



## ANNUAL REPORT

### Ninety-fifth Annual Report of the American Phytopathological Society

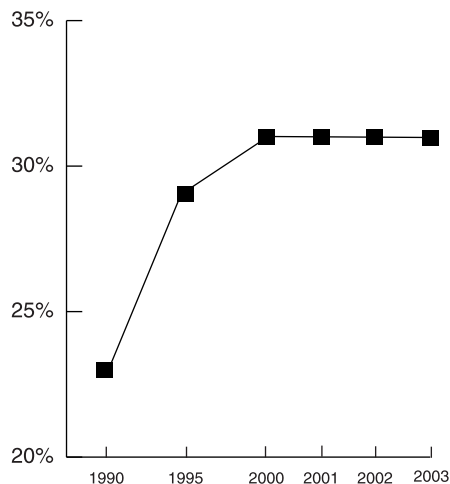
*Carol A. Ishimaru, Secretary, APS, Colorado State University*

#### *Annual Meeting.*

The 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Phytopathological Society was held at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina, August 9-13, 2003. Over 1,500 plant pathologists from more than 36 countries attended the meeting. **President Jacqueline Fletcher** welcomed participants to the APS plenary session “Plant Health and Security in the Age of Genomics”. Plenary speakers included **S. Whitby**, University of Bradford, UK, **R. Murch**, Institute for Defense Analyses, formerly Federal Bureau of Investigation (retired), Alexandria, VA, **C. R. Buell**, The Institute for Genome Research, Rockville, MD, **J. Leach**, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, and **J. Fletcher**, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK. Plenary talks covered the history of plant pathogens as bioweapons, law enforcement and national security perspectives on biosecurity, genomics as a means of addressing biosecurity and epidemiology of plant pathogens, how genomics can be used to advance plant pathology, and the role of APS members and scientists in this era. Sincerest gratitude is extended to the local arrangement committee chaired by Jim Moyer for their contributions to the success of the meeting. See *Phytopathology News*, September 2003 for meeting photos and additional information [ADD LINK](#).

#### *Society Affairs.*

##### **Membership.**

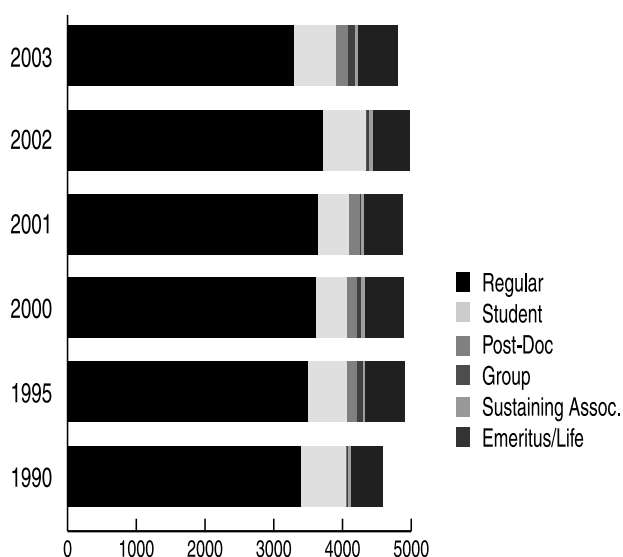


**Percentage of APS members outside of U.S.**

APS membership as of June 30, 2003 was 4,806, which was a decrease of 98 over 2002.

- Percent of membership residing outside the United States remained constant at 31% for the seventh consecutive year, with 14% of the international members being from Canada.
- Student membership increased by 2% and post doc membership increased by 1%. Together these represent 17% of membership

## Membership by Category:



## APS Member Count by Type

**Regular members** - 3,290,

- a decrease of 208 (over 300 regular members lost in past two years)

**Student members** - 608,

- an increase of 54; this is the second year that there has been an increase in student membership.

