

Ninety-ninth Annual Report of the American Phytopathological Society

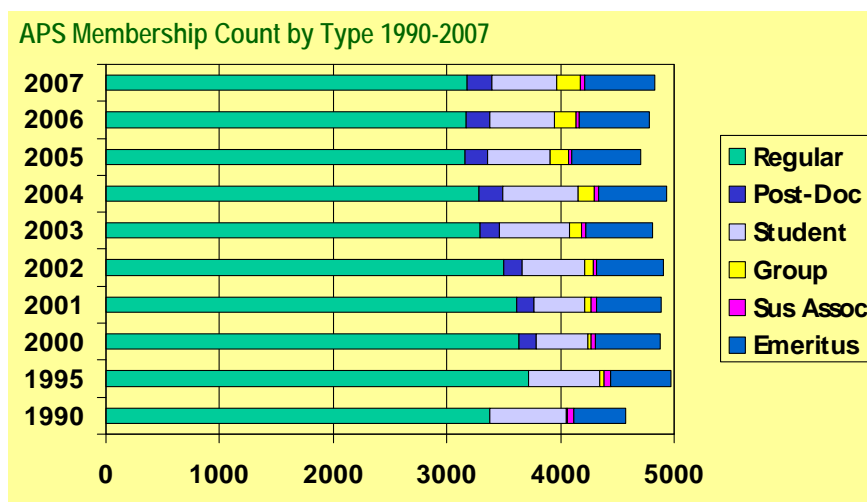
Annual Meeting

The 99th Annual Meeting of the American Phytopathological Society was held at the Town & Country Resort & Convention Center in San Diego, California, in conjunction with the Society of Nematology, July 28-August 1, 2007. Over 1600 participants from more than 45 countries attended the joint society meeting. **President Jan Leach** (APS) and **President Ann MacGuidwin** (SON) welcomed participants to the plenary session "Strength Through Diversity."

Plenary speakers included **Trevor V. Suslow**, U.C. Davis and **Diana Wall**, Colorado State University. Their talks highlighted the interface of human food-borne pathogens and crop production, as well as, the potential impact of global climate change. See *Phytopathology News*, October 2007 for meeting photos and additional information <http://www.apsnet.org/publications/phytopathologynews/Pages/vol41iss10.aspx>

Society Affairs

Membership



APS membership as of June 30, 2007 was 4,830 which was an increase of 50 members from 2006.

- The percent of membership residing outside the United States was the same as 2006 of 34%, with 13% of the international members being from Canada.
- Examination of APS' future showed a marginal increase in both student membership and post doc membership with 570 students and 224 post docs. Together they represent 17% of membership.

Membership by Category:

Regular members - 3174,

- An increase of 5 from 2006.

Student members - 570,

- An increase of 4.

Post-doctoral members – 224,

- An increase of 11, the highest number recorded for this category.

Groups - 206

- An increase of 19, group memberships have continued to rise since 2000.

Sustaining associates - 35,

- An increase of 2 associates, a return to the 2005 level.

Emeritus/life members - 621,

- An increase of 9; emeritus/life memberships have also steadily increased, 11% since 2000.

Deceased Members - July 2006 – July 2007

Jack Altman
Axel L. Andersen
Minoru Aragaki
Richard G. Ballard
Luther S. Bird
Myron K. Brakke
Oscar Hugh Calvert
R. Keith Chapman

Patrick Fenn
Richard H. Garber
Austin C. Goheen
Donald J. Hagedorn
Fred H. Lewis
Alan A. MacNab
Hilde McGrath
Howard N. Miller

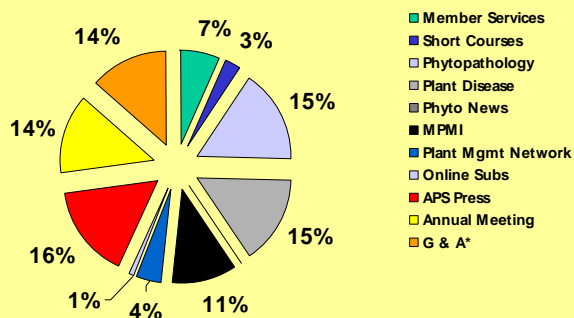
John G. Moseman
John F. Schafer
Bent Skovmand
Robert H. Symons
Colin Vorgang
Paul J. Wuest

