APS Officer Position Opening—Secretary

APS announces the opening for the position of APS secretary. The secretary represents the entire membership of APS as an officer and member of the council in the governance of the society. This is a three-year term with a possible second term.

This is a very active position with involvement in many aspects of the society, including:
- Serves as a member of APS Council and of the Executive Committee of the council.
- Serves as the internal communication officer of the society.
- Oversees communication and accomplishment of tasks and action items.
- With the presidential lineage, develops a strategic plan and priorities, and provides feedback to governing bodies on actions evolving from the strategic plan and the financial strategic plan.
- Works with staff to develop appropriate means of communication and dissemination of information for governing bodies of APS and membership.
- Assists the president in preparing the agenda for all regular and called meetings of council and of the Executive Committee.
- Prepares and coordinates articles with APS staff: within two months following the midyear council meeting, sends an update to APS Officer Position Opening continued on page 159

Raymond J. Tarleton Student Fellowship Endowment Established with APS Foundation

The APS Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of the new "Raymond J. Tarleton Student Fellowship Endowment," developed through the generous support of Raymond J. Tarleton, past executive vice president of APS. The fellowship was initiated to support graduate students in plant pathology research and to encourage students to further their careers in plant pathology. An initial call for applications is currently underway (see page 158 for details) with plans to have it awarded for summer 2010 or the academic school term 2010–2011.

As executive vice president of APS for 24 years, Tarleton helped APS become the premier professional scientific society it is today. In March of 1950, Tarleton, a graduate student in the Department of Agricultural Biochemistry at the University of Minnesota, was hired by AACC International (then the American Association of Cereal Chemists) as a part-time combination technical editor and business manager. Tarleton quickly became integral to the association, so much so that in 1957, Helen Hart encouraged APS President George Fischer to establish a cooperative effort with AACC Intl. for handling manuscripts. APS President Arthur Kelman contacted Tarleton as to his interest in managing the business affairs of APS, and thus a partnership with AACC Intl. was formed. Tarleton was first named technical editor of Phytopathology in 1964, and subsequently named executive vice president of both APS and AACC Intl. in 1967. This relationship between APS and AACC Intl. has persisted to the present day and proved to be of fundamental importance to both professional organizations.

Tarleton’s contributions to APS are phenomenal. Throughout his tenure, he oversaw the growth of the society and the staff supporting it. He had the foresight to recommend placement of a new APS/AACC Intl. Headquarters in a suburb of St. Paul, MN, where it has remained since 1971. Tarleton played a key role in initiating the publishing arm of APS, overseeing the publication of the first of the compendia series, the Compendium of Corn Diseases, in 1973, as well as numerous additional publications that led to the formation of APS PRESS. He also was instrumental in the transfer of the Plant Disease Reporter from the USDA to APS and its development as the second APS journal, Plant Disease, starting in 1980. He also played a major role in the development of an agreement and business plan with the International Society for Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions (IS-PMI) that led to the launch of MPMI in 1987 as the society’s third journal. As APS grew, Tarleton continually encouraged the early adoption of electronic technologies to gain efficiencies in operations and innovation of products and services. This focus led to the success of APS’s online publications and communications initiatives. He also played a major role in the formation and launch of the APS Foundation in 1986 and served as secretary of the first APS Foundation Board.

His dedication to science and genuine interest in the needs of the membership of the society allowed him to lead his staff to deliver outstanding member value throughout his tenure. Tarleton retired in 1991, but left behind an ongoing culture of excellence and innovation that continues to this day.

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Nominations Sought for New Raymond J. Tarleton Student Fellowship

A new graduate student fellowship has been established by Raymond J. Tarleton, past executive vice president of APS, with the assistance of The American Phytopathological Society (APS) Foundation. The award was initiated to support graduate students in plant pathology research and to encourage students to further their careers in plant pathology. The fellowship will be awarded in the academic school term 2010–2011.

Award

The Tarleton fellowship is awarded to a deserving graduate student(s) majoring in plant pathology at a university in the United States. The purpose is to support graduate education in plant pathology and can be used as a stipend for research expenses, books, research or scientific meeting travel, summer internships (industry, other research labs, etc.), and/or for equipment necessary for the recipient’s thesis research. The annual award is expected to be in the range of $1,500–$3,000. The award can be made for either one or two years.

