Meet New APS Office of Industry Relations Director Brian Olson

Brian Olson, field scientist, Dow AgroSciences, Inc., became the third APS Office of Industry Relations (OIR) director during the recent APS annual meeting in San Diego, CA, succeeding Vince Morton. Olson will serve as OIR director through 2010.

Olson is looking forward to his term as OIR director. The mission of OIR is simple: develop meaningful interactions between APS and its industry members; optimize interactions between APS and its membership on matters pertaining to the diverse industries related to plant disease management; and strengthen advocacy for science-based public policy.

The mission may be simple, but it is in the details that Olson will ask members of the OIR Board and APS for help. Board members include Vincent Morton, Viva, Inc.; James Spadafora, FMC Corp.; Marty Wiglesworth, Arysta LifeSciences; Hendrik Ypema, BASF Corp.; Wayne Wiebe, Syngenta/ROGERS Brand Vegetable Seeds; Charles T. Schiller, Arysta LifeSciences; Chris Becker, BAAR Scientific LLC; Lorianne Fought, Bayer CropScience; Phyllis T. Himmel, Seminis Vegetable Seeds; Clint L. Kohls, Plant Pest Authority; Michael Schwarz, Bayer CropScience; and Eric Tedford, Syngenta Crop Protection. If you have an idea for the OIR Board to consider, please contact any of the individual board members.

According to Olson, "The ‘baby boom’ generation has just started to retire and, in the next 5–10 years, a large number of plant pathologists will retire from their careers in industry, USDA, and academia. After 25–35 years, many of these individuals have developed a broad background of knowledge and experience from the field to the laboratory. In the last 20 years, biotechnology and genomics have become the major focus in research and graduate programs, with field experience in plant diseases taking a back seat. Without the broad training and experience of graduate students in plant pathology, both industry and USDA have had difficulty filling applied positions in the last few years. APS Council is aware of the situation and Jim McDonald is now chair of an ad-hoc committee to understand the problem and offer solutions.”

Developing opportunities for plant pathologists to gain broad experience will be a major issue that the OIR Board will address during Olson’s term. Specifically, the board will look at:

• graduate student education and preparedness for careers in industry, USDA, and academia through internships, industry mentoring, and applied plant pathology outreach programs;
• highlighting the need for judicial use of crop protectants in modern agriculture by emphasizing IPM and good application practices as outlined by the Fungicide Resistance Action Committee (FRAC);
• continuing the program started by Morton to conduct plant disease outreach workshops between APS and crop commodity associations to discuss what is and is not working well;
• facilitating industry’s involvement in the APS Centennial Celebration by outlining the role industry has played in key events over the last 100 years;
• coordinating regulatory issues relating to biotechnology, chemicals, and diagnostics and providing input to the EPA on questions relating to these issues; and
• continuing to emphasize the need for APS to interact with seed producers and biotech firms.

Olson grew up in Connecticut and completed his B.S. degree in plant biology at Nasson College in Maine. After working as a technician in an immunology lab at Yale University, Olson continued his

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As in the past, PDMR will be published in two installments, allowing authors to submit reports twice a year. Submissions to the first installment are due to the editor-in-chief for review and approval by December 10, 2007. Publication charges are $40 per report and are payable with submission of the final approved report by February 25, 2008. The submission date for the second installment will be in late spring or early summer 2008. The exact date will be announced on the submission instructions webpage and in Phytopathology News. Instructions for submission preparation and procedures can be found at www.apsnet.org/online/pdmr/guidelines.

Renew Online!

