

Ninety-sixth Annual Report of the American Phytopathological Society

Annual Meeting

The 96th Annual Meeting of the American Phytopathological Society was held at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, California, July 31- August 4, 2004. Over 1,500 plant pathologists from more than 32 countries attended the meeting. **President Gary Bergstrom** welcomed participants to the APS plenary session "Networks for Plant Health."

Plenary speakers included **Kenneth Frazier**, Director, University of Wisconsin Library System, **George W. Korch** Chief of Medical, Chemical and Biological Defense Research Program, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, U.S. Department of Defense, **Robert S. Zeigler**, Director Generation Challenge Program, CIMMYT, Mexico, and **Richard E. Falloon**, New Zealand Institute for Crop & Food Research. Plenary talks covered the new partnerships between the libraries and scientific society publishers, the integration of plant biosecurity into the U.S. biodefense network, building genetic resource networks for plant protection in developing countries, and the networks of plant health societies from a regional (Australasian) and global (ISPP) perspectives. See *Phytopathology News*, October 2004 for meeting photos and additional information

http://www.apsnet.org/publications/phytopathologynews/Past%20Issues/2004_10.pdf

Society Affairs

Membership

APS membership as of June 30, 2004 was 4,933, which was an increase of 127 over 2003.

- The percent of membership residing outside the United States remained constant at 31% for the eighth consecutive year, with 13% of the international members being from Canada.
- Student and post doc membership each increased by 0.5%. Together these represent 17.5% of membership.

Membership by Category:

Regular members - 3281,

- a decrease of 7 (over 300 regular members lost in past three years)

Student members - 666,

- an increase of 58; this is the third year that there has been an increase in student membership.

Post-doctoral members - 213,

- an increase of 34; this is the fourth year that there has been an increase in post-doctoral membership.

Groups - 135,

- an increase of 29; this is the third year that there has been an increase in groups memberships.

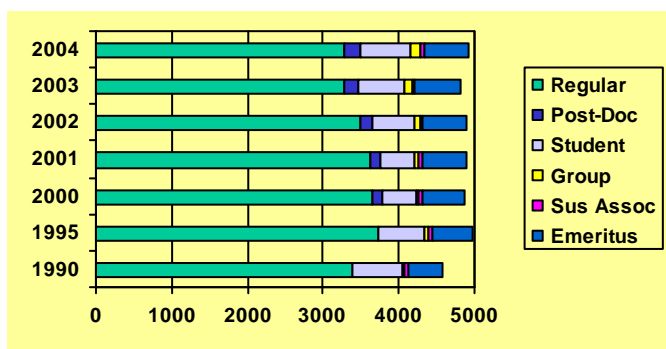
Sustaining associates - 37,

- No change from 2003

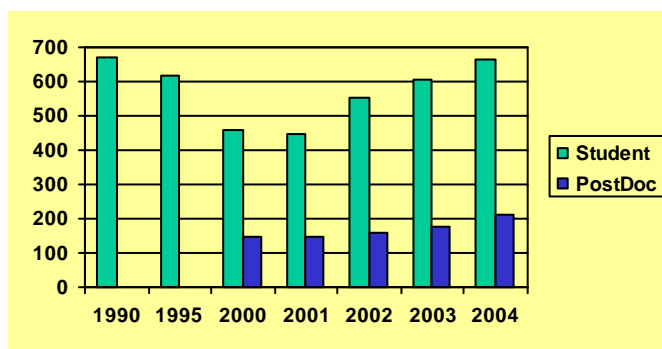
Emeritus/life members - 601,

- an increase of 13; emeritus/life memberships have increased steadily over the past 11 years.