Applicant

The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time, degree-seeking student with a plant pathology major and recognized as an APS student member at the time of receipt of the award. The student should plan on presenting results from the research at a regional or national APS meeting and provide a brief article for publication in Phytopathology News about the value of the fellowship.

Application

Applications shall consist of:

- A completed application form, available at www.apsnet.org/foundation/tarleton.asp
- A cover letter, written by the student, describing her/his general academic and career goals along with a description of the intended use of the fellowship (250 word maximum) and why the funding is needed
- A description of the applicant’s thesis research (three page maximum, 12-pt type)
- A copy of the applicant’s academic transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable)
- Two letters of reference from plant pathologists familiar with the candidate’s scholarly accomplishment and potential

Selection Criteria

Competitive students must demonstrate:

- An excellent academic background
- A strong motivation and interest in plant pathology
- A research program with strong scientific merit, appropriate for the time frame and level of expertise

Deadline

Applications will be evaluated by a member review team composed of APS Foundation Representative R. James Cook, Washington State University, as chair and two members. Send all required materials to Cook as outlined in this description via e-mail (rjcook@wsu.edu) by January 15, 2010. Nominees will be notified of the award decision by February 15, 2010.

Reminder: Nominations Now Being Accepted for the I. E. Melhus Graduate Student Symposium

The symposium, sponsored by the APS Seed Pathology Committee and created in honor of I. E. Melhus, will highlight research aimed at providing a better understanding of the epidemiology, management, and phytosanitary issues of plant diseases caused by seedborne pathogens, during the 2010 APS Annual Meeting in Nashville. All graduate students with relevant significant work are invited to apply. Invited speakers will receive a financial award toward the cost of travel. The deadline for applications is January 15, 2010. Application details can be found at www.apsnet.org/foundation/imelhus.asp. Special thanks to this year’s sponsors who are helping make this event possible: ROGERS Brand Vegetable Seeds (Syngenta); BASF Corporation; Eurofins STA Laboratories, Inc. (ESTA); and Lindsey J. du Toit, Washington State University.
APS Foundation Names Recipient for the Pioneer Fellowship in Plant Pathology

The APS Foundation is pleased to announce that the Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. Fellowship in Plant Pathology has been awarded to David Cook in the Plant Pathology Department of the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UWM). Cook is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in plant pathology under the supervision of Andrew Bent. His project focuses on soybean-soybean cyst nematode interactions. He is studying the molecular basis of disease resistance in different soybean genotypes using an in vitro transgenic assay. The goal is to identify and characterize important host resistance gene(s) or compatibility pathways that could lead to improved disease resistance for soybeans grown in the field.

Prior to his enrollment at UWM, Cook received his B.S. and M.S. degrees at Virginia Tech University in the Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences Department. He completed his master’s thesis work in Katy Martin Rainey’s soybean breeding program, studying environmental and genetic influence on natto soybean quality traits. He plans to apply his plant pathology and plant breeding research experience to crop improvement using knowledge of molecular plant defense.

Cook will be recognized during the awards and honors ceremony at the 2010 APS Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN. This graduate student fellowship, administered through the APS Foundation with gifts from Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., was developed to help attract students to careers in plant pathology, emphasizing disease resistance, host-pathogen interactions, and disease etiology. Cook is only the second recipient of this award; the first awardee was Robert Duncan, University of California-Davis, 2005–2008. The fellowship provides a $20,000 annual stipend to the student for up to four years.

David Cook

IMPORTANT APS DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2009
1 APS secretary applications due. www.apsnet.org/members/gov/pdfs/09_SecPositionAnnouncement.pdf
7 PDMR Volume 4 submissions due. www.apsnet.org/online/pdmr/guidelines

January 2010
15 Applications for the I. E. Melhus Graduate Student Symposium due. www.apsnet.org/foundation/awards/melhus.asp
15 Raymond J. Tarleton Student Fellowship applications due. www.apsnet.org/foundation/tarleton.asp

Remember You Can Renew Online!

Last year, more than half of all APS members renewed online, helping APS reduce paper usage and postage costs! About a month before your first paper invoice is sent, you will receive an e-mail with a unique link to your personal online renewal form. Simply click the link to renew your membership online. You can also make changes to your address and expertise while you are renewing.

