



CSA Newsletter

Canadian Society of Agronomy

March 2006



President's Message

It is a very busy time for the CSA executives and the CSA team responsible for organizing our annual conference (Halifax 2006). Your executives developed an updated committee structure to help implement the new strategic plan for our society (see page 3 for new committee list). The chairs for each committee were identified and given the mandate to develop terms of reference and find volunteer members to serve on their committee. Some of the committees will be activated prior the Halifax 2006 conference and most likely will have their first full face-to face meeting in Halifax during the conference. Your executives have planned many society business events, such as various committee meetings, in addition to our AGM meeting during the Halifax 2006 conference. In our judgment this is important for our accountability and to build consensus on our future directions.

Many of you have informed me that you are planning to attend our conference in Halifax this year. I would like to encourage you to come prepared to participate in the business of your society.

I look forward to seeing you in Halifax in August.

*Yousef A. Papadopoulos,
President*

IMPORTANT:

Meeting details for Halifax
Nominations—for CSA Awards
Nominations—for Executive Elections

From the Office

Membership - please help. CSA needs new members, to bring in new ideas and to help us sustain momentum and create new initiatives. The best way to get new members is by word-of-mouth. If you know someone who ought to be a member, please pass this newsletter to them and let them know that we would all benefit from their involvement.

Membership renewals are coming along nicely. If you have not renewed yet this year, please go to the web site www.agronomycanada.com to register on-line or to download the form to renew with paper copy. If you have renewed, your receipt should accompany this newsletter.

Electronic voting – The Executive monitored the results of a recent experiment with voting using the same system as we use for on-line membership registration (SPORG). It seemed to work very well. There was a survey at the end of the ballot, and all who responded thought the system was easy to use and convenient. As a result of this, the Executive voted to approve in principle the use of electronic voting for CSA. There may have to be an amendment to the By Laws, which we will discuss (and possibly vote on) at the AGM in Halifax. We may use electronic voting for the Executive positions to be filled this year (prior to the Halifax meeting).

Questions and comments – As always, happy to hear any questions or comments, to [sheppards\(at\)ecomatters.com](mailto:sheppards(at)ecomatters.com) (replace the ‘at’ with @ to use this email, I get so much spam I avoid putting my email address on the web, even in pdf format!)

Thanks
Steve S.
Executive Director, Canadian Society of Agronomy

Nominations

CSA needs two directors, one from the East and one from the West, each to serve a two-year term on the Executive. It is a great opportunity for newer members to become involved and learn what CSA is all about. Directors participate in the executive meetings (teleconference calls), serving on committees as needed, communicating about regional issues to the Executive, and helping to promote CSA within their organizations and regions. Essentially, they are the glue that connects CSA to region issues and the membership. If you are interested in becoming a director for CSA, send a one-page biography to Paul Jefferson at JeffersonP@agr.gc.ca. Get involved and make a difference!

Call for Resolutions

Anyone who has a resolution to be considered at the Annual Meeting this summer in Halifax, should send it to Paul Jefferson. Resolutions concerning the business of CSA, such as fees, relationships with other organizations, or expenses can be considered at the annual business meeting. To save time at the meeting, provide the names of the mover and seconder with the resolution (just a reminder - both must be CSA members). Please send them to JeffersonP@agr.gc.ca by June 1, 2006.

NEW Committee Structure—See Where YOU Fit In

The committee structure in CSA needed updating. This is a complete overall. New committees. New people. New terms of reference. All the changes have not been completed, but here is where we are now. Remember that your involvement on these committees benefits CSA, but also benefits you as evidence of your continued interest in the infrastructure of Agronomy in Canada. Contact the Chair or Steve Sheppard.

Committee and Chair	Role
Crop germplasm registry Yousef Papadopoulos	Establish Canadian germplasm registry
Publications Shabtai Bittman	Orchestrate CSA activities related to CJPS, CSA-published books, CSA newsletter
Industry liaison Riga Karamanos	Increase interactions with industry, including sponsorship
Resolutions Paul Jefferson	Develop resolutions that CSA will promote
Finance Shabtai Bittman	Oversee budgets, accounting and planning
Membership Tom Bruulsema	Plan actions to increase membership
Conferences Steve Sheppard	Planning future conferences and support the local conference committees
Awards Cindy Grant	Establish award guidelines, seek nominees and propose awardees
Plant Canada Gavin Humphreys	Liaise with Plant Canada
Science Officer Malcolm Morrison	Guide CSA actions related to science policy
International Tiequan Zhang, Valtcho Jeliazkov	Plan CSA involvement in international activities
Special projects Yousef Papadopoulos	Develop special project initiatives, such as the support for Agronomy Clubs at universities