If your membership term ends December 31, 2007, you should have received an e-mail with a unique link to your personal online renewal form. Through our newly enhanced process, you now have the ability to make changes to your contact information, demographics, membership and journal options, as well as donate to the APS Foundation. Please contact the membership department at apsinfo@sciosc.org or +1.651.454.7250 if you did not receive your renewal e-mail. Make sure you are part of APS during the centennial year by renewing your membership today!
Public Policy Update

PPB Seeks Nominations for a New Board Member to Serve in the Area of Food Safety

Recent national attention on the contamination of fresh produce by human pathogens such as *Escherichia coli* and *Salmonella* species, expressed interest by federal agencies in the role of plant pathologists in understanding those relationships, and a strong response of interest from the APS community underpin the recent Public Policy Board (PPB) initiative in food safety. A symposium at the 2007 APS Annual Meeting, cosponsored by the PPB and the APS Bacteriology Committee, on cross-domain bacteria was a landmark in bringing APS members together with members of the food safety community. Future PPB plans include fostering a fledgling APS Food Safety Interest Group and creating opportunities, via a national workshop, for synergism between plant pathology and food safety research communities. Goals for the workshop include setting priorities for research, fostering cooperation among plant pathologists and food safety experts, and identifying targeted funding sources. Publication of workshop proceedings is planned.

The new PPB member’s role will include interacting with the APS Food Safety Interest Group, providing leadership on the development of PPB input to national agencies on food safety issues, participating with PPB in midyear meetings in Washington, DC, to discuss initiatives with policy makers and funding agencies, and giving broad membership updates in presentations at the APS annual meetings.

Interested individuals should have 1) the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed, as well as adequate time, to address food safety issues on behalf of PPB, and 2) the broad interest and experience to contribute to all PPB efforts. Additionally, we hope to attract new APS members who have an interest in public policy to serve on PPB.

PPB requests submission of a short statement of interest and background (short CV) from members interested in serving APS as a PPB board member by November 30. Please send these items to PPB Chair Jacque Fletcher at jacqueline.fletcher@okstate.edu. Questions? Call Jacque at +1.405.744.9948.

PPB will review submitted materials and make a recommendation to APS Council on the PPB appointment.

Funding Opportunities

Regional IPM Competitive Grants Program—Southern Region Request for Applications

USDA CSREES anticipates the availability of grant funds and requests applications for the Regional Integrated Pest Management Competitive Grants Program for FY 2008 to support the continuum of research and extension efforts needed to increase the implementation of integrated pest management (IPM) methods. The Regional IPM Competitive Grants Program supports projects that develop individual pest control tactics, integrate individual tactics into an IPM system, and develop and implement extension education programs. In FY 2008, CSREES anticipates that approximately $827,000 will be available for support of the Regional IPM Competitive Grants Program – Southern Region. Of this amount, approximately $457,000 is expected to be available for research projects, $70,000 for extension projects, $200,000 for joint research-extension projects and $100,000 for an IPM evaluation project. Applications must be received at Grants.gov by close of business on December 3, 2007. Visit www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=15652&flag2006=true&mode=VIEW for full details.
Time Is Running Out!

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Visit the Member-Get-A-Member webpage on APS net (www.apsnet.org/members/refermember.asp) to learn more, download special membership applications, and access the online referral form.

Contact the APS membership department at +1.651.454.7250 or apsinfo@scisoc.org with questions.

Increase your chances of winning—recruit new members today!
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If you have questions or would like assistance, please contact Barbara Mock at +1.651.994.3829 or bmock@scisoc.org.

Thank you for your commitment to APS and to plant pathology!

Frank L. Howard Undergraduate Fellowship

Applications Being Accepted

2007 Winners: Christopher Aakre and Michael Meyer

Do you have undergraduate students working in your laboratory conducting research? Are they planning on continuing their education in graduate school? This message is for you and those students. The APS Foundation has undergraduate research awards (Frank L. Howard Undergraduate Fellowship) available and we want you to consider having your students apply. Full details are available at www.apsnet.org/foundation/apsundergrad.asp.

In 2007, two outstanding undergraduates were selected as award recipients of this fellowship.

Christopher Aakre, Stanford University, was selected for his project entitled “Biological function of the tomato LRR-RLK in Xanthomonas-host interactions.” Michael Meyer, University of Illinois, was selected for his project entitled “Synergism of Maize dwarf mosaic virus and fungal leaf pathogens of sweet corn.” Both Aakre and Meyer will be presenting the results of their research at the annual meetings next year in Minneapolis.

