\_APS/SouthernAPS.html](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/plantpath/SD_APS/SouthernAPS.html). Here you will find pertinent information about all facets of Southern Division activities including the newsletter, upcoming meetings, abstract deadlines, award recipients, officers, and various reports. The site was developed by Dr. Bonnie Ownley, Past President SDAPS and designed by Danesha Seth Carley, a MS graduate in plant pathology at the University of Tennessee. Items for the web site relative to Southern Division activities should be sent to the webmaster ([mike\\_benson@ncsu.edu](mailto:mike_benson@ncsu.edu)).

## APS COUNCIL MINUTES

The following issues were addressed at the annual meeting, August 26-31, 2002.

Pres. Jacque Fletcher reminded everyone that the Milwaukee meeting was Pres. Noel Keen's, and encouraged everyone to carry on as best as possible in his memory.

**APS Activities** - Pres. Fletcher reviewed the status of APS activities over the course of the year highlighting the improved APS effectiveness and visibility in Washington through partnering with K. Eversole. APS Congressional briefing in Feb. and the APS Genomics workshop in Mar 2002 were cited as examples of APS increased visibility. Dr. Fletcher indicated that APS had received many inquiries in

the area of "Bioterrorism Response", and suggested that this issue provided an opportunity for service by APS and an increase in national awareness and respect for the organization.

**APS Governance** - Discussion of the future governance structure of APS continued. An experimental "expanded" council convened at the Milwaukee meeting. Gary Bergstrom reported that input regarding the previous proposed governance structure indicated most members think there is no need to change the governance structure and advised council to move slowly toward any change in governance structure. Council voted to appoint an ad hoc committee for drafting a questionnaire on discipline sections and the potential representation of those on council.

**Financial Advisory Committee Report** - As of May 31, 2002, the society was operating in the black, with a budget surplus of over \$195,000. The committee is considering ways to increase income stream. Specific mention was made regarding the future of Plant Management Network, which currently is revenue consuming. Evaluation of administration costs and cost centers of the society is ongoing.

**The Public Policy Board**- Noel Keen was named as a "Friend of Plant Pathology". O.W. Barnett completed his term as director. During the past year, the board addressed numerous timely issues. The board worked closely with Ms. Kellye Eversole of Eversole Associates in Washington, D.C. She organized a Biosecurity Forum for congressional staff and agency personnel. Ms. Eversole also arranged agendas with legislative and agency personnel for the Board's annual Washington DC meeting. Discussions at that forum included among other items: biosecurity, a center for plant disease control, agricultural funding, germplasm issues, methyl bromide phase out. A workshop on Genomic Analysis of Plant-Associated Microorganisms was held in April. John Sherwood was appointed incoming director.

**APS Foundation** continues to thrive. As of January 1, 2002, twenty-five named travel funds have been. Twenty-four student travel awards were made for the 2002 APS meeting in Milwaukee.

**Office International Programs** recommended funding for three JANE proposals for 2002. Collaborative efforts between the APS Foundation and OIP have resulted in the establishment of the new "International Travel Award".

**Ad hoc Committee- Divisional Issues-** This committee was appointed in May 2002, with Barbara J. Christ as coordinator. Each division councilor was contacted with the charge to develop Division-specific objectives and an action plan so that APS can better support the Division in reaching their goals. The Divisional councilors are to lead discussion with their executive committee of their respective division and then with the Divisional membership. A final report will be due in 2003 at the Annual Meeting in Charlotte.

**Ad hoc Committee- Alliance Strategy Committee-** chaired by C. Windels reported on status of APS alliance with various societies and organizations and made numerous recommendations for improving mutually beneficial alliances in the future.

**Ad hoc Committee- Bioterrorism -** chaired by R. James Cook, was appointed by President Noel Keen in December 2001, and began its work in early January 2002. The key recommendations for use in a Congressional Briefing held by the APS Public Policy Board in early March 2002. The paper, entitled "Biosecurity Issues Affecting Crops and Communities: Genomics, Biotechnology, and Infrastructure," can be found at the APS website at <http://www.apsnet.org/media/biosecurity.asp>. The recommendations include 1) proposed investments in basic research, 2) proposed USDA investments in infrastructure, and 3) proposed actions and activities of APS. Key recommendations are greater investments in genomics research for plant pathogens, as a basis for increased understanding of the diversity and global population structure of threat agents and for improved diagnostics and trace-back capabilities, and establishment of a national center that would provide the infrastructure and leadership for plant health issues similar to those currently provided for human health issues by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta.

**Ad hoc Committee- Emerging Diseases and Pathogens,** Dr. Douglas Luster was appointed by APS President Noel Keen to chair the ad hoc committee on in early 2002. The objectives of the committee are to develop lists of threatening and emerging plant pathogens and associated fact sheets, as requested by USDA-APHIS. The committee will assemble experts in several fields (SubCommittees), and by commodity, to develop sets of criteria specific to each scenario, and prioritize pathogen

threats by defined pathways or scenarios of introduction.

The APS Meeting for 2003 will be in Charlotte, NC. Councilors' Forum recommended Anaheim, CA (2004), Austin, TX (2005), and Quebec City (2006) as future APS meeting sites.

**The mid-year meeting of APS Council will be before our meeting on South Padre Island in April of 2003. Please feel free to contact me regarding any matter or issue that needs to be brought up with council or to provide your input regarding any issue being addressed by council. Also, please note the charge of the Ad hoc Committee - Divisional Issues (above). Please let me know what you feel our most important divisional issues are, and any ideas you have to address them. Thank you.**

Respectfully submitted,

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### Resolutions

John L. Sherwood - (GA)

### Local Arrangements

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Name and Campus Address	Date: Phone: Email: Status: (please check appropriate line) <input type="checkbox"/> M. S. Student <input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D. Student <input type="checkbox"/> Post-doctoral Associate
Advisor or PI:	Phone:
Estimated cost of travel: \$	

In the space below insert or attach a copy of the abstract you submitted for the SDAPS meeting.

	<p>Southern Division American Phytopathological Society</p> <p><b>BALLOT</b></p>
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VICE PRESIDENT Nomination

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Place this ballot in a sealed envelope, *sign* the outside, and RETURN BY **January 15, 2003**, to:

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## SDAPS DUES

SDAPS dues are \$5.00 for members and associate members (excluding retired plant pathologists who are considered honorary members) and \$3.00 for student members. Dues may be sent to the SDAPS Secretary/Treasurer or paid with your APS dues.



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