APS Membership Count by Type 1990-2004



APS Student and PostDoc Members 1990-2004



Deceased APS Members (July 12, 2003 – July 6, 2004)

Luther W. Baxter, Jr.
H. Melvin Couey
Patrick C. Cunningham
Paul R. Desjardins
Gustaaf A. deZoeten
T. E. Freeman
Robert W. Fulton
Chancellor I. Hannon
James A. Hoffmann
Robert S. Mullin
Robert F. Patton
H. Jones Smiley
Kenneth E. Zeiders

Financial

The Report of the Treasurer is published in the January issue of *Phytopathology* and is also available at <http://apsjournals.apsnet.org/doi/pdf/10.1094/PHYTO-95-0016>

Future Annual Meeting Sites

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
2009 Portland, OR, August 1-5, 2009

Reports of Offices, Boards, Committees, and Divisions

A report on the activities of the APS Boards and Offices as they relate to the APS Strategic Plan are available at http://www.apsnet.org/about/governance/Documents/APS_CurrentStratPlan.pdf

APS Committee reports are available at <http://www.apsnet.org/members/apsleadership/comm/Pages/default.aspx>

Awards

APS regularly honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the science of plant pathology. The following awards were presented at the APS Annual Meeting in Anaheim, California. Details on the awardees are available at <http://www.apsnet.org/members/awards/Pages/default.aspx>

Fellows

Michael A. Ellis	Bryce W. Falk	Thomas C. Harrington	
Barry J. Jacobsen	Harold Corby Kistler	Ing-Ming Lee	
Robert C. Seem	Norman W. Schaad	John L. Sherwood	Turner B. Sutton

APS Awards

Noel T. Keen Award – Brian Staskawicz
Ruth Allen Award – Howard S. Judelson
Lee M. Hutchins Award – Mark L. Gleason
Excellence in Extension Award – James W. Travis

Excellence in Teaching Award – Karen-Beth G. Scholthof

International Service Award – Henryk (Hanokh) Czosnek

Syngenta Award – Krishna V. Subbarao

Friend of APS Awards

Kenneth Frazier, Director, University of Wisconsin Library System

George W. Korch, Chief of Medical, Chemical and Biological Defense Research Program, Defense Threat Reduction Agency

APS Foundation Special Fund Awards

Named Student Travel Awards (<http://www.apsnet.org/members/foundation/awardees/Pages/default.aspx>)

The Jose and Silvia Amador Award - Abby Guerra-Moreno, University of Florida

The Kenneth and Betty Barker Award - Gladys Mbofung, University of Arizona

The Eddie Echandi and C. Lee Campbell Award - Melinda Sullivan, North Carolina State University

The Forest Pathology Award - Kelly Mann, Michigan State University

The Gustaaf A. and Ineke de Zoetne Award - Sarah Blumer, Michigan State University

The Zahir Eyal and Eugene S. Saari Award - Edwin Palencia, University of Georgia

The John F. Fulkerson and Richard L. Gabrielson Award - Yilan Zhang, University of Manitoba

The Janell Stevens Johnk and Malcolm C. Shurtleff Award - Eva Grimme, Montana State University

The Luis Sequiera and Arthur Kelman Award - Nanda Chakraborty, University of Wisconsin

The Malcolm and Catherine Quigley Award - Nicole LoGiudice, Cornell University

The Don E. Mathre and William J. Moller Award - Allison Bentley, University of Sydney

The Raymond G. Grogan and H. David Thurston Award - Jane Davey, University of Delaware

The John S. Niederhauser and Harry E. Wheeler Award - Aswathy Sreedharan, Oklahoma State University

The Robert W. Fulton Award - Sharon M. Yelton, University of Kentucky

The Tusune Kosuge and Dennis H. Hall Award - Vihange Pahalawatta, Washington State University

The Roger C. Pearson and Joseph M. Ogawa Award - Kerik Cox, University of Georgia

The Stuart D. Lyda and Joseph P Fulton Award - Anne DeMarsay, Rutgers University

The Virology Award - Amy Ziemis, University of Nebraska

APS Foundation International Travel Awardee

Liliana Franco-Lara

Universidad Militar Nueva Granada

Facultad De Ciencias

Bogota, Colombia

Winners of the 12th Annual deBary Bowl for 2004

APS North Central Division

Winners of the inaugural APS-OIP 5K Fun Run and 2.5K Walk

Runners: **James Farrar**, California State University, in 19:33, and **Alison Robertson**, Iowa State University, in 23:51.