**Post-doctoral members** - 179,

- an increase of 19

**Groups** - 106,

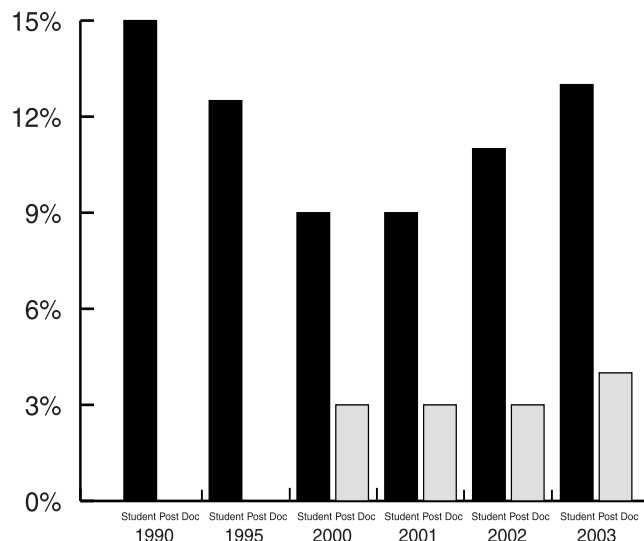
- an increase of 32

**Sustaining associates** - 37,

- an increase of 2

**Emeritus/life members** - 586,

- an increase of 5; emeritus/life memberships have increased steadily over the past 10 years.



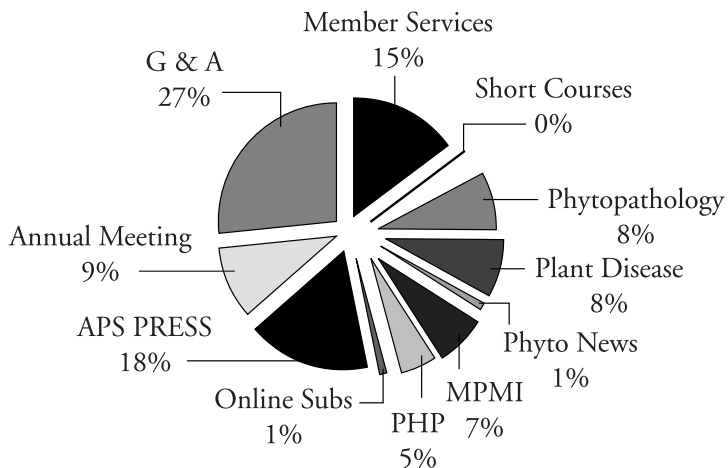
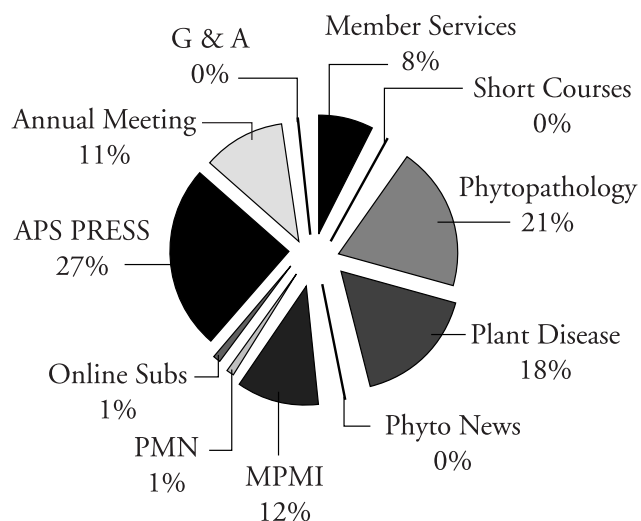
## Percentage of APS Student and Post Doc Members

## Deceased Members

Irwin F. Brown  
 William M. Brown, Jr.  
 Melville W. Cormack  
 Harry C. Finch  
 Aubrey A. Foster  
 Monique Garnier  
 David J. Gumpf  
 Kriton Hatzios  
 Quintin L. Holdeman  
 Stephen A. Johnston  
 David R. MacKenzie

William Merrill, Jr.  
 Wilford R. Mills  
 E. Leon Moore  
 Pascal P. Pirone  
 Hazel L. Shands  
 G. M. Watkins  
 Edwin J. Wellhausen  
 Stephen Wilhelm  
 Robert E. Wilkinson  
 Ervin Williams, Jr.  
 George A. Zentmyer, Jr.

## Financial.



The unaudited June 30, 2003, balance sheet of the Society for 2002-2003 shows an operating loss of \$132,246 from income of \$3,748,846 and expenses of \$3,881,092. This compares to a budgeted income of \$3,748,845 and expenses totaling \$3,864,217. Actual income came in under/over budgeted revenue by \$ while expenses were over budget by \$115,372 for the year. See *Phytopathology* 94:16-17 for a complete report of APS finances.