If you have students like Aakre and Meyer who could benefit from the support of the Frank L. Howard Undergraduate Fellowship, we encourage you to notify them about this opportunity. The student must write a cover letter describing their academic and career goals and a proposal concerning their proposed work (no more than three pages). Other components to be included in the package are a copy of the student’s academic transcript (can be an unofficial copy) and a letter from a faculty sponsor indicating their willingness to supervise and provide resources for the project. The sponsor or student should present the results from the research at a regional or national APS meeting following completion of the research. Six copies of the application package are due January 18, 2008, and should be sent to the contact below.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Darin Eastburn, 64 NSRC, 1101 W. Peabody, Urbana, IL, 61801. Phone: +1.217.244.9632; Fax: +1.217.333.1289; E-mail: eastburn@uiuc.edu.

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1 APS awards nominations due via e-mail. www.apsnet.org/members/awards/closing.asp
1 APS Foundation International Travel Award applications due. www.apsnet.org/members/oip/travel.asp
30 Renewals due for members with a term that starts January 1.
30 PPB new board member nominations for food safety due. jacqueline.fletcher@okstate.edu

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10 PDMR submissions due to editor-in-chief. www.apsnet.org/online/pdmr/guidelines
15 APS Foundation JANE Award applications due. www.apsnet.org/foundation/JANEApplication.asp

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11 8th I.E. Melhus Graduate Student Symposium applications due. www.apsnet.org/foundation/imelhus.asp
18 APS Foundation Frank L. Howard Undergraduate Fellowship applications due. www.apsnet.org/foundation/apsundergrad.asp

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25 PDMR submission of the final approved report due. www.apsnet.org/online/pdmr/guidelines
ISHS/ProMusa Symposium on Banana Crop Protection

The new alliance between the International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS) and ProMusa held their first joint symposium on banana crop protection in White River, South Africa, September 10–14, 2007. The symposium was co-organized by Bioversity International (formerly the International Network for the Improvement of Banana and Plantain, INIBAP) and the Forestry and Agricultural Biotechnology Institute (FABI, see Phytopathology News 38:110). The meeting was made possible by major financial support from Bioversity International, FABI and Du Roi Laboratories.

Among the highlights was the announcement of the completed genomic sequence of Mycosphaerella fijiensis. A consortium expected to annotate the genome within 12–18 months. Several speakers reported on the detection of different species of Banana streak virus and related badnaviruses in banana, and there was an animated discussion on whether current, stringent measures should be relaxed to allow dissemination of infected germplasm when benefit outweighed perceived risk. Several presentations described the spread and management of Xanthomonas bacterial wilt in Africa and a recent reclassification of the causal agent as X. vasicola (formerly campesiris) pv. musacearum. Many talks and posters addressed the control and molecular understanding of Panama disease, and there was a general consensus that tropical race 4, currently restricted to Asia, composed a most serious threat to production in Africa and the Americas. Support was expressed for sequencing the causal agent, Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. cubense.

As the meeting ended, newly elected leaders of the working groups of ProMusa were announced: Crop Protection: Chair, Alice Churchill, Cornell University, United States, and Vice Chair, Jean-Michel Risède, CIRAD, Guadeloupe; Crop Improvement: Chair, Mike Smith, DPI, Australia, and Vice Chair, Robert Miller, Universidad Católica de Brasilia, Brazil; and Crop Production: Chair, Zaag de Beer, ARC-ITSC, South Africa, and Vice Chair, Stefan Hauser, IITA, Nigeria.

For more information about ProMusa and the symposium, see the ProMusa website at www.promusa.org or contact Inge Van den Bergh at i.vandenbergh@cgiar.org or Karen Lehrer at k.lehrer@cgiar.org.

New leaders of the ProMusa working groups (l to r): Robert Miller, Zaag de Beer, Alice Churchill, and Jean-Michel Risède.

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The 2008 APS Centennial Meeting will be packed with scientific, historical, and celebratory events, exceptional plenary sessions, as well as a number of very special centennial sessions.

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As we look forward to the next 100 years, The American Phytopathological Society is committed to remaining a diverse global community of scientists who: 1) continue to provide credible and beneficial information related to plant health; 2) advocate and participate in the exchange of knowledge with the public, policy makers, and the larger scientific community; and 3) promote and provide opportunities for scientific communication, career preparation and professional development for its members.

