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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings!

Summer has arrived with its load of field work for many of us. It is also time to get ready for IHC 2010 that will be held in Lisbon this August. The International Horticultural Congress is an important occasion to meet with colleagues from around the world, learn about the most recent discoveries in a wide array of disciplines, and lay the groundwork for new collaborations. This Congress also rhymes with election and selection. Indeed, Council members will have to select the next North-American representative. Two of our distinguished members, Dr Robert Prange (AAC, Kentville, NS) and Dr Yves Desjardins (Laval University, Quebec) will run for this position. We wish them the best of luck. It will also be during this Congress that the host of IHC 2018 will be selected.

IHC 2018 – Discussions have been underway between Jens Bungardt (Manager, Business Development, International Market, Palais des Congrès de Montréal), Michael Neff (Executive Director, ASHS) and me to present a joint bid to host IHC 2018 in Montreal. An official presentation will be made this August in Lisbon. Some of our members already expressed their interest in taking part to the organization of this Congress should we win the bidding process.

Plant Canada 2011 – Closer to us in time and in space, the organization of Plant Canada 2011 is going well. This joint meeting of the CSHS, CSA, CSPP, CWSS and CBA is a unique occasion to exchange ideas with Canadian colleagues from a broad spectrum of plant related disciplines. Visit the official web site at <http://www.plantcanada2011.ca> to learn about the latest developments. We still need help from our members to get things organized. Do not hesitate to contact any of your executive members or Dr Yousef Papadopoulos (Yousef.Papadopoulos@agr.gc.ca) to learn more about how you can help.

Have a great summer.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to CSHS's June Newsletter. We hope this will help to keep you informed about activities of the society. This is my second official report to CSHS' members. It is June already and in this Newsletter I am including a number of items collected over the last five months. A big "Thank You" goes to members who sent me the information *via* email or over the phone. In this issue, I also include the CSHS financial statement.

Financial Report

As of December 31, 2009, CSHS had total assets of \$55,716. As part of its assets, CSHS has investment of \$10,861 (Macoun Hill) and \$10,055 (WCHS). As of December 31, 2009 there was \$32,202.59 on the account of the Society. A statement of income over expenses January 1 – December 31, 2009 shows a deficit of \$2,919. The generated revenue: \$3,953 (membership fees), \$38 (interest) and \$153 (2008 conference) totaled to \$4,144. The 2009 expenses amounted to \$7,108 including \$3,085 (office services), \$166 (postage), \$170 (website), \$1,200 (awards), \$1,000 (AIC membership), \$394 (ISHS membership), \$1,038 (D&O insurance), \$25 (bank charges) and \$30 (Industry Canada annual filing fee).

Best wishes to all for the coming summer!

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ITPP Ghana Project Receives Award

Material provided by Brenda Millar, International Development Program Officer

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Congratulations to the Ghana Institute of Horticulturists (GhIH) and the Canadian Society for Horticultural Science (CSHS) ITPP (International Twinning Partnership Program) project on receiving the third place award for the best poster presentation at the 26th annual conference of the Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education (AIAEE). The poster entitled *Radio Broadcast as an Extension Tool in Dry Season Vegetable Production in the Upper West Region, Ghana* was

recognized at the 2010 AIAEE conference held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan May 16 - 19.

With support through various sources, several ITPP participants were in attendance at the conference, including Mary Ruth McDonald and Dinah Ceplis, both CSHS members, Beny Mwenda and Mary Sayi from the Tanzania Society for Agricultural Education and Extension (TSAEE) who are currently visiting Canadian partners on an ITPP professional exchange, and Gerald Lepp from the Canadian Agricultural and Rural Extension Society, TSAEE's Canadian partner organization.

Dinah Ceplis accepted the award on behalf of GhIH-CSHS.

For more information on the ITPP and the current projects, please visit

<http://www.aic.ca/international/itpp.cfm>

and/or contact Brenda Millar, International Program Officer AIC, bmillar@aic.ca

About ITPP projects:

The mandate of AIC's International Twinning Partnership Program (ITPP) is to establish long-term relationships of five to nine years with partners in developing countries. This allows adequate time for the development of effective working relationships, thorough analysis of needs and resources, and the planning and implementation of projects designed to ensure sustainability. The ultimate goal is to strengthen the partners' institutional capacity to maintain advances achieved as a result of the project. Extended time frames are most essential when projects include technical development and experimentation, demonstration and dissemination of techniques, and efforts to reach a critical mass of potential beneficiaries.

Global Garlic Mustard Field Survey

Material provided by Robert Colautti

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to draw your attention to the world's largest collaborative project on invasive species; it may be of particular interest to educators, conservation groups, and resource managers.

Do you want to be part of the world's largest scientific research project on invasive species? The 'Global Garlic Mustard Field Survey' is an international collaboration aimed at obtaining much-needed data on the abundance and distribution of Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) across its native and introduced ranges. In our first field season last year, we received measurements and seed samples from 65 populations, with a majority from Europe – already one of the largest systematic field surveys of an invasive species. Our goal for this summer is 150 or more, with a stronger emphasis on the southern and mid-west to western United States.

