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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear friends,

With spring finally setting-in over most of the country, you are certainly working hard, possibly against the elements, establishing your plots or taking care of your plants. In the last few weeks, the scientific committee of CSHS has also been busy putting together interesting scientific activities for the Society. As you should expect, we have set ourselves a number of short, mid- and long-term goals we will strive to achieve. In brief, and I will elaborate a little more below, we will be working in the short term on the organization of the annual CSHS business meeting to take place at the ASHS meeting in Austin Texas in mid July. On a continuous basis, we are also trying to increase our participation to the Canadian Journal of Plant Science (CJPS) and finally, in the longer term, in a year from now, we are working on the organization of the Plant Canada meeting in Edmonton.

Business meeting in Austin, Texas

First off, let me invite you all to participate to the business meeting of CSHS that will take place during the ASHS meeting in Austin Texas on July 18. As is now a tradition, we will have the meeting in the context of a paying luncheon where those present will have to opportunity to exchange in an informal environment. For the occasion, we will have a surprise keynote speaker to be announced shortly. For the event and to contribute to the tradition, why not bring a bottle of wine from your region and have a wine tasting activity during the meal. I will provide you with more details about this in the coming weeks and distribute an agenda of the meeting. A number of issues will certainly be dealt at this meeting. Among others, we will talk of strategies to increase membership, and the tight financial situation of the Society. Moreover, I would like to expose the plan proposed by IAC with respect to the Scientific Societies and the possibility offered to us to join a new umbrella organization representing CSHS at a national level. At this stage, four organizations are talking together to create this new forum; AIC, the Canadian Agri-Food Research Council (CARC), the Canadian Federation of Biological Societies, and Plant Canada. One of the main objective of this “to become” organization will be to represent the associated Societies at the political level on “hot issues” facing horticulture, agriculture, education, and the profession. Members of CSHS may be called upon, eventually, to act as experts on such issues as food safety, bio-security, dietary intake/healthy lifestyle, media coverage of agriculture/horticulture, declining number of scientists in Canada, slow food vs. factory farming, or the balance between policy and science driven research. Our participation could be in the writing of issue papers or the presentation of briefs to governments on these important issues for Canada.

Participation of CSHS to CJPS

In order to stimulate the exchange of good science, which is, you will agree, the main objective and “la raison d’être” of our Society, I have had discussions with Dr. Y. Papadopoulos, the new editor of CJPS, to try to boost and stimulate the publication in “our” journal. I have proposed, and this will be implemented shortly I hope, to create a new series of reviews to be published in the Journal under the to-be called “CSHS invited reviews”. For the purpose, we would enlarge the scope and activities of the standing Scientific Committee of our Society to draw-up a list of topical reviews within the

expertise of the members of CSHS or other Canadian Scientists. These reviews would be peer-reviewed and could be published both in the CSHS new letter and/or web site, and also of course in the CJPS. I find this could be an excellent opportunity for our Society to have a visible forum to show the quality of the science carried by Canadian scientists in horticulture. I am thus moving forward in this direction but I am certainly seeking your suggestions and input on how we can upgrade the quality of the science done in horticulture in Canada and by the members of CSHS.

Organization of the Plant Canada Meeting in Edmonton Next Year

Finally, the organization of what I hope will become the “flagship” activity of our Society is advancing well and smoothly. Dave Ehret has agreed to assist the local organizing committee and chair a specific CSHS scientific committee for the organization of the Plant Canada meeting to take place next year. As you may know by now, the CSHS will be meeting in June 2005 with five other Canadian scientific societies, all with common interests in the plant/botanical sciences. The participating societies are the Canadian Botanical Association, the Canadian Phytopathological Society, the Canadian Society of Agronomy, the Canadian Society of Plant Physiologists, the Canadian Weed Science Society and, of course, CSHS. Known as Plant Canada 2005, this conference is a unique opportunity for CSHS members, not only to share our passion for horticultural science, but also to learn about exciting advances in other areas of plant science. Six plenary sessions will be organized as well as a multitude of mini-symposia. We also have the opportunity of organizing Special Seminars, which may have less of a research emphasis and more historical or social interest, as well as field trips.

In preparation for Plant Canada 2005, the CSHS organizing committee is asking for your help. First, you are invited to suggest names of potential speakers for the six plenary sessions. The speakers should preferably be working in Canada, have outstanding presentation skills, and speak on a topic of interest to a diverse audience. You are also encouraged to provide ideas for symposium topics. We would especially appreciate topics which may be of interest to people of other societies as well as CSHS members. Please email your suggestions by June 30, 2004 to David Ehret at ehretd@agr.gc.ca.

I thus hope to see you in Austin next July and have the opportunity to have a chat with you on this occasion. You can also reach me anytime to share your views, concerns, ideas on what CSHS could do to promote horticultural sciences and our profession in particular.

Have a nice summer and see you soon.

Yves Desjardins, Ph.D., P. Agr.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Greetings! With 2004 well upon us, activities are underway to plan for the 2004 CSHS Business Meeting. One of the key areas that I will be addressing will be the fiscal state of CSHS. Efforts have been made over the past year to increase membership and to also address CSHS's membership rates. Several different scenarios were examined when the 2004 rates were examined, and it was

decided to proceed with a conservative increase for this fiscal year. It is my intention to provide an update at the business meeting, request input and discussion, and see if a revised business plan is necessary and can be developed and implemented for the remainder of the fiscal year. Hopefully this will allow CSHS continue as a viable organization and participate in meetings including Plant Canada.

In the meanwhile, I would encourage you to check with your colleagues to see if they are interested in joining the society. Considering CSHS's involvement in a wide range of activities, it provides an excellent return.

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2004 CSHS BUSINESS MEETING

The CSHS Annual Meeting is going to be held during the ASHS's 101st Annual International Conference in Austin, Texas at the Renaissance Austin Hotel from July 17-20, 2004. It is expected that the meeting will bring together over 1,300 international attendees to participate in research and information exchanges, networking, career development activities, and social events, all with the common goal of advancing horticultural science. The business meeting will occur on ***Monday, July 19, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.*** in the Brazos Room of the Renaissance Austin Hotel. More information on the meeting can be found at <http://www.ashs.org/annualmeeting/index.html>.

The tentative agenda of the 2004 CSHS Business Meeting will include circulation and approval of agenda, approval of minutes from 2003 meeting, business arising from 20002 meeting, President's report, Secretary-Treasurer's report, elections, report from Canada's representative to ISHS, awards, and other business. If there are items that you would like to see included, please feel free to contact David Percival at (902) 893-7852 or dpercival@nsac.ns.ca.



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