Nothing should be more valuable than experiencing the 2008 APS Centennial Meeting. Please make sure to watch your mail…. There is MORE TO COME!

Plant pathology is influenced profoundly by societal, institutional, environmental, and technological changes. World-renowned scientists in a number of different fields will address national and global issues related to agriculture at the 2008 APS Centennial Meeting.

You will have numerous opportunities to get involved and make a difference as we look to the future to best position the discipline to meet future societal needs and scientific opportunities.

Visit http://meeting.apsnet.org for all the meeting updates.
Vijaykumar Choppakatla received his Ph.D. degree in plant pathology from Oklahoma State University (OSU) in December 2006. The title of Choppakatla’s dissertation was “Pathogenicity of Rhizoctonia spp. and Sclerotium rolfsii on wheat and peanut and genetic variation among Rhizoctonia isolates.” Choppakatla was co-advised by Hassan Melouk, USDA-ARS-Stillwater, and Bob Hunger, OSU. Prior to attending OSU, Choppakatla received an M.S. degree in plant, soil, and environmental science from West Texas A&M University and a B.S. degree in agriculture from Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University in India. Currently, Choppakatla is the technical services manager for Biosafe Systems in East Hartford, CT.

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George taught courses in general plant sciences and mycology and coauthored a textbook and laboratory manuals in plant sciences. He served as major professor for students in master’s and doctoral programs.

In addition to support for his research from Purdue University, George was funded by the USDA as agent or collaborator. Beginning in 1955 and continuously until 1972, he had National Science Foundation support for the following projects: 1) the grass rusts of Montana, Colorado, and Arizona; 2) the rust fungi of the Mexican border region; and 3) the rust fungi of northern Mexico.

In 1960, George spent a sabbatical year in Tucson doing extensive field research on rusts in southern Arizona and northern Mexico. Following George’s retirement from Purdue, he moved to Tucson. George was appointed visiting research professor by the Department of Plant Pathology of the University of Arizona. During the next 25 years, he was the author or coauthor of 22 journal papers and five books. The latter included Rust Fungi on Legumes and Composites in North America, three books on rust fungi of Mexico with Hector Gallegos, and the second and third editions of Illustrated Genera of Rust Fungi with Yasuyuki Hiratsuka. The third edition was George’s last publication at age 99.

To the end of his life, George retained his full mental faculties, phenomenal memory, and a delightful sense of humor. He is survived by wife Mildred, son Richard, daughter Elaine, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Hilde McGrath, former USDA editor for Plant Disease Reporter, died in Clearville, PA, on April 29, 2007. McGrath was born in 1921 in Grand Forks, ND. She served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II, enlisting in 1942 and retiring in 1958. She was a graduate of the University of Maryland, having earned a B.S. degree and then an M.S. degree in botany and also earned a B.A. degree in business administration at Marquette University. For 30 years, she was employed with the USDA in Beltsville, MD, working as an editor for Plant Disease Reporter, a government publication with worldwide circulation. A longtime member of APS, McGrath was instrumental in transitioning the publication of content from the USDA’s Plant Disease Reporter into APS’s new Plant Disease journal in 1980.

McGrath was a warm and generous person and will be greatly missed. She is survived by her daughter Marthe McGrath, husband John Appleton, granddaughter Alexandre Petrakis, husband Bill White, and great-grandson, Benjamin Lucas White.

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**Assistant Professor of Plant Pathology—Soilborne Pathogens**

The Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, invites applications for an 11-month, tenure-track assistant professor position with an 80% research and 20% teaching appointment. The successful candidate will develop an externally funded program focused on biology, ecology, and/or management of soilborne pathogens in soil systems. The successful candidate will be expected to teach an undergraduate-level course in general plant pathology once a year and a graduate-level course in soilborne plant pathology every other year. Applicants for this position must have an earned doctorate in plant pathology or a related field. Preference will be given to those possessing experience with soilborne plant pathogens. Post-doctoral experience is desirable. **Salary**: Commensurate with experience. **Closing Date**: November 15, 2008 (Review of applicants may begin November 15 and the position will remain available until a candidate accepts the position.) Applications should include 1) letter stating reasons for interest in this position and qualifications, 2) curriculum vitae, 3) official university transcripts noting date of terminal (Ph.D.) degree, and 4) letters from four references. Send applications, **Contact**: Diana Ward, OSU Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology, Room 127 NRC, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078 U.S.A. **E-mail**: diana.ward@okstate.edu; **Phone**: +1.405.744.5530; **Web**: www ento okstate edu/ jobs.htm.