The 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Treasurer's Report can be found in the January, 2004 issue of *Phytopathology*, or at <http://apsjournals.apsnet.org/doi/pdf/10.1094/PHYTO.2004.94.1.16>

## Future Annual Meeting Sites.

2004 Anaheim, CA, July 30 - August 3, 2004.

2005 Austin, TX, July 30 - August 3, 2005.

2006 Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, July 29-August 2, 2006

2007 San Diego, CA, July 28-August 1, 2007

2008 APS Centennial, Minneapolis, MN, July 26-30, 2008

## Awards.

### *Fellow*

Clive Brasier  
Jeremy Burdon  
Martin Dickman  
Byung Kook Hwang

Hei Leung  
Jerald Pataky  
Christopher Schardl  
Carol Windels

### *APS Awards*

**Noel T. Keen Award** - Alan Collmer  
**Ruth Allen Award** - Lawrence Madden  
**Lee M. Hutchins Award** - Harald Scherm  
**Excellence in Extension Award** - Edward Brown  
**Excellence in Industry Award** - Chester Sutula  
**International Service Award** - Kitty Cardwell  
**Syngenta Award** - Sophien Kamoun

### ***APS Foundation Special Fund Awards***

#### **Named Student Travel Awards**

##### **The Kenneth F. Baker Award**

Leonardo De La Fuente

##### **The C. Lee Campbell Award**

Jennifer Schaff

##### **The Caribbean Division Awards**

Fabricio Rodrigues

Miguel Vega-Sanchez

##### **The Gustaaf A. and Ineke de Zoetne Award**

Burton Bluhm

##### **The Zahir Eyal Award**

Glenn Colburn

##### **The John F. Fulkerson Award**

Archana Vasanthakumar

##### **The Janell Stevens Johnk Award**

Nathan Reyna

##### **The Arthur Kelman Award**

Claudia Nischwitz

##### **The Kyung Soo Kim Award**

Johan Kers

##### **The William J. Moller Award**

Tiffany Henneberger

##### **The Larry W. Moore Award**

Margot Beckett

##### **The John S. Niederhauser Award**

Kimberly Linholm

##### **The Malcolm C. Shurtleff Award**

Megan Kennelly

##### **The Virology Awards**

Anne Halgren

Heather Melidossian

#### **International Travel Award**

Marcia Roye, University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica

#### **APS Foundation French-Monar Latin American Travel Award**

Maria Mercedes R. de Doyle, Zamorano Escuela Agric Panamerica, Honduras

#### **Frank L. Howard Undergraduate Fellowship**

Leigh Ann Harrison, Clemson University

#### **APS 4<sup>th</sup> I.E. Melhus Graduate Student Symposium:**

**Title:** "Novel Approaches to Minimizing the Global Impact of Toxigenic Fungi".

##### **Presenters:**

A. C. Bily

J., Flaherty

T. M. Hammond

C. Machado

M. A. Nagy

#### **2003 John and Anne Niederhauser Endowment (JANE award) winners**

Gerardo Alvarado and Edith Garay Serrano, Michoacan, Mexico

A. Taïpe, X. Cuests, and G. Forbes, Quito, Ecuador

#### **Winners of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual deBary Bowl for 2003:**

APS Potomac Division

### ***Report of the Business Meeting***

The Tenth Annual Networking Breakfast and 95<sup>th</sup> APS Business Meeting was held on August 12, 2003 in the Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte. Following breakfast, President **J. Fletcher** called the business meeting to order and welcomed attendees. Winners of student travel awards and International Travel Award were recognized. Pres. Fletcher extended appreciation to the over 500 members who volunteered in APS over the past year. For the second year, colored registration badges distinguished volunteers. Secretary **C. Ishimaru**

reported on the membership of the Society and gave the Necrology Report, as listed previously. Treasurer **J. Sherwood** gave the APS Financial Status Report, as summarized in the business meeting pamphlet, see diagrams under Finance. Pres. Fletcher recapped some of the highlights of APS activities since the last meeting. APS President-elect G. Bergstrom and PPB director J. Sherwood presented snapshots of how APS is conducting business differently from last year and the activities of the Public Policy Boards, respectively.

Plaques of appreciation were given to members completing terms in Council, Offices and Boards:

**Immediate Past President:** Steven Slack

**Treasurer:** John Sherwood

**Councilor-at-Large:** John Andrews

**Editor-in-Chief APS Press:** Randy Ploetz

**Editor-in-Chief Plant Disease:** Alan Biggs

**Editor-in-Chief MPMI:** Herman Spaink (not present)

**Pacific Division Councilor:** Michael Matheron

**Northeast Division Councilor:** Barbara Christ

**Director OPAE:** Greg Tylka (not present)

APS President **J. Fletcher** transferred the gavel to **G. Bergstrom**. Pres. **Bergstrom** gave closing remarks and invited everyone to the 2004 APS Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA, July 30 - August 3, 2004, the theme of which will be "Networks for Plant Health".