Third Atlantic Canadian Society of Agronomy Workshop

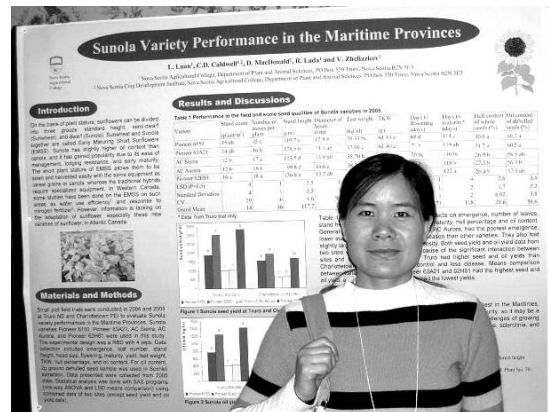
The Third Atlantic Canadian Society of Agronomy Workshop was held in Charlottetown, PEI, January 17-18, 2006, and was attended by over 106 professional agronomists/CCAs from the Atlantic Region. The Organizing Committee was co-chaired by Jerry Ivany and Yousef Papadopoulos, researchers at the Crops and Livestock Research Centre. Invited and volunteer papers totalled 27 presentations and 11 posters, and covered climate change and cropping systems, crop production, fertility management, breeding, rotation and management, organic production, pasture production and pest management. There was 8.5 CEUs available for CCAs from this Workshop. Ten graduate students competed in a formal presentation/poster competition. Abstracts of all papers/posters will be published in a volume of the *Canadian Journal of Plant Science*.

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Student Award Winners



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On-Line Submission and Review of Manuscripts—CJPS

AIC staff met with the Manager, Journals Program and the Business Development Officer at the Canadian Institute for Science and Technical Information (CISTI), a section of the National Research Council (NRC) to confirm AIC's interest in using a web-based manuscript submission and peer review system called OSPREY, which was developed by CISTI.

OSPREY offers access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week while providing security of access, reliable back up of data and detailed manuscript tracking. The system is user friendly and fully web enabled with no special software or hardware needed to make a submission or for reviewers or editors. It is easily customized to fit AIC's systems and adaptable to current operations.

With OSPREY authors can:

- Register and submit manuscripts quickly and easily
- Submit or review from anywhere in the world with web-access.
- Check on the status of the submission at any time and keep up to date through e-mail messages from the editorial office
- Submit manuscripts in virtually any format and in one file or separate files for text, tables and figures

OSPREY on-line review is a progressive step to keep the AIC journals systems current, improve speed and accuracy of reviews and reduce both administration and electronic storage on the AIC server.

AIC plans to have the system customized and in place with staff trained and familiar with the system by this summer.

Search Capacity and Accessibility of Articles

Over the past few years we have looked at making improvements to the accessibility of the journals on the web such as:

- Offering pay per view on individual articles.
- Greater search capacity
- Linking to referenced articles published in other journals via CrossRef.
- Downloading references to Citation Manager
- Publishing on-line in html format as well as pdf.
- Giving access to individual articles to reviewers.

These operations and other tasks necessary to get into the broader electronic network of articles/journals/issues are dependant on having abstracts and articles in XML and/or SGML codes. We have been following developments and costs for translating into XML and SGML and we expect the opportunity will present itself in 2007 to 2008 to make the move to XML and/or SGML format. This shift will increase the search capacity, link the journals to the wider network and, by doing so, it should increase those viewing and citing papers which raises the value and credibility of the journals.

*Tom Beach, P.Ag., CAE
Executive Director
Agricultural Institute of Canada*

PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS - CSA Pest Management Scholarship

The CSA Pest Management Scholarship committee is accepting applications from students in MSc and PhD at Canadian universities for the 2006 CSA Pest Management Scholarship until April 30, 2006. The Scholarship includes a cash award of \$500 and up to \$1000 in travel funds provided by Monsanto Canada so that the winning student can present their research findings at a CSA Annual Meeting.

Information about the scholarship and application forms can be obtained on the CSA website at www.agronomycanada.com . A change made this year is that students do not need to submit official transcripts of the courses and grades taken. A listing and Department certification of the list and grades will be acceptable.