**Extension Urban/Small Farms IPM Specialist—Assistant Professor**

New Mexico State University (NMSU) seeks candidates for a tenure-track, 12-month, 75% extension/25% research position in the College of Agriculture & Home Economics, Department of Extension Plant Sciences responsible for a progressive extension educational program in integrated pest management in production systems, including agricultural commodities, turf, and landscape areas. The position is located in Los Lunas, NM, with statewide responsibilities. Requirements include a Ph.D. degree (in hand by hire date) in entomology, plant pathology, weed science, or closely related field with an emphasis on and/or experience in integrated pest management. Must be knowledgeable in integrated pest management, including conventional and organic methods of control; knowledge of and experience with a wide range of small farm cropping systems and with urban landscapes is desirable. Valid driver’s license and personal auto required. Offer of employment contingent upon verification of individual’s eligibility for employment in the United States. For complete job description visit www.nmsu.edu/personal/postings. NMSU is an EEO/AA employer. **Salary**: Salary commensurate with education and experience. **Closing Date**: December 15, 2007 (This closing date is open until the position is filled.) Send letter of interest, resume, brief (500-word maximum) summary of extension and research goals, unofficial transcripts, and three confidential reference letters. Electronic applications will not be accepted. **Contact**: Dr. Natalie Goldberg, New Mexico State University, P.O. Box 30003, MSC 3A3E, Las Cruces, NM 88003 U.S.A. **E-mail**: ngoldber@nmsu.edu; **Phone**: +1.505.646.1621; **Web**: www.nmsu.edu/personal/postings.

**Assistant/Associate Professor**

The University of Maryland, Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture seeks candidates for a tenure-track faculty position at the assistant or associate professor level (12-month appointment; 58% research and 42% teaching). This position offers a unique opportunity to build upon a developing Plant Protection Center Initiative involving the college, USDA-APHIS, and MDA in the training of future plant protection professionals. This position offers opportunities to interact with University of Maryland faculty affiliated with the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the College of Chemical and Life Sciences, and the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute, as well as scientists at USDA, FDA, EPA, and NIH. A Ph.D. degree in plant pathology or a closely related discipline is required. Knowledge of the biology and epidemiology of diseases of woody ornamentals, urban forests, or plants pertinent to the urban/suburban green industries is expected. A strong background in mycology is desirable. A detailed position description can be found at www.agnr.umd.edu/jobs/agnrjobs/home.html. **Salary**: Salary will be commensurate with experience. An extensive benefits package is offered. **Closing Date**:
November 1, 2007 (This closing date is open until the position is filled.) Candidates should submit a letter of application; a complete signed CV; transcripts (copy acceptable for application process); and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three professional references. Applicants at the associate professor level should include copies of three representative publications. **Contact:** Susan Klotz, Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture, 2102 Plant Science Bldg., University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742 U.S.A. **E-mail:** sklotz@umd.edu; **Web:** www.agnr.umd.edu/jobs/agnrjobs/.