### ***Report of Council Meetings***

**Midyear.** President **J. Fletcher** presided at the 2003 Midyear Council Meeting held at APS headquarters on February 21-23, 2003. *See May 2003 issue of Phytopathology News for meeting summary [http://www.apsnet.org/publications/phytopathologynews/Past%20Issues/2003\\_05.pdf](http://www.apsnet.org/publications/phytopathologynews/Past%20Issues/2003_05.pdf) and [click here](#) for approved minutes?*

**Annual.** President **J. Fletcher** presided at the 2003 Annual Council Meeting in Charlotte, NC, Saturday, August 9, 2003 Council and Wednesday, August 13, 2003. All Council members were present except **H. Spaink** and **D. Mathre** (ex-officio). Persons completing terms on Council are listed in the Report of the Business Meeting.

Council discussed the structure of the midyear Council meeting. Several suggestions were made, including inviting people to contribute to specific topics on the midyear agenda. Overall the conclusion was to have a somewhat expanded Council, including regular Council and select guests. Feb 21-23, 2003 was set for the midyear meeting at APS Headquarters, St. Paul, MN.

Council continued its discussion of issues pertaining to governance. Some of the issues to be resolved are the role of Section Chairs on Council, the structure of the Midyear Meeting, representation of Pub Board on the Council, and the development of a new strategic plan for the Society.

### **Motions passed.**

1. Approve agenda.
2. Approve minutes of the 2003 Midyear Council meeting.
3. Accept SPB's recommendation to reappoint J. Lindquist for a second term as the Section Chair for Epidemiology/Ecology/Environmental Biology.
4. To accept list of new Editors for Plant Disease.
5. From Committee (PPB): to rescind the motion from midyear regarding inclusion of the Immediate Past President on PPB.

6. From Committee (Councilor's Forum): as part of the lapsed member campaign going on until end of 2003, Councilors have the authorization to inform the lapsed members of the opportunity of a complimentary one-year extension. The lapsed members would then contact the APS Member Services department to have the member's dues extended for one-year.
7. Accept list as presented from OEC on recommendations of nominations to OEC positions.

**Motions defeated.**

1. Disband the De Bary Bowl starting in 2003.

**New Council members for 2004:**

**Vice President:** John H. Andrews

**Treasurer:** Erik L. Stromberg

**Editor-in-Chief Phytopathology News:** Margery Daughtrey

**Editor-in-Chief Plant Disease:** Kira Bowen

**Editor-in-Chief Molecular Plant Microbe interactions:** Jens Stougaard

**Editor-in-Chief APS PRESS:** Rose C. Gergerich

**Junior Councilor-at-Large:** Allison H. Tally

**Councilor of the Northeastern Division:** Margaret T. McGrath

**Councilor of the Pacific Division:** Gary G. Grove

**Status of Appointed Committees:**

**Completed**

*ad hoc* Public Image Committee: A report has been received and activity concluded.

*ad hoc* Divisions Committee. A report has been received.

**Reappointed**

*ad hoc* Awards Review Committee; under restructure

*ad hoc* Centennial Planning Committee

*ad hoc* New Products and Services Committee; under restructure

*ad hoc* Young Professionals Committee

*ad hoc* Journals Committee

*ad hoc* Emerging Diseases & Pathogens Committee

*ad hoc* Private Practice

**Future Meeting site.** Portland OR was selected for the site of the 2009 APS annual meeting.

**Other.** In addition to the Annual Council Meeting, a Strategic Planning and Leadership Forum was held on August 8, 2003 from 9 am – 5 pm in Charlotte. Over 35 attendees, representing APS Staff, Council, and invited participants gathered to brainstorm selected topics impacting the future of APS. Topics discussed included governance, strategic financial planning and APS's international role. The SPLF also heard presentations on APS's current and planned activities on public policy, young professionals, a national center for disease, community software, Plant Management Network, and priorities for the Society. Participant responses were overwhelmingly positive to the SPLF as a mechanism for receiving and sending ideas from Council to members. It is expected that the SPLF or something like it will continue in 2004.