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Dear members,

Thank you for being a member of the Canadian Society for Horticultural Science/La Société Canadienne de Science Horticole (CSHS/SCSH, www.cshs.ca). This letter is to highlight some of the major activities the CSHS carried out in the past year, and to remind you that your membership can now be easily renewed at <http://cshs.ca/membership_registration_form.html>. You may like to take a few minutes to get it done before leaving for your holidays.

**Your membership provides the following benefits and more:**

* Reduced page charges to publish in the Canadian Journal of Plant Science (CJPS, $30/page for members, $90/page for non-members; and the open Access fee is only $750 for CSHS members).
* For the first time, CSHS members can also have free online access to CJPS for the 2022 calendar year starting from January 2022. Instructions on how to access will be sent to you soon.
* Significantly reduced registration fees at the annual CSHS/SCSH conferences with cost savings that can be far more than the annual membership fees. For example, for the CSHS 2022 conference in Halifax, regular member can save $100 for registration. We also collaborate with other societies, and some years we can have a few conferences.
* Only registered members are eligible for awards:
	+ Many student awards for oral and poster presentations, travel. Since we are a smaller society, the possibility for winning awards is much higher than some larger societies.
	+ Most Cited CJPS Paper award.
	+ Invitation to be a conference speaker (normally registration and accommodation costs waived).
* Timely direct mail alerts to jobs, grant opportunities, etc.
* Only CSHS members will be sent regular issues of Chronica Horticulturae, the International Society for Horticulture Science magazine. Interesting articles on international horticulture, dates of upcoming international conferences, etc. are featured. Please see the latest issue attached.
* For students: a NEW offer in which you can become a member of THREE societies; Canadian Society of Agronomy (CSA), Canadian Society of Soil Science (CSSS), as well as our CSHS for the *reduced annual fee of $40*.
* Financial support of CSHS student activities across Canada.

Horticulture is an important sector in Canada’s economy. You are involved in many important horticulture activities and would like to see this sector to grow. Our society provides a platform for this, and many of our efforts are geared towards supporting our students, the new generations for horticulture. The CSHS needs your energy, enthusiasm and commitment to Horticulture in Canada. ***Our annual membership fee is just $75 CAD.*** There are currently even more savings for 2 year ($140), 3 year ($210) and 5-year regular memberships ($350). CSHS student memberships are just $25/year, or $40/year to join 3 societies (see above). **Postdoctoral Fellow rate: $50**. Payments are easy and can be completed online by PayPal or Interac® or by cheque to the Treasurer.

Even with COVID 19, the society was active; here are some highlights of our 2021 activities:

* The CSHS was an active participant of the Tri-Society Virtual Conference July 5-9, the joint conference of CSHS, Canadian Phytopathological Society and Canadian Society of Agronomy. CSHS awarded 4 student presenters total of $1500; in addition, 5 CSHS students won top prizes at the conference.
* Successfully published a Horticulture Special Issue “Advancements in Canadian Horticulture” in the December issue of the Canadian Journal of Plant Science. Drs. Kate Congreves (Lead Editor), Karen Tanino and Cheryl Trueman (Associate Editors) coordinated this special issue. It was the first time an entire issue was devoted to Canadian horticulture science and was launched in celebration of the 100th anniversary of horticulture science at the University of Saskatchewan.
* The society has been actively preparing for our 2022 annual conference which will be held in Halifax between August 18-20. There will be a pre-conference tour of the Annapolis Valley, a Haskap workshop, and four Symposia: “Cannabis and High-Value Plants”, “Fruit”, Innovations in Vegetable Production” and “Potato”.
* The Student Committee has worked hard on increasing our presence on social media including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.
* Please, learn about our various activities in the field of horticulture on our website and social media webpages ([www.cshs.ca](http://www.cshs.ca)).

Thank you for your continuous support for your CSHS. Please encourage your students, colleagues and friends to join the CSHS. We are looking forward to see you all face-to-face in the near future at venues like our 2022 annual conference in August 2022.

Have a wonderful holiday!

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