**Assistant Scientist/Extension Specialist E-2 in Agro-Meteorology**

Washington State University’s (WSU) newly created Agricultural Weather Network (AgWeatherNet) seeks applicants for a permanent, 12-month, tenure-track faculty position, 40% Agricultural Research Center and 60% WSU Extension in Agro-Meteorology. The position is located on the WSU Irrigated Agriculture Research and Extension Center (IAREC), Prosser, WA. This position is the lead extension specialist/research scientist for the WSU AgWeatherNet team. The successful candidate will be expected to provide leadership in the area of meteorology and its interaction with agriculture. The successful applicant will be expected to conduct an approved program of research consistent with the mission of the Agricultural Research Center. Possible areas of research include interrelationships between weather and crop production; plant, insect, and disease development; pest treatment modeling; soil water content; irrigation scheduling; soil erosion; soil fertility and plant nutrient movement; effect of wind patterns on pheromone concentration within an area; or water balance. The candidate’s home department will be flexible to reflect the successful candidate’s discipline (biosystems engineering, crop and soil sciences, entomology, horticulture, plant pathology, or other related department). A demonstrated ability to develop extension programming, conduct research, and disseminate the results in leading academic journals and extension-type publications is essential. Superior written and verbal communication skills are critical. The ability to work collaboratively with a wide range of research scientists from different disciplines and with extension educators from agriculture is essential. Required: earned Ph.D. degree at the time of hire in agricultural meteorology or related field, with documented experience in agricultural meteorology as it relates to agro-ecosystem; crop, insect, and/or disease modeling; or forecasting. Desired: record of publishing in peer-reviewed scientific journals; demonstrated outreach activities and interaction with client groups; record of successful participation on multidisciplinary teams; demonstrated ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; demonstrated ability to conduct publishable applied research and secure extramural funding; demonstrated ability to develop and work with other extension educators in conducting educational and field demonstration programs; and demonstrated ability in program, budget, and personnel management. **Salary:** $50,000—$70,000. Salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. **Closing Date:** January 15, 2008 (This closing date is open until the position is filled.) Send letter of application addressing qualifications for the position, a current curriculum vita, and official transcripts and arrange for three letters of reference (direct from source), which explicitly address the qualifications. **Contact:** Dr. Gary Grove, Washington State University, 24106 N. Bunn Road, Prosser, WA 99350-8694 U.S.A. **Fax:** +1.509.786.9370; **E-mail:** grove@wsu.edu; **Phone:** +1.509.786.9283; **Web:** http://wsu.edu.

**Plant Pathologist**

Yoder Brothers, Inc. of Barberton, OH, is seeking candidates for the position of plant pathologist for the Technical Service Group located in Fort Myers, FL. The Technical Service Group is responsible for providing entomology, pathology, nematology, plant certification, and diagnostics support to all of Yoder’s facilities worldwide and to Yoder’s customers. The successful candidate will have a M.S. degree in plant pathology, with course work in entomology. The candidate must be detail oriented and have the ability to manage multiple tasks and projects simultaneously. Ornamental crop experience is preferred. Excellent written and oral communication skills required. Position may require some U.S. travel. **Salary:** Commensurate with training and experience. **Closing Date:** This closing date is open until filled. Qualified applicants can send letter of application, CV or resume, copy of transcripts, and three letters of professional recommendation. **Contact:** Nathan Morales, Human Resources Manager, Yoder Brothers, Inc., 2201 Owanita Road, Alva, FL 33920 U.S.A. **Fax:** +1.239.728.2522; **E-mail:** morales@yoder.com; **Phone:** +1.239.728.2535; **Web:** www.yoder.com.

**Graduate Research Assistant**

University of Hawaii, Department of Plant and Environmental Protection Sciences seeks half-time position on Banana bunchy top virus (BBTV), a ssDNA virus with a multicompartment genome. It causes banana bunchy top disease in Hawaii and is transmitted by the aphid vector Pentalonia nigronervosa Coquerel in a persistent and nonpropagative manner. The graduate research assistant is expected to conduct research that focuses on factors that affect virus spread by vector and aphid-virus interaction. They may include but are not restricted to localization and distribution of virus in vector, quantification of virus load, virus reassortment, and characterization of banana variety susceptibility to BBTV infection. The incumbent is expected to use a range of tools to study the insect-virus relationship, including biological assays, molecular biology, confocal laser scanning microscopy, and electron microscopy. Qualifications: B.A. or B.S. degree in entomology, plant pathology, or related fields. Previous experience with molecular biology is preferred but not essential. An M.S. degree is preferred. The incumbent must be accepted into the entomology graduate program in the Department of Plant and Environmental Protection Sciences. **Salary:** Salary depends upon qualification, minimum $15,552 per year (M.S.), $16,176 (Ph.D.), plus benefits. **Closing Date:** December 12, 2007 (This closing date is open until the position is filled.) Application should include CV, description of research interests, and two contactable references. **Contact:** Dr. Alberto Bressan, 3050 Maile Way, Honolulu, HI 96822 U.S.A. **E-mail:** bressan@hawaii.edu; **Phone:** +1.808.956.6741.

