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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear All;

The summer has finally started after a late and wet spring for us we have just completed our planting and the experiments are set out. In this short hiatus before data collection, I wanted to take the opportunity to talk a bit about what has been happening with the society since the start of the year.

Although it has been almost a year since we put on the International Congress in Toronto work related to it continues. There are 17 Acta publications arising from symposia at the Congress. Peter Hicklenton in conjunction with the symposia conveners have been hard at work in preparing the scientific presentations. This has taken tremendous time and effort and they deserved your praise for handling this task very efficiently. I would also like to thank all the society members who have acted as reviewers for the papers. I realize that you have many other things to do so this was an additional call on your time and we appreciate all your efforts on our behalf. The first Acta one is going to press as I write and four more are in the final stages of preparation. The remaining will be coming out gradually over the next months. A CD containing all the Actas will be sent to all Congress registrants.

Norm Looney was able to obtain a CARD funding to help support the Congress. As part of the grant, the society in conjunction with the Canadian Horticultural Council (CHC) is preparing a series of short horticultural articles " Hort Shorts " based on Congress symposia with particular relevant to Canadian Horticulture. These " Hort Shorts" will be published on the CHC website. I have contacted a number of society members who have kindly agreed to prepare the abstracts for these articles. Again, I would like to than those of you who have agreed to this additional request for your time and effort.

During our business meeting that will be held as part of the American Society for Horticulture meeting in Rhode Island I would like to discuss the future of our society. We are a small group dealing with many different commodities spread out over a very geographic large area. It is difficult for us to get together on a regular basis and for many; increased financial restrictions affect the decisions we made concerning the meetings we are able to attend. I would like to see a strong Canadian Society for Horticultural Science and am wondering what is the best method by which we could achieve this end. We could remain associate members of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, or look at opportunities afforded to us by ISHS, the Canadian Agri-Food Research Council (CARC) or Plant Canada. I would like you to examine the various options and send your suggestions to David Percival (dpercival@nsac.ns.ca) or myself (katrine.stewart@mcgill.ca).

I wish you the best of the summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall
Katrine

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Now that it has been just about a year since the HortCongress meetings in Toronto, there is a need for CSHS to focus on the future direction of CSHS. There has been a lot of recent developments that have occurred over the past year including the development of a CSHS web site (<http://www.cshs.ca>). restructuring AIC and the Coalition of Agricultural and Food Science Societies (CAF3S). However, a lingering concern remains the declining membership of CSHS.

This has reached a point where there are now less than 70 members. Subsequently, there is presently a strain on the fiscal resources CSHS has to work with resulting in the need to either recruit more members or increase the annual membership rates.

The most realistic goal to enhance the long-term viability of CSHS is to increase the membership. ***If possible, could each institution*** (e.g., research station, department, etc.) ***please try to recruit one person prior to the Annual Meeting in October? If you have some help with knowing who is presently registered, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at dpercival@nsac.ns.ca or by telephone at (902) 893-7852.*** The future of the society will be determined on the ability to attract and retain these people.

AIC RESTRUCTURING

Peter Hicklenton, Associate Member Organization Representative

2003 has been a turbulent year for the Agricultural Institute of Canada. For the past two years I have acted as one of two Associate Member Organization (AMO) representatives on the AIC Board. During that time we have witnessed the resignation of an Executive Director and the near implosion of AIC when a full member organization (FMO) - Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists - suggested that they might move to AMO status in 2003. The latter would have meant the collapse of AIC.

The Board met in November of 2003 and to develop an action plan to attempt to rescue and revitalize the organization. The first steps towards this took place in January at an 'owner's meeting' held in Winnipeg. I represented CSHS at that meeting. What emerged was an action plan and a mandate to develop one or more new models for AIC, and to compare them against the status quo. A report was to be presented to the Board at the AGM (subsequently held in Simcoe in April). Following the Winnipeg conference, a task force of the Board was struck consisting of Sandy Todd, Don Good, David Chanasyk, and myself (Acting Executive Director, Tom Beach and Communications Coordinator acted as ex-officio members). When David was subsequently elected President of AIC at the AGM, Board member Kim Shukla stepped in to fill that space.