When you complete your renewal, you will be asked if you want to renew for one, two, or three years. By renewing for two or three years, you will lock in the 2010 prices for membership, journals, and more for the duration of that membership term.
The APS Public Policy Board (PPB) took advantage of the annual meeting in Portland to advance several of our highest priority initiatives. The annual PPB business meeting began at 7:00 a.m. Monday morning with plenty of strong coffee to sustain the 36 PPB members and guests attending. The business meeting was an opportunity to follow up from spring visits in Washington, DC, with key representatives from a number of federal agencies. We received updates on possible new organization and research funding programs within the new USDA National Institutes of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), and discussed the research priorities of ARS and regulatory foci of APHIS PPQ. Samir Assar, of the Food and Drug Administration’s Center for Food Safety and Nutrition (CFSAN), attended the APS meeting for several days; highlights of his agenda were to learn about the diverse research areas and expertise within plant pathology and to meet with the APS Food Safety Interest Group to hear how plant pathologists contribute to our knowledge of the interactions between human pathogens and fresh produce. This emerging discipline is essential for the development of science-based regulatory policies for growers, processors, and marketers of plant products that are consumed without cooking. Other guests included the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)’s Gail Tomimatsu, a plant pathologist with the Microbial Pesticides Branch, who visited with PPB members and others about EPA initiatives and the possibility of an APS-EPA internship. As always, the PPB’s business meeting is open to all APS members.

In addition to the PPB business meeting, PPB sponsored or cosponsored three special sessions in Portland. One was “The APS Public Policy Board: Pulse on Policy Issues,” the board’s traditional annual review highlighting top initiatives for the previous year. APS Washington, DC, liaison Kellye Eversole provided insights on new faces and programs within the federal administration that impact agricultural endeavors; Jim MacDonald spoke about the future of plant pathology education; and chaired PPB member Jim Mueller as a follow-up to a PPB-EPA forum held in the spring of 2009, at which this topic emerged as an area of mutual interest. Symposium presentations by Eric Tedford, Paul Vincelli, Paul Esker, and Nick Fassler focused on the use of certain pesticides—developed for purposes of disease management—as plant growth-promoting agents. The format allowed presentation, in a common forum, of various perspectives on the pros and cons of this practice. The open forum discussion included contributions from many attendees and pointed to several key areas for follow-up meetings. The symposium is now available in “webcast” format at www.apsnet.org. The symposium, “Regulation of Pests and Pathogens—Where Are We?”, moderated by Jim Steadman and Bob Martin, highlighted progress in simplifying and clarifying regulatory guidelines and plant pathogen permit application steps through presentations by USDA APHIS representatives Shirley Wager-Page and Jim White.

Members of PPB and their primary focus areas on the board include: Abril (early career intern, outgoing); Barak (food safety); Barb Christ (APS president, incoming); Bill Dolezal (industry issues, outgoing); Eversole (Washington, DC, rep); Fletcher (PPB chair, biosecurity, food safety); Scot Hulbert (genomics); Carol Ishimaru (APS vice president, incoming); Jan Leach (genomics); MacDonald (education, outgoing); Jim Moyer (APS president, outgoing); Mueller (industry issues); Sherwood (APS president-elect, incoming); Steadman (regulatory issues and permitting); and Steve Vazquez (early career intern, incoming).

The Hot Topic Symposium, organized by PPB, attracted strong interest from meeting attendees and included a valuable dialogue on the issues at the end of the session that was held on Wednesday in Portland.

Jacque Fletcher provided an update on the proposal for a National Plant Microbial Germplasm System; Jeri Barak spoke about the APS food safety initiative; and John Sherwood related his experiences as the first APS fellow in the Office of Science and Technology Policy. In addition, 2009 APS PPB Early Career Intern Maritza Abril shared her impressions and experiences as a junior member of the board.

APS member questions, suggestions, and volunteers for the APS Public Policy Board are always welcome. Please contact Fletcher at +1.405.744.9948 or Jacqueline.fletcher@okstate.edu.
Plant Management Network Launches Focus on Ag Practitioners for Producers, Consultants

The Plant Management Network (PMN) has launched a new resource to help busy crop professionals search university extension resources, find journal abstracts, browse news and research, and even go for certification—all from one place.