**Area Specialist, Grape Pathology**

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University is seeking to hire a plant pathologist to primarily serve the extension and research needs of Virginia’s wine grape industry, with additional opportunities in other small fruits. Extension responsibilities will include the dissemination of information on grape disease identification and management to Virginia Cooperative Extension agents and to producers through local, state, and regional industry meetings, as well as the development of written and web-based resources. Research may include chemical and cultural management of grape diseases, screening fungal isolates for fungicide resistance, evaluations of cultivar susceptibility to important diseases in the mid-Atlantic region, and other issues identified as important by industry stakeholders. The appointee will work collaboratively and with guidance from campus and AREC faculty and will participate in the generation of extramural funding as well as the preparation of peer-reviewed publications. The appointee will serve as a full-time faculty member at the AHS Jr. AREC (Winchester, VA) but will have additional administrative linkage with the Department of Plant Pathology, Physiology, and Weed Science on the main campus in Blacksburg, Virginia Tech has a strong commitment to the principles of diversity, and in that spirit, seeks a broad spectrum of candidates, including women, people of color, and people with disabilities. Individuals with disabilities desiring accommodations in the application process should notify us by the review date. The review date start for this position is October 15, 2007, and will be continued until a suitable candidate is hired. An M.S. degree in plant pathology, biology, or similar life sciences is required by the date of employment with this position. Effective communication and interpersonal skills and the ability to develop and deliver educational programs to producers, the public,
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12-14 — National Soybean Rust Symposium. Louisville, KY. www.apsnet.org/online/SBR/

February 2008
2-5 — APS Southern Division Meeting in conjunction with SAAS. Dallas, TX. www.cals.ncsu.edu/plantpath/activities/societies/aps/SouthernAPS.html

March 2008
TBD — APS Potomac Division Meeting. Morgantown, WV. www.apsnet.org/members/div/potomac/

June 2008

July 2008
26-30 — Minneapolis, MN. (Centennial Meeting) http://meeting.apsnet.org/

26-30 — APS North Central Division Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. www.apsnet.org/members/div/northcentral/

September 2008

Upcoming APS Annual Meetings
August 1-5, 2009 — Portland, OR.
August 7-11, 2010 — Nashville, TN.
August 6-10, 2011 — APS/IAPPS Joint Meeting. Honolulu, HI

Other Upcoming Events

November 2007


19-21 — Third International Conference on Plant Pathology. Lahore, Pakistan. ticpp@yahoo.com

27-29 — 1st International Phytophthora Capsisci Conference. Islamorada, FL. http://conferences.dce.ufl.edu/pcap


January 2008
8-10 — Western Disease Conference. Portland, OR. (tama.blunt@colostate.edu)


14-17 — 43rd Tobacco Workers’ Conference. Savannah, GA. www.TWConference.com

February 2008

March 2008
12-13 — 35th Annual Meeting of the Southern Soybean Disease Workers. Pensacola Beach, FL. http://cipm.ncsu.edu/ent/SSDW/

April 2008


June 2008
28-July 2 — 8th International Oat Conference. Minneapolis, MN. (south001@umn.edu)

July 2008
13-18 — 5th International Congress of Nematology. Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. www.5icn.org/

August 2008


30-September 2 — 10th International Fusarium Workshop. Alghero, Sardinia, Italy. www.cdl.umn.edu/scab/10th_fhb_wkshp.htm


September 2008

October 2008
26-31 — IV International Silicon in Agriculture Conference. Wild Coast Sun, Port Edward, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. www.siliconconference.org.za

November 2008
4-7 — 2nd International Symposium on Biological Control of Bacterial Plant Diseases. Orlando, FL. http://grove.ufl.edu/-biocom/

January 2009
TBA — Indian Phytopathological Society International Symposium on Plant Pathology. India. www.ipsdis.org

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