Before the Annual Meeting the task force developed and analyzed three models:

- The status quo;
- A 'twin tower' model in which the Professional Institutes and Scientific Societies would become largely autonomous under a newly-configured AIC 'umbrella';
- A proposal in which AIC would be transformed into a voluntary membership organization with specific coordinating committees representing the Scientific Societies, Professional Institutes, Farm Organizations, etc. A Canadian equivalent of the U.S.-based CAST, to be known as the Canadian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology - CIAST - is another component of this 'AIC in the Third Millennium' model

Credit for developing the latter proposal (dubbed 3-M) goes to members of the Ontario Institute of Agrologists, and especially their champion, Don Good. OIA is the first to acknowledge, however, that input has been received from many quarters and the proposal has undergone major modification since it first appeared late last year.

Following the April AGM, the task force was charged with developing a concept document that would recommend a new model for AIC, and a roadmap to implement it. This document has now been released. It proposes a transition from the existing member organization model through a "Two Tower" model to a "Direct Member" model (based upon 3-M) over a 4 year period. The document has now been circulated to all current member organizations (FMO and AMO) and will be discussed (by phone, e-mail and fax) within and among them from now until September, 2003. If it is accepted an implementation plan will be initiated in 2004. Membership status would remain much as it is now under the "Two Tower" model for 2004 and 2005, and the transition to "Direct Member" would occur in 2006.

What does all this mean for CSHS?

I am convinced that our Society has much to gain from being involved with a re-configured AIC. As you are probably aware, AIC provides CSHS with membership services and accounting on a contract basis, but the relationship goes far deeper. Our association with a national agricultural institute puts us in contact with colleagues in industry, and extension services. We broaden our understanding of the national and global events that are shaping Canadian agriculture and provide the context for the science we do (see examples of 'AIC Notes' at http://www.aic.ca/whatsnew/notes/June12_2003.html. The AIC International Program <http://www.aic.ca/international/index.html>) provides Canadian horticultural scientists and extension specialists the opportunity to share knowledge and skills with the developing world (The International Twinning Partnership Program with Ghana - <http://www.aic.ca/international/GhanaHort2.html> - is a recent example in which CSHS members have participated). Moreover, AIC provides structure and organization for the highly successful agricultural science journals, including the Canadian Journal of Plant Science that we share with the Canadian Society of Agronomy.

For CSHS a transition of the AIC, through the 'twin tower' model, to an individual membership organization will mean that we gain a strong 'science section' dedicated to the needs and aspirations of Canada's Agricultural Scientific Societies. If and when the individual membership model is fully implemented, organization fees will likely drop well below those the CSHS pays today. The financial strength and future of AIC will then be in the hands of its members, and in those of organizations (companies, trade groups etc) who choose to be AIC sponsors. The transition will be monitored at every stage and will be bolstered by development of a full business plan and market survey - changes are possible depending on outcomes from the analysis.

I realize that many of us feel overwhelmed with the number of organizations we are asked to support. It is likely that in future you may be asked to choose whether or not you wish to be a member of the new AIC, but your choice will not affect your eligibility for membership in CSHS. At that time, I urge you to consider the value of AIC to agriculture and especially to Canada's agricultural science community. In the meantime I encourage you to read the concept document at www.aic.ca/whatsnew/structurestfmay2003.html. Please feel free to send comments to me at HicklentonP@em.agr.ca or to Katrine Stewart at stewartk@macdonald.mcgill.ca I can assure you that they will be carefully considered.

COALITION OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SCIENCE SOCIETIES SECRETARIAT (CAF3S)

We as a society have the opportunity to become a member of a new coalition being developed among professional societies in Canada. In April, the Canadian Agri-Food Research Council (CARC) held a meeting with a number of Canadian professional societies to look at the future for our organizations. Each society presented a brief overview of the organization including strengths and weaknesses. The information that follows is from letter I received from CARC this week. I have excerpted sections from the letter

“Arising from this meeting is a plan for the creation of a Coalition of Agricultural and Food Science Societies Secretariat (CAF3S) as a “virtual organization” which would be operational as of January 1 2004.

This organization would have as a primary objective the creation of a vehicle through which all Agriculture and Food Science Societies within the “food continuum” may communicate:

It was concluded that CAF3S should be based on CARC for the following reasons. CARC sits astride the food continuum. It is the only national organization, which encompasses the entire spectrum of agricultural research to nutrition research and health outcomes. Too often research scientists associated with production agriculture are barely aware of the activities of the food scientist, food safety practitioner or the nutritionist and vice versa. It may therefore be concluded that the concept of CAF3S, as a “virtual organization” should be based on CARC. This would also enable the coalition to build stature through the established credibility of CARC.

