



NEWSLETTER

BULLETIN

Société canadienne de science horticole
CANADIAN SOCIETY for HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE

Executive / <i>exécutif</i>	President/ <i>président</i> :	Alan Sullivan, ON
	Vice President/ <i>vice-président</i> :	Katrine Stewart, QC
	President/ <i>président</i> IHC 2000	Norman Looney, BC
	Secretary treasurer/ <i>secrétaire trésorier</i> :	Albert Liptay, ON
	Western Director/ <i>Directeur de l'ouest</i> :	Pat Bowen, BC
	Eastern Director/ <i>Directeur de l'est</i> :	Jean-Pierre Privé, NB
	Past President/ <i>Ex-président</i>	Merv Pritchard, MB

May, mai 2001

<i>In this issue</i> >>>>>>>>>>	Page
Introduction.....	2
Horticultural Soapbox.....	2
President's Corner.....	3
Good News for Graduate students.....	3
Canadian Biotechnology Advisory Committee.....	4
IHC-2002.....	4
CSHS Membership Application Form.....	5

INTRODUCTION

Blossoms, bursting buds , green grass and even dandelions are upon us again. Spring is such a busy time for those with horticultural pursuits, but also a time of vitality and hopes for the coming summer and autumn harvests. Our wishes to you for a successful growing season!

Horticultural Soapbox

Albert Liptay

Food for Thought - More Fruits and Vegetables for the North!

Horticulture has always intrigued me. Not only is it the essence of a large part of us but there is so much fun in eating such a vast array of horticultural products. The fruits and vegetables we eat are so varied in looks, flavour, taste, and goodness for the health and nurture of our bodies. I am always fascinated that there is such diversity in things that are a necessary part of our sustenance. To be compelled to eat these good things adds to the fun and zest of life.

Canada is a country with a huge array of climates, usually with winters that are challenging far beyond many of the fruits that can be grown successfully. As for an example take sweet cherries or peaches. So what if you can go to your grocery supermarket and buy good looking facsimiles of these that are shipped essentially worldwide. There is nothing like the taste and fun of eating these from a locally-grown tree.

It amazes me that in my conversations with fellow Canadians, so many that live geographically in somewhat challenging areas for fruit production, continually say to me, would it ever be great to have a sweet cherry or nectarine or peach tree, and pick the fruit from it, with all the great flavours, just like the luscious strawberries that I have in my garden when I pick them at the height of their flavour.

What also amazes me is that we are making some strides in northerly production; just take a look in some spring garden catalogue from the prairies. Some of the fruits have been derived by public initiatives but there are also plenty of examples where a private individual has had the ambition to better life for themselves and others.

We have to salute those Canadians, both private and public, who have made and continue to make strides in bringing more horticultural diversity to those living in more northerly, ie low temperature challenging (winters), areas of our great country. One only has to let one's imagination go a little beyond, to think of the horticultural strides that could be made over a few decades, with even small incremental inputs directed toward to a dream of that good living.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER Alan Sullivan

Greetings to all. It appears that Spring has finally arrived and planting has started in the warmer regions.

Merv Pritchard has been moving forward on our joint project with Ghana. This is a great partnership for CSHS members as it provides opportunities for travel to Ghana and to host Ghanaian researchers in Canada.

The CSHS program is close to being finalized. The organizing committee has adopted the same format that will be used for IHC 2002 in Toronto. The day will be divided into three sessions each with two keynote speakers. The keynote speakers will provide an overview of their area. Each session will be complemented by the posters presented.

We hope that the discussions generated by the keynote speakers will continue in the poster sessions. This type of format provides an opportunity for both general and very specific forms of discussion. The experience will be particularly valuable for graduate students who will have their research show-cased for the leaders of horticulture in Canada. We look forward to hosting the meeting in Guelph this July and talking with old friends about horticultural research.

Good News for Graduate Students

by Al Aullivan

This is a good news story for current and prospective graduate students. The job market in the next 10 years, for PhD graduates, appears to be excellent. During that time a major percentage of the faculty at Universities in North America will be retiring, creating a large number of vacancies.

