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## From the CSA Office

**J**ust a few quick notes. Most of the information I have to pass along, I do by email. Make sure your email address and contact information is up to date on the renewal form, so that we can stay in touch.

About renewals, CSA still needs some new members to reach an optimum size. We have three specific actions along these lines:

Rebate: Remember that if you get someone else to join for the first time as a regular member, you will get a rebate of \$30. Get two to join, and your rebate is \$60 – equivalent to your full fee. Just be sure the application forms identify you as being instrumental in their joining.

Student Members: Student membership is free, as long as their application form is signed by a regular member. Amazing how many students have not done this. Be sure to let them know.

Members from Border States: Many agronomists in the US, especially in the border states, would benefit from membership in CSA. With the exchange rate, we are a bargain! In cooperation with the AIC, we have sent a complimentary issue of CJPS to about 300 agronomists in border states. We asked them to consider subscribing to CJPS, and drew their attention to the half-price discount for CSA members. They also get a CSA application form. Let's hope we can welcome a new group of

members.

Corporate sponsorship remains important for CSA. We will seek renewals and new corporate sponsors in the spring. We have offered an extensive suite of acknowledgements at three levels: Major Sustaining (\$1000), Sustaining (\$500) and Supporting (\$50 to \$200). If your corporation is interested, I'd like to send you/them our sponsorship prospectus. Then I'll follow up with a call. We appreciate your help with this.

Our web page has undergone an overhaul. It should be up-to-date now. Check it out at [www.agronomycanada.com](http://www.agronomycanada.com). Let me know if you see things you'd like changed, or if you have content we can add.

Thanks to support from AAFC, we have a supply of CSA posters (small, 11x17", showing field plots). I'd like to have them posted in vital spots. Let me know if you want one or several.

One last thing. I'm quite excited about it. The Executive has decided that CSA will meet in Montreal in 2003 with the ICOM4 (4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Mycorrhizae). Canadian Soil Society will be there too, as well as several other organizations.

As always, comments are welcome.

*Steve Sheppard*  
*Executive Director*

## CSA Awards – Nomination Time

CSA has a number of awards it presents at the annual meeting each year. They include:

portunity to recognize excellence early in the career of our members.

*Fellowship* – presented to a current member of 10 years or more who has been active in teaching, research, extension or development work.

*Distinguished Agronomist Award* – presented to a current member of 15 years or more who is nearing retirement age, or has retired. This award is an opportunity to recognize the long-term career achievements of our members.

*Young Agronomist Award* – presented to an active CSA member of 5 years or more, who is 40 years of age or younger. This award in an op-

Nominations may be made by any active member of CSA, except members of the Awards Committee and the CSA executive. A member may nominate only one person for each award in a given year. For a copy of the nomination guideline for any of the above awards, please contact Adrian Johnston, Awards committee chair ([ajohnston@ppi-ppic.org](mailto:ajohnston@ppi-ppic.org)). Deadline for submission of nominations is May 1, 2002.

*Adrian Johnston*

## CSA Pest Management Scholarship Winner

Ms. Robyn Underwood of the University of Manitoba was selected as the winner of the scholarship in 2001. Her proposed PhD research project is a study to determine the effectiveness and practicality of fumigating over-wintered honey bee hives in managed facilities where temperature and colony characteristics can be controlled. The effectiveness of formic acid fumigation will be investigated on *Varroa* mites and *Nosema* disease and has the potential to markedly reduce pesticide use in controlling honey bee parasites and diseases. Her project is supervised by Dr. R. W. Currie in the Department of Entomology. The \$500 cash portion of the

scholarship was sent to Robyn and she will use the travel award to attend and present an oral paper on his research at the CSA Meeting in 2002 in Saskatoon. The travel portion of the award of up to \$1000 is provided by Monsanto Canada Inc..

Interested students can obtain application forms and information about the CSA Pest Management Scholarship on the CSA web page at [www.agronomycanada.com](http://www.agronomycanada.com).

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Call for Papers and Posters  
for  
**The Canadian Society of Agronomy Annual Meetings**

Saskatoon, SK

July 15-17, 2002.