Focus on Agricultural Practitioners, a new portal housed on PMN’s website, was developed to help producers, consultants, CCAs, and others working in agriculture to uncover many hidden gems of information. These “gems” come from PMN and its partners, including land-grant universities, companies, and crop science societies.

The portal features new searchable resources, as well as PMN content. Users just click on links to those resources and then search or browse. Searchable resources include the following:

**Knowledge Base**—This searchable resource helps users find management tips, best practices, and other useful information related to crop protection and production.

**Partner Extension Search**—Another searchable resource that includes thousands of prequalified pages of agricultural and horticultural information from PMN’s 1862 land-grant university partners.

**Cross-Journal Search**—This includes searchable abstracts from applied plant science journals published by PMN’s partner organizations.

Online titles in the portal include *Plant Disease Management Reports*, *Arthropod Management Tests*, *Crop Management*, *Plant Health Progress*, Focus on Soybean, the PMN Image Database, and other journals and resources of PMN.

Users visiting the Focus on Ag Practitioners site can also be led to various certification program sites run by PMN’s partnering scientific societies. The portal serves as a direct link for users who wish to become certified or update their certification as certified crop advisers, certified professional crop consultants, board certified entomologists, and certified professional agronomists. Visit the resource at [www.plantmanagementnetwork.org/ag](http://www.plantmanagementnetwork.org/ag).

PMN ([www.plantmanagementnetwork.org](http://www.plantmanagementnetwork.org)) is a nonprofit publisher of applied plant science resources. PMN is jointly managed by APS, the Crop Science Society of America, and the American Society of Agronomy. PMN’s nonprofit publishing mission is to enhance the health, management, and production of agricultural and horticultural crops.

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**PDMP Now Accepting Submissions for Volume 4 (2010)**

As in the past, *Plant Disease Management Reports* (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 assignment by December 7, 2009. Publication charges are $40 per report and are payable with submission of the final approved report by February 22, 2010. The submission date for the second installment will be in late spring or early summer 2010. The exact date will be announced on the submission instructions webpage and in *Phytopathology News*. Instructions for submission preparation and procedure can be found at [www.apsnet.org/online/pdmr/guidelines](http://www.apsnet.org/online/pdmr/guidelines).

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A Revolutionary’s Guide to Taking Over APS: Step One—Get Candidates Who Represent You Nominated to Positions of Leadership on APS Council

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You’ve seen it happen. The road begins with someone leading a particular sector of the society (committee chair is just one gateway position that regularly leads to harder positions like board or council member). Next, you see them in a leadership position at the division or whole society level and then you see them in another leadership position and then another and another and before you know it they are on the ballot for president of APS. Why do the same folks work their way from one position of leadership in APS to the next?

Clearly, these repetitive leaders are addicted to working hard for the society, but many of you work hard and you know others who are working diligently for the good of APS. So why aren’t you and your buddies on the ballot anyway? Well, you are! Yes, you are responsible for putting people who would represent your interests on the ballot through the nomination process. If you haven’t been involved in the nomination process, then you have been letting those of us who have been involved decide for you.

Each year in November and December, APS asks for nominations for the councilor-at-large and president of APS. Pitifully, only 80–100 of us (out of 5,000 members) send in nominations. Most nominees get a single vote. The person with the most nominations must be on the ballot. In some years, it takes only six nominations to put a candidate on the ballot. That means that in order to get a candidate on the ballot, all you and I or the graduate student committee need to do is find a group of like-minded individuals with a common interest and choose a candidate to back with all of our nominations.

Who should you nominate? Well, ask yourself, does the current APS council represent your interests and needs in science (e.g., bacteriologist vs. virologist), experience as a plant pathologist (e.g., early career professional or graduate student vs. full professor), approach to science (e.g., applied vs. basic), cultural background (e.g., Hispanic vs. Caucasian), or geographic location?