At the University of Guelph we expect about 200 retirements between 2001 and 2010. I expect that other Canadian and US academic institutions will face similar retirement patterns.

These retirements will create a huge demand for qualified graduates, a demand that cannot be filled by our current capacity to train graduate students. Industry and government will still need a quota of graduates to fill their positions. These circumstances are going to create a highly competitive environment that is going to be good news for graduate students.

Canadian Biotechnology Advisory Committee (CBAC) Seeks Input from AIC

The Canadian Biotechnology Advisory Committee (CBAC) provides independent expert advice to the Government of Canada on biotechnology issues. The committee has released a Consultation Document on the Biotechnological Intellectual Property and the Patenting of Higher Life Forms designed to solicit stakeholder, expert and public input. CBAC welcomes all input on this Consultation Document until Monday, May 14, 2001 via its Web site at www.cbac-cccb.ca, its toll-free number 1(866) 748-2222, or for the hearing impaired at 1(866) 835-5830, or by mail at CBAC, 235 Queen Street, Ottawa, K1A 0H5.

CBAC will provide the Government of Canada with a report and recommendations by early summer. This initial report will help prepare and set the stage for further discussions with Canadians. Following its release, it will welcome comments for a period of three months.

After the end of this period, CBAC will review these comments to determine whether it ought to refine its advice.

IHC 2002

Visit the site for the International Horticultural Congress at www.ihc2002.org for updates.

CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME: _____ PLEASE CHECK DESIRED
MEMBERSHIP

ADDRESS: _____ CSHS

_____ Regular Member \$60.00

_____ *Graduate Student \$10.00

_____ Telephone: () _____ Retired Member \$20.00

Fax: () _____ Canadian Journal of

E-Mail: _____ Plant Science (incl.GST) \$25.68

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION _____ ISHS

B.Sc.

University: _____ Regular \$65.00

Year: _____ Student \$25.00

_____ Total: _____

M.Sc.

University: _____ Please make cheque payable to:

Year: _____ Canadian Society for

Horticulture Science

Mail to: Suite 1121

Ph.D. _____ 141 Laurier Av. West

University: _____ Ottawa (Ontario) K1P 5J3

Year: _____

_____ *Graduate student status must
_____ be certified by

Signature of major professor

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

<u>Vegetables</u>	<u>Research</u>
<u>Fruits</u>	<u>Extension</u>
<u>Floriculture</u>	<u>Education</u>
<u>Nursery Crops</u>	<u>Journalism</u>
<u>Turf</u>	<u>Sales/Marketing</u>
<u>Plant Protection</u>	<u>Service industries</u>
<u>Post-Harvest</u>	<u>Input industries (seeds,</u>
<u>Landscaping</u>	<u>machinery, etc.)</u>
<u>Economics</u>	<u>Other (specify):</u>
<u>Breeding & Genetics</u>	

Société canadienne de science horticole - Demande d'Adhésion

Nom: S.V.P. Cocher l'adhésion désirée

Adresse: SCSH

.....
..... Membre régulier 60\$

.....
..... Étudiant 2e ou 3e cycle 10\$

.....
Téléphone:..... Membre retraité 20\$

.....
Télécopieur:..... Revue canadienne de
E-mail:..... phytotechnie (incl. TPS) 25.68\$

.....

Éducation Universitaire SISH

B. Sc.

Université:..... Membre régulier 65\$

.....

Année:..... Étudiant* 25\$

.....

Total

M.Sc.

Université:..... S.V.P. faire chèque à

Année:..... Société canadienne de science
horticole

Poster à: Suite 1121

141 avenue Laurier ouest

Ottawa ON, K1P 5J3

Ph.D.

Université:..... *Les étudiants doivent inclure la
signature de

Année:..... Leur professeur principal:

.....

Intérêts professionnels (cochez tout ce qui s'applique)

.... Légumes Recherche

.... Fruits Vulgarisation

.... Floriculture Enseignement

.... Pépinière Journalisme

.... Phytoprotection Vente/Mise en marché

.... Post-récolte Industries des services

.... Paysagisme Industries des intrants (semences

.... Économie engrais, équipement etc)

.... Amélioration et génétique Autre (spécifier):

.....