Walkers: **Lawrence Datnoff**, University of Florida, 23:54, and **Kitty Cardwell**, USDA-CSREES, Washington DC, in 23:55.

A complete list of finishers, results, and photos can be found on the OIP website at (<http://www.apsnet.org/members/oip/funrun04.asp>)

Winners of the Art in APS Awards (<http://www.apsnet.org/online/feature/art/>)

Best of Show - **Aruna Kilaru**, University of Louisiana-Lafayette;

Best Use of Medium - **Emily Cantonwine** and **Sara Gremillion**, University of Georgia;

Creativity - **Adriana Murillo Williams**, Iowa State University;

Best Illustration of a Scientific Concept - **Lindsey Otto-Hanson**, University of Nebraska.

Report of the Business Meeting

The Eleventh Annual Networking Breakfast and 96th APS Business Meeting were held on August 3, 2004 in the Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA. Following breakfast, President **G. Bergstrom** called the business meeting to order and welcomed attendees. Winners of student travel awards and International Travel Award were recognized. Pres. Bergstrom extended appreciation to the over 500 members who volunteered in APS over the past year. Secretary **C. Ishimaru** reported on the membership of the Society and gave the Necrology Report. Treasurer **E. Stromberg** gave the APS Financial Status Report. Pres. Bergstrom recapped some of the highlights of APS activities since the last meeting.

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

Southern Division Councilor: Albert Culbreath

Potomac Division Councilor: Arvydas. Grybauskas

Secretary: Carol Ishimaru

Senior Councilor-at-Large: Richard Belanger

Immediate Past President: Jacque Fletcher

Director of Office of Industry Relations: Chris Becker

Director of Office of International Programs: George Abawi

APS President **G. Bergstrom** transferred the gavel to **J. MacDonald**. Pres. **MacDonald** gave closing remarks and invited everyone to the 2005 APS Annual Meeting in Austin, TX, July 30 – August 3, 2005, the theme of which will be **Looking to the Future**.

Report of Council Meetings

Midyear. President **G. Bergstrom** presided at the 2004 Midyear Council Meeting held at APS headquarters on February 20-22, 2004. *See May 2004 issue of Phytopathology News for meeting summary.*

Annual. President **G. Bergstrom** presided at the 2004 Annual Council Meeting in Anaheim, CA, Saturday, July 31, 2004 and Wednesday, August 3, 2004. Persons completing terms on Council are listed in the Report of the Business Meeting.

Council continued using a knowledge-based governance system in which it functions as a committee of the whole during most of its meetings. With this format, reports are strategically driven and recommendations generated through standing committees, offices, boards and ad hoc committees.

Brief committee and implementation updates

Scientific Programs Board (SPB) sought to streamline efficiencies in the planning of the annual meeting by requesting changes in the Manual of Operation (MoO) to eliminate the Annual Meeting Program Committee and to transfer responsibilities to the Planning Committee.

Publications Board informed council that web-based journal submission (manuscript tracking) is in process. The possibility of quarterly submission of articles for F&N and B&C are being reviewed. APS Press wishes to retain copyrights on visual materials, with no change in policy at this time.

Ad Hoc Journal Operations Committee updated council on the current digitization of back issues in conjunction with University of Wisconsin Library System. Implementation of open-access for back issues post 1997 is still being determined. Staff is proactively signing institutional members to online site licenses.

Ad Hoc Early Career Professionals Committee requested to be instituted as a standing General Policies Committee. They are currently developing a benchmarking tool to assist members in planning their career. Advice from senior career professionals will be sought.