So how do you take over the society? Step one is to get candidates who represent you nominated to positions of leadership on APS Council. I therefore urge you now to contact the chairs of the committees you are involved in or members of APS with similar interests to begin the conversation about who would best represent your group on council. Be ready to each send in your nomination for that person when the call for nominations is made in November.
An Experiment for Expanded Inter-Society Relations (APS-CSPP)

The American Phytopathological Society (APS) leadership began an effort to strengthen offerings and to actively engage other societies of plant pathology a couple of years ago. This renewed effort was due in part to the growing segment of the society from outside the United States (35% of the membership) and queries from other societies wishing to engage APS in a variety of joint ventures. Among agricultural societies, APS has recognized strengths in publishing, meeting management, and electronic media. APS leadership began conceptualizing how to strengthen relationships with other societies by engaging them in ventures that would benefit members of both societies. A combination of strategic and serendipitous events led to discussions with the Chinese Society of Plant Pathology (CSPP) in 2006.

A formal Memorandum of Agreement was signed in 2008 in which the two societies agreed to cooperative ventures aimed at strengthening membership in the two societies and facilitating joint publications. Since that time, reciprocal memberships have increased, subscriptions to APS journals have increased, and trends indicate more CSPP members are publishing in APS journals. A delegation from CSPP organized a symposium at the 2008 APS Centennial Meeting and APS reciprocated by participating in a symposium at the CSPP Annual Meeting in 2009. As a result of the progress that had been made, additional discussions between the leadership of the two societies were held at the 2009 Annual Meeting of CSPP in Kunming, China. APS was represented at the Kunming meeting by APS Past Presidents Jan Leach and Jim Moyer who met with the leadership of CSPP.

Because the relationship had shown sufficient promise, it was proposed at the meeting in Kunming to form an APS-CSPP planning board or working group to coordinate the activities between the two societies. The goal of the working group will be to further facilitate interactions between the two societies that will benefit the respective membership. Priorities continue to be the facilitation of publication in APS journals and cosponsoring symposia and workshops at national and international plant pathology meetings. The new planning group will work closely with the APS Scientific Planning Board to coordinate these activities. One of the proposals is to cosponsor a technical writing and editing workshop and an early career symposium at the 2011 APS Annual Meeting in Hawaii. This would be a prelude to sponsoring a symposium of Sino-U.S. cooperative programs at the ISPP meeting in August 2013 in Beijing. The symposium would be recorded for distribution to various government agencies in both countries as evidence of the successes of cooperative programs. Efforts will begin to seek funds to support the symposium in the 2011–2012 time frame.

In addition to the priorities for the working group cited above, numerous other opportunities were identified:

- Develop a database of relevant expertise for joint projects
- Publicize opportunities for graduate education
- Identify English editors for hire to facilitate editing and lower barriers for publication in APS journals
- Explore exchanges of groups of students and other young professionals with the objective of exposing younger members to opportunities for collaboration
- Enhance the sharing of scientific programs, such as plenary sessions and specialty meetings, as well as electronic joint meetings
- Establish a bulletin board to communicate funding opportunities for Sino-U.S. cooperation

It is anticipated that the working group will be established in the coming months. The group will be populated with members from both societies who have significant experience in establishing productive programs between the two countries.

This is an example of how APS can serve as a catalyst to strengthen relationships and thus cooperative ventures between scientists of different cultures—whether the scientists are from different countries or from different disciplines. The publication enterprises of the society, along with the promise of a new content management system for APS, introduce a wide range of opportunities for initiating new collaborations.

Penn State Hosts Interactive Discussion Session with APS Officers and Staff

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APS leaders and staff were warmly welcomed to the Department of Plant Pathology at Pennsylvania State University, following the officer’s retreat in State College, PA. Faculty, staff, and students provided an excellent venue for a societal town hall forum. Department Head Fred Gildow provided an overview of the centenarian department followed by Steve Nelson, APS executive vice president, on the evolution of APS and the interplay between the society, its members, and staff. President-Elect John Sherwood presented a synopsis of APS Public Policy Board activities along with a description of his service as an APS fellow in the Office of Science and Technology Policy. Past President Jim Moyer conveyed the results of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of Education in Plant Pathology’s final report to council, including the identified strategies for strengthening vulnerabilities in education and research training opportunities, plus the proposed action items for carrying out these strategies. APS President Barb Christ concluded with an overview of the proposed approach to societal governance generated by the Ad Hoc Committee on APS Governance Structure and its subcommittees. A reminder was given for all to follow up by viewing and commenting on the voice-over PowerPoint presentation by Ad Hoc Chair Mike Boehm to be posted on APSnet. An open question-and-answer period completed the morning session. All attendees left with greater appreciation for their society and its accomplishments, along with the desire to continue the momentum our past leaders initiated.