This year we are hoping to increase participation among educators, as well as land managers and 'citizen-scientists' who may not have much formal science training. The survey involves a simple protocol that can be followed directly or incorporated into field courses and nature surveys. A

population takes two people about 2-4 hours to measure. We are also planning to develop internet-based teaching modules and tools to aid with monitoring and managing this invasive plant. The sampling protocol, along with contact information is available at the Global Garlic Mustard Field Survey website: www.GarlicMustard.org (note that you do not need to log in to the site to participate).

Ideal sampling time is 2-4 weeks after flowering finishes and ranges from early June in southern states (e.g. OK, AR, AL, GA, SC) and lower altitudes to mid to late July in northern states (e.g. OR, WA, ID, ND, MN, WI, MI, VT, ME), higher altitudes and Canada.

Please contact me if you would like to participate.

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XVIII International Botanical Congress, Melbourne July 2011

Material provided by Lindsay Robinson

The Australian botanical community invites you to Melbourne, Australia in July 2011 to participate in the XVIII International Botanical Congress. Australia has a vibrant scientific community active across all botanical disciplines and its researchers play a prominent and highly collaborative role in international biological sciences.

The Australian flora, with its many endemics and strong Gondwanan element, provides a unique opportunity full of inspiring experiences for the botanical visitor. Its ancient landscape includes vast deserts, tropical and temperate rainforests, floristically rich heathlands and unique eucalypt forests. Marine environments include a rich flora and the most extensive coral ecosystem, the Great Barrier Reef.

Australia's botanical community is eager to welcome our colleagues from around the world to the 2011 IBC for an intellectually stimulating and socially memorable occasion. **Judy West** is the Congress President.

For more information please go to the website: <http://www.ibc2011.com> and/or contact:

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2010 Annual Meeting

No Annual Meeting for this Year

2018 bid for IHC

As already mentioned in the President's Corner section, CSHS is renewing with ASHS. Both Societies will give their best shot to win this bid. An informal cocktail will be offered to Council's members on August 19. An official presentation will be made the following day. We are convinced that Montreal offers everything to please even the more demanding participant. The support offered by ASHS will also play a key-role in making this bid a very convincing one. At team including members from both Societies and from Palais des Congrès de Montréal are getting reading to deliver a convincing presentation.

Plant Canada 2011

Material provided by Samir C. Debnath

Plant Canada meeting will be held in Halifax from July 17-21, 2011. The conference theme will be "Plant Adaptation to Environmental Change". There will be individual and/or joint symposium for each member society. Samir asked for help to select the title of the CSHS Symposium. A number of suggestions have been provided including: 'Horticulture and Climate', 'Impact of climate change on Canadian Horticulture', 'Environment and Horticulture', 'Protected Horticulture', 'Horticulture and Environment'. If you have suggestions, please contact Samir Debnath at Samir.Debnath@AGR.GC.CA

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between AIC and CSHS

Material provided by Shahrokh Khanizadeh

Memorandum of Understanding between AIC and CSHS has been updated and signed recently. The purpose of this MOU is to confirm the commitment of the parties to the publishing of the *Canadian Journal of Plant Science (CJPS)* and to describe the roles and responsibilities of the parties in the process.

VALUE

The parties recognize the value of the *CJPS* as a world class peer-reviewed journal sustaining the interest of members of the Canadian Society for Horticultural Science (CSHS) and the Agricultural Institute of Canada (AIC) and providing a means for publication of research.

The parties recognize the value that AIC and CSHS provide to scientists and other professionals engaged in contemporary agriculture research and development and the contribution that the *Canadian Journal of Plant Science (CJPS)* makes toward the ability of AIC and CSHS to serve current and future members

COMMITMENT

Recognizing this value and the uniqueness of the *CJPS*, AIC and CSHS and their interdependence, the parties of this MOU pledge a strong and long term commitment to ensuring the *CJPS* continues to attract and publish world class research.

Similar documents were updated and signed for CSA, CSAS, CSSS and CWSS

Selected Upcoming Horticultural Meetings / Conferences

1. 28th International Horticultural Congress, Lisbon – Portugal, August 22-27, 2010
www.ihc2010.org
2. The Agricultural Biotechnology International Conference (ABIC 2010), Saskatoon, SK, September 12-15, 2010, <http://www.abic.ca/abic2010/>
3. Expo East, BioFach America, All things Organic and the Organic Summit, Boston, USA October 13-16, 2010 <http://www.expoeast.com/expoeast2010/public/enter.aspx>
4. European Organic Forum, Warsaw, Poland, May 5-6, 2011, <http://www.organic-marketing-forum.org/index.php>
5. XVIII International Botanical Congress, Melbourne, Australia in July 2011
<http://www.ibc2011.com>



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