The CIFST (Canadian Institute of Food Science and Technology) will initially provide the “staff” in the start-up phase. They will help to

1. Formulate an operational plan, compatible with CARC activities and acceptable to the member societies of the Coalition.
2. Establish a funding mechanism(s).
3. Establish a communications matrix, e-mail and an information web page.
4. Obtain an overview of the annual activities of all member groups.
5. Establish designated contact persons within each group for both administrative and scientific matters.
6. Publish and up-date a CAF3S member calendar of activities.

Initially funding must originate from the scientific societies. It is not an option to expect CARC to provide funds for the Coalition. Initially it is proposed that funds be raised through a levy on each member society of \$500. I have circulated the full proposal to members of the executive committee by would like the reactions of all members. As a member of CSHS are you interested in the society becoming part of this coalition? Please send any comments you have on this proposal to either suggestions to David Percival (dpercival@nsac.ns.ca) or myself (katrine.stewart@mcgill.ca).

2003 CSHS MEETING

The CSHS Annual Meeting is going to be held during the ASHS Centennial Conference in Providence Rhode Island (3-6 October, 2003) at the Rhode Island Convention Center. Please note that for this year CSHS will only be holding a business meeting. The meeting has been scheduled for ***Saturday, October 4 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Room 556 B of the Convention Centre.*** For questions regarding the CSHS Business Meeting, please feel free to contact Katrine Stewart (katrine.stewart@mcgill.ca) or David Percival (dpercival@nsac.ns.ca). For questions or comments concerning the ASHS-2003 Centennial Conference, please see the ASHS Centennial Conference web site (<http://www.ashs.org/annualmeeting/index.html>).

AIC NOTES AND EVENTS

Call for Papers - Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation's National Conference on Food Safety -November 2-4, 2003, Edmonton, Alberta. From the Farm Gate to the Dinner Plate is the underlying theme of the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation's second national conference that will provide a forum for presentations and workshops to address critical food safety issues and disseminate factual, scientific information about advances in agricultural technologies and products. For more information please contact Jean Sullivan,PAg at 613-232-9459 ext 303 or email: news@aic.ca or the Conference Administrator by calling 1-800-868-8776 or email to profedje@renc.igs.net Please also bookmark the conference web site for updates <http://www.aic.ca/aicf/conference>

Information pertaining to upcoming events within AIC can be found at <http://www.aic.ca/whatsnew/index.html>. In addition, AIC Notes is a bi-weekly update of AIC national activities, initiatives from member organizations and industry news and events. It also features legislative updates and information on parliamentary and senate committees (<http://www.aic.ca/whatsnew/notes.html>). Please share it with your members or colleagues.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

University Research Chair in Turfgrass Management Department of Plant Agriculture

The University of Guelph (www.uoguelph.ca) invites applications for a tenure-track, research University Chair in the Department of Plant Agriculture (www.plant.uoguelph.ca) with a solid background in scientific research and a strong interest in turfgrass science and management. The candidate is expected to hold a PhD in horticulture, agronomy, plant science/ecology, or related discipline. Research expertise may include plant nutrition and plant-soil relationships, ecology, anatomy, physiology, and genetics/breeding.

The successful candidate is expected to assume a leading role in research and teaching. Demonstrated experience in turfgrass science and management is an asset, however, it is not an essential requirement. The Department will provide opportunity for further training within the turfgrass industry. The incumbent will also be required to maintain an open and active relationship with the turfgrass industry. The applicant will be expected to demonstrate ability to attract outside funding and to possess excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills.

Research opportunities will encompass management studies in turfgrass for golf courses, urban landscapes, sports fields and sod production. Participation in teaching at the graduate, undergraduate and diploma level is required. The incumbent will be required to provide a leadership role to the interdiscipline research and teaching group at the Guelph Turfgrass Institute. The Guelph Turfgrass Institute, Canada's most active turfgrass research and training facility, operates as a partnership between the Ontario turf industry, the University of Guelph, and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Screening of applicants will begin on October 1, 2003, and will continue until a suitable candidate is selected. Applicants must send a *curriculum vitae*, University transcripts, a detailed statement of research and teaching interests as related to this position and names of three referees to:

Dr. C.J. Swanton, Chair, University Chair Search Committee, Department of Plant Agriculture, Crop Science Building, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, N1G 2W1. Telephone (519) 824-4120 Ext.53386, Fax: (519) 763-8933. Email: cswanton@uoguelph.ca

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

The University of Guelph is committed to an employment equity program that includes special measures to achieve diversity among its faculty and staff. We therefore particularly encourage applications from qualified aboriginal Canadians, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities and women.



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