APS officers had a chance to meet with Penn State faculty and provide an update on APS’s current priorities.
Nenad Tatalovic recently received his M.S. degree in plant pathology from the University of California-Davis to study plant pathology and botany. Under E. E. Wilson, he worked on noninfectious almond bud failure, earning his doctorate in 1952. From 1952 to 1953, he was assistant plant pathologist, Natural History Survey. He then inducted into the U.S. Army and assigned to Ft. Detrick, working on the epidemiology of rice blast. In 1955, he joined the staff there continuing these studies. In 1955, he became assistant professor of plant pathology at Penn State University (PSU). He studied the epidemiology of cereal diseases and received the first National Science Foundation grant awarded to PSU in agriculture. He then began studies in quantitative epidemiology, which became an "area of excellence" in the department. He developed and introduced a disease-resistant, awnless, barley variety, 'Pennrad.' He advanced to associate professor in 1963. In 1963, with the establishment of the College of Science, Rick opted to be associate professor of botany in that college. He became assistant dean in 1964 and advanced to professor and associate dean in 1966, with responsibility for administering research in the biological sciences. Later, President Jack W. Oswald appointed him point person for the design and implementation of an intercollegiate environmental quality program, which led to a major grant for interdisciplinary research in environmental quality from the Rockefeller Foundation. He was named director of that program. Along with his administrative responsibility, Rick continued work in epidemiology. He organized the first NATO International Conference in Epidemiology and Meteorology in Pau, France, in 1963. Then with Jan C. Zadoks and James Hirst, he organized the second NATO International Conference in Epidemiology held in Wageningen, the Netherlands, in the summer of 1971. In 1976, while serving as a senior research fellow, Agricultural University of the Netherlands, he and Zadoks authored a landmark book in quantitative epidemiology (Zadoks, J. C., and Schein, R. D., 1979). His efforts with the environmental quality program ended in 1975. He then rejoined his colleagues in plant pathology as professor of plant pathology. He retired in November 1985 with the rank of professor emeritus of plant pathology. During his career, Rick taught courses in plant pathology and biology, notably, a popular, university-wide course: "Plants, Places, and People." He was a productive researcher, publishing 36 scientific papers. He also lectured extensively and was actively involved in extension. He was a popular, university-wide course: "Plants, Places, and People." He was a productive researcher, publishing 36 scientific papers. He also lectured extensively and was actively involved in extension.
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Rick remained active upon retirement. Joining colleagues in the School of Forest Resources at PSU, he served as a consultant on the management of urban trees and published a manual for the management of urban street trees. He gave of himself to many diverse activities, including university, civic, and church. Those that knew Rick are aware that this necessarily terse account does not do justice to the man. His interests and knowledge were very broad. Taking field trips with him was an education in the fauna, the flora, the mores, architecture, and the history of the road traveled. An early interest in fruit growing caused him to develop a small commercial apple orchard. For the joy of it, he became an accomplished photographer, artist, and licensed pilot. Rick is survived by his wife Cynthia and three sons: Richard, his wife Sue and their two children; Christopher and his wife Donna; and James and his wife Marti.

Lois Hattery Tiffany, 85, of Ames, IA, passed away on September 6, 2009. Held in high regard by the public as “Iowa’s mushroom lady,” and known by many students, colleagues, and friends as “Dr. T,” she was the matriarch of the Botany Department at Iowa State University (ISU). She joined the faculty of the Botany Department in 1950, served as department chair from 1990 to 1996, and was named as distinguished professor—ISU’s highest faculty ranking—in 1994. Tiffany received her B.S. (1945), M.S. (1947), and Ph.D. (1950) degrees from ISU.

Her research was broad in scope and included the distribution and occurrence of fungal diseases of native prairie plants in Iowa; comparative studies of soil fungi in different management systems; taxonomy and developmental morphology of Ascomycetes; fleshy fungi of Iowa, including a 10-year survey of Iowa’s morels; and the study of the fungus flora of Big Bend National Park in Texas. The author or coauthor of more than 100 publications and professional reports, her most recent publications have been the second edition (with Donald Huffman, George Knaphus, and Rosanne Healy, 2008) of Mushrooms and Other Fungi of the Mid-Continental United States and Mushrooms in Your Pocket: A Guide to the Mushrooms of Iowa (with Huffman, 2004).