Financial

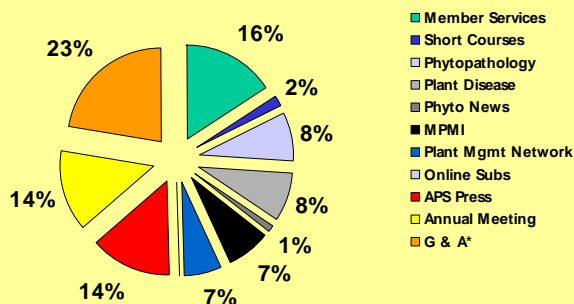
Unaudited Summary of Income and Expenses– 6/30/07

	Income	Expenses
Member Services	\$324,437	\$868,557
Short Courses	\$138,275	\$94,729
Phytopathology	\$847,161	\$444,521
Plant Disease	\$744,690	\$454,965
Phyto News	\$10,016	\$56,762
MPMI	\$591,308	\$425,177
PMN	\$206,365	\$419,257
Online Subs	\$30,501	\$29,446
APS PRESS	\$854,064	\$757,524
Annual Meeting	\$680,842	\$666,047
TOTAL	\$4,427,660	\$4,216,995
SURPLUS	\$210,665	

Unaudited Income - 6/30/07



Unaudited Expenses - 6/30/07



Annual Treasurer's Report: <http://apsjournals.apsnet.org/doi/pdf/10.1094/PHYTO-98-1-0017>

Future Annual Meeting Sites

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

2009 Portland, OR, August 1-5, 2009

2010 Nashville, TN, August 7-11, 2010

2011 APS/IAPPS Joint Meeting, Honolulu, HI, August 6-10, 2011

Reports of Offices, Boards, Committees, and Divisions

APS Committee web pages and updates are available from:

<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 awards were presented at the APS Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA, with details on the awardees available at <http://www.apsnet.org/members/awards/Pages/default.aspx>

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<http://www.apsnet.org/members/foundation/awardees/Pages/2007Awardees.aspx>.

Report of the Business Meeting

The 99th APS Business Meeting was held on July 29, 2007, in the Town & Country Resort & Convention Center in San Diego, California, following the plenary session. An overview of the meeting was provided in the *Phytopathology News*, October 2006, at <http://www.apsnet.org/publications/phytopathologynews/Pages/vol40iss10.aspx>

At the President's reception, the following members were recognized for completing their terms in Council, Offices or Boards:

Southern Division Councilor: Gerald Holmes

Potomac Division Councilor: Thomas Evans

Senior Councilor-at-Large: Barb Christ

Immediate Past President: John Andrews

Plant Health Progress EIC: Mike Benson

Scientific Programs Board: Erin Roskopf

Office of International Programs: Randy Ploetz

Office of Industry Relations: Vince Morton

Awards and Honors Ceremony

The Award and Honors Ceremony continued in the new format recognizing the 7th I.E. Melhus Symposium Presenters, the APS Student Travel Awards, the APS Foundation International Travel Award, the APS Public Policy Early Career Internship, the APS Fellows, Excellence in Extension Award, Excellence in Industry Award, Excellence in Teaching Award, International Service Award, Ruth Allen Award, William Boright Hewitt and Maybelle Ellen Ball Hewitt Award, Noel T. Keen Award, Syngenta Award, and the prestigious Award of Distinction. The incoming Senior Councilor-at-Large, Wayne **Wilcox**, presented the APS Outstanding Volunteer Award to **Richard Stuckey** for his years of dedicated service to the society. **John Andrews** was recognized for his four years of dedicated service to the society with the presentation of the Past President's Scroll. The ceremony concluded with APS President Jan Leach transferring the gavel to **Ray Martyn**. Pres. Martyn gave closing remarks and invited everyone to the APS Centennial Celebration to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 26-30, 2008, the theme of which will be *History of Excellence, Future of Promise*.

Report of Council Meetings

Midyear. President **J. Leach** presided at the 2007 Midyear Council Meeting held at APS headquarters on February 23-24, 2007. Five strategic focus topics were addressed, Future of Plant Pathogen Culture Collections, APS Finances and Strategic Financial Planning, Upgrade of our Electronic Technology to Remain a Premier Resource for Plant Health Information and Knowledge Dissemination, Overview of Public Policy Board Activities and Strategies, and Strategic Plan Review; in addition the membership survey results coordinated through Readex Research were reviewed.