Authors are invited to submit titles and abstracts for papers and posters to be presented at the CSA Annual Meeting. The deadline for submissions is **MARCH 31, 2002**. The meetings are to be held on the campus of the University of Saskatchewan, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Agricultural Institute of Canada.

Volunteer papers and posters will be presented in two concurrent sessions grouped into the general categories of grain crops and forage crops on the morning and afternoon of July 16th. Within these general areas, prizes will be offered for the three best graduate student papers and posters.

In addition, two symposia are planned: (1) Drawing Conclusions from Long-term, Multi-disciplinary Studies (or Will I live Long Enough to Publish?); and (2) Genetically Modified Crops: Who Wins, Who Loses? Those interested in presenting posters associated with these two symposia are encouraged to submit a title and abstract. Titles and abstracts are to be submitted to Adrian Johnston, Potash and Phosphate Institute of Canada in Saskatoon, using the outline/format below. Submissions should be made by Email ([ajohnston@ppi-ppic.org](mailto:ajohnston@ppi-ppic.org)) so as to allow the production of a book of abstracts for the meeting.

**ABSTRACT FORMAT**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author(s) and Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Poster or Oral: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

*Category:*

Grain crops \_\_\_

Forage Crops \_\_\_

Symposia poster \_\_\_

**Abstract:**

No more than 150 words. Provide as much detailed information as possible to adequately describe the presentation. After the abstract, there should be a line starting with Key Words: (in bold) and followed by up to five appropriate key words. The e-mail address of the corresponding author also should appear below the abstract. For details of abstract format, authors are referred to the January, 2001 issues of the Canadian Journal of Plant Science. Abstracts will be published in the CJPS in late 2002 or early 2003.

## Update on CSA 2002 Program Planning

Do you have a friend or relative who fixes you with a vacant look when you mention “GMO” crops? Or perhaps they ask what the financing on your pickup truck has to do with new crop varieties? Whatever your experience, GM crops, especially herbicide-resistant GM crops, have been the subject of many national media and farm press stories and even coffee shop discussions lately. Agronomists’ scientific and technical opinions will be added to the debate with a Symposium on GM crops at our Technical Program in 2002. We have approached speakers on topics including “Trade and Economic implications of GM crop varieties”; “GM crops as weeds”; “Pollen flow and Escapes of GM crops” and “Consumer issues with GM crops” and a few more. Program details will be released when the speakers have been confirmed.

The proposed program for CSA 2002 is shown in the table. Volunteer poster papers on the symposium themes will be accepted for Monday and Wednesday afternoon. Note that we will have separate graduate student competitions for oral papers and poster papers. The call for papers will be coming soon. Please encourage all your graduate students to submit papers/posters for the competition. We are checking the possibility of two concurrent tours on Wednesday, either a field research tour or a walking tour of research facilities on campus.

The committee welcomes any feedback and suggestions that CSA members have on our plans. You can contact us at the email addresses below.

|       | <b>Monday July 15 2002</b>   | <b>Tuesday July 16 2002</b>  | <b>Wednesday July 17 2002</b>   |
|-------|--|--|---|
| AM    | AIC Plenary Session  | Grains I<br>Forages I<br>Poster Session II<br>(Graduate Student Competition)   | CSA Tour(s)   |
| 12:00 | Lunch  | Lunch/CSA Annual Meeting   | Lunch   |
| PM    | <b>Symposium I</b><br><b>“Long-term, multi-disciplinary research or -- will I be around long enough to publish?”</b><br><br>Volunteer Poster Session I | Grains II<br>Forages II<br>Poster Session II<br>(Graduate Student Competition)   | <b>Symposium II</b><br><b>“Genetically Modified Crops: who wins, who loses”</b><br><br>Volunteer Poster Session III |
| Eve.  | AIC BBQ  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• short tour of Kernan Farm, U. of S.</li> <li>• CSA Banquet and Awards ceremony</li> </ul> |   |

***Mark these dates (15-17 July 2002) on your calender and plan to attend CSA 2002 in Saskatoon!***

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