Tiffany taught mycology and field botany courses both at ISU and at the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory. She advised many hundreds of undergraduate students and was the major professor (40 students) or a committee member for numerous graduate students. Many of the graduate students she mentored have added greatly to the field of mycology in teaching and research. She served in numerous capacities in leadership and service within and beyond ISU, including leadership in various ISU committees at all levels, the Iowa Academy of Science, the Mycological Society of America, The American Phytopathological Society, the Iowa Natural History Association, and other organizations. Among her favorites or those counted most significant were cosponsoring the ISU Botany Club (with Knaphus); organizing, directing, and teaching at the adult nature weekend each year at the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory; being appointed by the governor for two terms on the State Preserves Advisory Board (1995–1998, 1998–2001); working with the Iowa Poison Control Center on mushroom/fungus identification; and opportunities to speak, lead field trips, and identify samples or otherwise introduce the public to the fascinating world of fungi.

She received numerous awards, including the first Mycological Society of America W.H. Weston, Jr. Award for Teaching Excellence in Mycology (1980); Distinguished Iowa Scientist Award, Iowa Academy of Science (1982); the first Governor’s Medal for Science Teaching (1982); Burlington Northern Foundation Award for Teaching (1989); ISU University Teaching Excellence Award (1989); Iowa Women’s Hall of Fame (1991); First VEISHEA Professor of the Year (1999); Iowa American Association of University Women Distinguished Faculty Award (1993); Distinguished Service Award, Iowa Academy of Science (1994); Distinguished Professor, ISU (1994); and an Honorary Outstanding Career Award at the 62nd meeting of the North Central Division of The American Phytopathological Society (2009).

Survivors include two sons, Ray Tiffany, of Ames, IA, and David Tiffany, of Cheney, WA.; one daughter, Jean (Steve) Day, of New Providence, IA; grandchildren, Chelsea Tiffany, Colin (Jennifer) Day, Brian (Sarah) Day, Owen (Natalie) Roberts-Day, and Andrea Tiffany; and one great-granddaughter, Isabelle Day. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, F. H. (Hank) Tiffany, and one grandson, Glenn Day. Memorials may be made to the Lois H. Tiffany Scholarship Fund, in care of the ISU Foundation, 2505 University Blvd., Ames, IA, 50010.
The Department of Botany and Plant Pathology at Purdue University (PU) seeks applicants for a tenure-track faculty position with an academic year appointment at the assistant or associate professor level. Research emphasis will be on soilborne pathogens/diseases of agronomic crops. The successful candidate will develop an internationally recognized scholarly research program supported by external funding and is expected to establish research collaborations at PU and with other groups. The individual’s extension program should address contemporary issues in field crops pathology relevant to Indiana/the Midwest. Candidates must have earned a Ph.D. degree in plant pathology or closely related discipline. Post-doctoral/previous research experience in soybean pathology is desired, but individuals with outstanding research accomplishments are encouraged to apply. Excellent written/oral communication skills and good teaching skills essential.

Closing Date: December 1, 2009

Qualified individuals are invited to send a letter of application, including a statement of research and extension interests, CV, and contact information for four references (name/address/e-mail/telephone number) to Richard Latin.

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Fax: +1.765.494.0363; E-mail: rlatin@purdue.edu; Phone: +1.765.494.4639; Web: www.ag.purdue.edu/btny/Pages/default.aspx.

Research Scientist (Molecular Biologist/Plant Pathologist/Geneticist)
The scientist will conduct research to address a range of research issues associated with rust diseases of wheat and barley and their mitigation. The incumbent will conduct research on host resistance, pathogen biology, and genetics pertaining to the interaction between Ug99 stem rust and its cereal host. The incumbent is expected to identify and characterize interactions between cereal rust pathogens and their hosts using modern tools, such as genomics, functional proteomics, or metabolomics. The incumbent is expected to publish research results in peer-reviewed journals and to give research presentations at national and international scientific meetings and conferences. Salary: GS-12 $71,473 to $92,911. Closing Date: November 30, 2009 (This closing date is not adjustable.) Refer to www.ars.usda.gov/Careers/Careers.htm for further information and complete application instructions or call +1.301.504.1583.