Ad Hoc Awards and Honors Issues Committee reviewed the current APS sponsored Awards and Honors, the process and committees and made several recommendations to enhance the process. Electronic submissions, earlier submission date, inclusion of non-Fellows on the committee, Fellows as candidates for Excellence Awards, establishment of a new service award, "Volunteer of APS", were proposals submitted to council.

Ad Hoc Centennial Committee proposed a structure of five subcommittees, Products, Finance, Display, Presentation, and Program, each with a chair from the base committee. They will be asked to prepare listings of items under their purview. The Centennial committee is in discussion with various committees for historical sessions leading up to the 2008 meeting.

Motions passed

1. To approve agenda.
2. Approve minutes of the 2004 Midyear Council meeting.
3. From Committee (PPB) to approve new members; Jacque Fletcher and Jim Steadman, and reappoint D. McGee and R. Stuckey.
4. From Committee (PPB) APS Council endorse the establishment of the "Friend of APS" Recognition Award.
5. From Committee (PPB): to approve the National Center Proposal (HSPD-9)
6. From Committee (OIR): to approve new members Gary Munkvold, Darrell Thomas and Bal Rao.
7. From ad hoc Awards and Honors Committee the following motions passed: : that the committee composition should allow for APS members who receive non-Fellow awards, that Fellows be eligible to receive awards of excellence based on their contributions following their Fellow award.
8. From Publication Board: to approve recommendation of new PHP Editor-in-Chief, Mike Benson, the appointment of Daniel Egel for the position of Editor-in-Chief of Fungicide and Nematicide Tests, the appointment of MPMI senior editors; two for Pathogen and Plant Virus Interactions sections, S. P.Dinesh-Kumar and Peter Dodds, and for Plant-Insect Interactions, Linda Walling .
9. From Committee (OEC) to approve Darin Eastburn as the next director of OEC 2005-2008 and the addition of the APSnet feature editor as a member of OEC.
10. From Committee (SPB) to increase annual allocation of symposium budget. Council approved a \$5K increase for invited nonmembers to the annual meeting. SPB also proposed that the Program Committee be dissolved and its responsibilities be subsumed by the Planning Committee, which will seek and receive input from the chairs of the subject matter and general policy committees. Motion was approved.
11. From Committee (FAC) to appropriate \$25K for three months into the Operating Reserve Fund.
12. From ad hoc Early Career Professionals Committee a motion was received an approved for the creation of an early career professional standing committee.

New Council members for 2004

Vice President: Jan Leach

Secretary: Danise Beadle

Junior Councilor-at-Large: Barbara Christ

Councilor of the Southern Division: Gerald Holmes

Councilor of the Potomac Division: Thomas Evans

Status of Appointed Committees

Completed

ad hoc Awards and Honors Committee: A report has been received. The committee was disbanded.

ad hoc Divisions Committee. A report has been received.

Reappointed

ad hoc Plant Pathology Priorities

ad hoc Private Practice Issues

ad hoc Journals Committees

ad hoc Centennial Committee

ad hoc Journals Committee

ad hoc Crop Biosecurity and Emerging Diseases & Pathogens Committee

Future Meeting site

Nashville, TN, was selected for the site of the APS annual meeting in 2010.

Other

In addition to the Annual Council Meeting, a Strategic Planning and Leadership Forum was held on July 30, 2004 from 9 am – 5 pm in Anaheim. Building on the success of the 2003 SPLF in Charlotte, over 35 attendees, representing APS Staff, Council, and invited participants gathered to brainstorm selected topics impacting the future of APS. The majority of the time was dedicated to three focus topics and one strategic planning exercise, priorities in plant pathology, realizing the potential of APS committees, APS' international role: partnering with other societies, and creating value for APS members. Input was excellent with ideas generated being examined by APS officers to further develop into assessable action items. Continuation of the SPLF is planned for 2005.