Annual. President **J. Leach** presided at the 2007 Annual Council Meeting in San Diego, California, July 27-28, 2007. Persons completing terms on Council are listed in the Report of the Business Meeting. Highlights of boards/offices /standing committees were provided orally or electronically. The Strategic Plan was revised and approved. An update on the collaboration with the Chinese Society for Plant Pathology was provided, as well as, an overview of activities for the 2008 centennial year of APS. Finally, DelCor, an outside consulting firm provided a web strategy report outlining future recommendations for the APS web site and other web-based initiatives.

Significant Motions passed

1. From FAC: Approved the Motion to transfer to Operating Reserve (APS transfer \$200 thousand of operating cash to the Operating Reserve).
2. From OEC: Approved Consultant motion (OEC hire a consultant up to \$30,000 (FY07); to review the next generation of APSnet system and examine in-house vs. outsourcing- FY08).
3. From OPAE: A budget increase of \$18,800 (OPAE assist the Centennial Planning Committee in implementing a strategic communications plan for the 2008 Centennial meeting to be held in Minneapolis. OPAE will require a one time budget increase of \$18,800 in FY08 for the purpose of hiring a public relations firm to develop and disseminate stories to large market media outlets and to train 6-8 APS members to be the spokespersons for the developed stories).
4. From the Publication Board: Approved that open access to MPMI will begin after one year instead of the current two years. MPMI will adopt an author-paid open access option. Immediate open access can be purchased for \$2400, reduced to \$1900 if the corresponding author's institution has an on-line subscription to MPMI. This discount provides impetus for on-line institutional subscriptions.
5. From Awards Committee: Approve the Award of Distinction recipient (Norman Borlaug).
6. From Councilor's Forum: APS Council approved the suspension (abolishment) of the Private Practice committee.
7. From Councilor's Forum: Approval of Hawaii as the site for the 2011 annual meeting.
8. From the President: Council approved the creation of an Advisory Committee on Threatening Plant Diseases [a Council Special Committee] with a charge to "Identify, assess, and prioritize on an ongoing basis issues in plant biosecurity that includes, but is not limited to, plant diseases that potentially threaten social, financial, or food security, and then directly advise the APS President of strategies that could be implemented by various individuals and groups in APS under the guidance of the Executive Committee and Council. The appointment of a chairperson and members of the Advisory Committee on Threatening Plant Diseases for indefinite terms, with initial appointment occurring by May 2007. Committee composition will be reconsidered at each change of presidential leadership and the committee will be (re)appointed annually including the chairperson and continuing and new members. Committee size is not specified though a committee of 10 to 15 members is thought to be optimal for deliberation and recommendations. (Successful implementation of recommendations of this committee by other groups charged by the Executive Committee should result in more effective communication to APS members and external audiences about biosecurity issues, more visible leadership by APS within the scientific global community in framing the scientific discussion of contemporary plant health and biosecurity issues, more effective advocacy for future infrastructure needs, and more success and recognition in providing a scientific basis for public policy decisions.
9. Council approved the endorsement to organize a workshop on maintaining and preserving culture collections of Plant Pathology.
10. Council approved the revisions to the APS Strategic Plan.
11. From Exec/FAC: Approval of the OPAE MOO revision proposal including name change to OPRO (Office of Public Relations and Outreach) as well as a clearer message as to their charge and goals.
12. From the Centennial Planning Committee: Approved the CPC budget of \$100,000 for the 100 year celebration from the monies raised by that committee and the additional \$30,000 that has been committed for this effort should they be received.

New Council members for 2007

Vice President: Barb Christ

Junior Councilor-at-Large: Michael Boehm

Councilor, Southern Division: John Rupe

Councilor, Potomac Division: Kathryn L. Everts

Status of Appointed Committees

Formed

ad hoc International Programs

ad hoc The Future of Education in Plant Pathology

ad hoc Auxiliary Meetings and Workshops

ad hoc Leadership and Volunteer Development

ad hoc APS-ISF Collaboration on the Codification of Pathogen Races / Strains Commonly Used in the
Seed Industry

Special Committee Advisory Committee on Threatening Plant Diseases

Special Committee Meeting of the Americas

Reappointed

ad hoc 2008 Centennial Meeting Coordinating Committee

ad hoc Profession of Plant Pathology Committee

ad hoc Working Group on Culture Collections Committee

Completed

ad hoc BioSecurity Taskforce Committee.