Contact: Pam Groth, USDA-ARS, 1551 Lindig Street, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN 55108 U.S.A. Fax: +1.651.649.5055; E-mail: pam.groth@ars.usda.gov; Phone: +1.651.649.5046; Web: www.ars.usda.gov/Careers/Careers.htm.

Graduate Assistants
Graduate research and teaching assistantships are available in the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology at Purdue University in the areas of plant biology, plant pathology, and weed science.

Salary: GS-12 $71,473 to $92,911.

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Agronomic Crops Pathologist
The Department of Botany and Plant Pathology at Purdue University (PU) seeks applicants for a tenure-track faculty position with an academic year appointment at the assistant or associate professor level. Research emphasis will be on soilborne pathogens/diseases of agronomic crops. The successful candidate will develop an internationally recognized scholarly research program supported by external funding and is expected to establish research collaborations at PU and with other groups. The individual’s extension program should address contemporary issues in field crops pathology relevant to Indiana/the Midwest. Candidates must have earned a Ph.D. degree in plant pathology or closely related discipline. Post-doctoral/previous research experience in soybean pathology is desired, but individuals with outstanding research accomplishments are encouraged to apply. Excellent written/oral communication skills and good teaching skills essential. Closing Date: December 1, 2009 (This closing date is open until the position is filled.) Qualified individuals are invited to send a letter of application, including a statement of research and extension interests, CV, and contact information for four references (name/address/e-mail/telephone number) to Richard Latin.

Contact: Richard Latin, Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, 915 W. State Street, W. Lafayette, IN 47907-2054 U.S.A. Fax: +1.765.494.0363; E-mail: rlatin@purdue.edu; Phone: +1.765.494.4639; Web: www.ag.purdue.edu/btny/Pages/default.aspx.
Calendar of Events

APS Sponsored Events

December 2009

February 2010
7-8 — APS Southern Division Meeting. Orlando, FL. www.cals.ncsu.edu/plantpath/activities/societies/aps/SouthernAPS.html

March 2010
24-26 — APS Potomac Division Meeting. Ocean City, MD. www.apsnet.org/members/div/potomac

June 2010

Upcoming APS Annual Meetings
August 7-11, 2010 — Nashville, TN.
August 6-10, 2011 — APS/IAPPS Joint Meeting. Honolulu, HI.
August 4-8, 2012 — Providence, RI.

Other Upcoming Events

November 2009
1-4 — 6th Canadian Workshop on Fusarium Head Blight. Ottawa, ON, Canada. www.cfwhb.org
7-12 — ASA-CSSA-SSSA International Annual Meetings. Pittsburgh, PA. www.acsmetings.org
10-13 — Indian Phytopathological Society’s 5th International Conference. New Delhi, India. www.ipsdis.org

December 2009
5-July 12, 2010 — Plant-Parasitic Nematode Identification Course at Clemson University. Clemson, SC. www.clemson.edu/cps/plantpath/nematology/nematode.htm
6-10 — National Plant Diagnostic Network. Miami, FL. www.npdn.org

February 2010

March 2010
7-12 — Phytophthora Diseases in Forest Trees and Natural Ecosystems—5th Meeting of the IUFRO Working Group. Rotorua, New Zealand. pam.taylor@scionresearch.com

June 2010
6-11 — 112th World Congress of the International Association for Plant Biotechnology. St. Louis, MO. www.IAPB2010.org

July 2010

August 2010
11-15 — 5th International Rice Blast Conference. Little Rock, AR. www.ars.usda.gov/irbc2010
16-20 — ISHS 12th International Workshop on Fire Blight. Warsaw, Poland. www.fireblight2010.pl

Erratum
Please note that there was an error in the calendar listing in the October Phytopathology News. The Canadian Head Blight Workshop will be in Ottawa, ON, Canada, November 1–4. The 56th Annual Soil Fungus Conference will be held March 22–24, 2010, in Mt. Vernon, WA.

For the most current listing go to www.apsnet.org/meetings/calendar.asp.