Scholarship Committee:

J.A. Ivany
R.A. Holm
J.Moyer

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY AWARDS DISTINGUISHED AGRONOMIST AWARD

This award is presented annually to members of the Canadian Society of Agronomy (CSA) in recognition of their outstanding contributions to agronomy.

Description of awards

Distinguished Agronomist Award: Given to a duly nominated member of 15 years or more of regular continuous membership plus appropriate credits as stated by the nominators. This award will be for a member who is nearing retirement age or who has retired.

Eligibility of nominators

Nominations may be made by any active member of CSA who has had continuous active membership in CSA for at least five years. A member may nominate only one person for each award in a given year.

Eligibility of nominees

Nominees must: (1) be active members of CSA; (2) have had continuing (not necessarily continuous) active membership in CSA for at least fifteen years; and (3) have been actively engaged in research, teaching, extension, or administration or some combination thereof, in Canada for at least twenty years. The nominee's total contributions need not have been made in Canada. Research, teaching, extension, and/or administrative contributions from other geographic location(s) will be considered. Service to CSA is an important consideration, but is not a primary selection criterion. A member can only receive a given Award once, but, in a career, a member may qualify for all three awards (Young Agronomist, Fellowship and Distinguished Agronomist). Current members of the Awards Committee are ineligible for nomination.

Nomination Procedure

Obtain a copy of the application format for the Award for which the candidate is being nominated from the CSA website (www.agronomycanada.com) or the CSA Head Office. The nomination and letters of recommendation should be sent by email in a standard electronic format to the Chair of the Awards committee. Each application must contain: (1) the nomination proper and (2) three supporting letters. Each supporting letter should be sent directly to the Chair of the Awards Committee by the author of the letter. No more than three supporting letters should be provided for each nomination. **Deadline for receipt of nominations is May 1 of the nominating year unless there is a general notification of an alternate deadline.**

Preparation of the best nomination possible for a distinguished colleague is a compliment to both the nominee and the nominator and it provides the maximum possibility that the nominee will be selected to receive the award. Obtaining the assistance of the nominee in supplying information is permissible and should improve the accuracy and completeness of the documentation. Clearly identifying and evaluating the nominee's contributions are the most important parts of the nomination because the nominees will be ranked primarily on this basis.

The Awards Committee may contact the Nominator or the authors of the letter or reference for clarification or elaboration of the information provided.

Awards Committee

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(1) Continuing active membership is defined as having paid CSA dues three out of the last five years.

FORMAT
NOMINATION FOR DISTINGUISHED AGRONOMIST AWARD

- TITLE:** Entitle the document, Nomination of _____ for the Distinguished Agronomist Award, inserting in the blank, the name of the nominee.
- NOMINEE:** Include the typewritten name, mail address (with postal code), telephone number (with area code), and Email.
- NOMINATOR:** Include the typewritten name, signature, mailing address (with postal code), telephone number (with area code), and Email.

BASIS OF NOMINATION:

1. *Personal achievements, recognitions, and service*
 - A. *Degrees received.* Give field, date, and institution for each degree.
 - B. *Professional positions held.* Give years, organizations, and locations.
 - C. *Membership in honorary academic societies.*
 - D. *Membership in professional societies.*
 - E. *Honors and awards received since baccalaureate degrees.* (Do not include service functions in honorary organizations.)
 - F. *Service to CSA.*
 1. Appointed positions
 2. Elected positions
 3. Other service
 - G. *Service to AIC and/or affiliated provincial organizations.*
 - H. *Other service.* (Significant committee work or service in other societies.)
2. *Professional achievements in agronomy* (This section should be limited to 2 pages.)

Describe achievements, only in the areas listed below, in which the nominee has made significant contributions. Be sure to indicate which of these activities you consider to be the most outstanding.

- A. **Teaching/Extension/Industrial Education**

Achievements in (1) communicating ideas clearly, (2) influencing attitudes or motivating favorable action, to a significant degree, with students or clients. Evaluate the quality and effectiveness of publications supporting the nominee's performance.
 - B. **Investigative Competence**

Significance and originality of basic and applied research contributions and evidence of creative reasoning and skill in obtaining significant data. Evaluate quality and effectiveness of research publications.
 - C. **Service** (Significant service to the profession in universities, foundations, associations, communities, commercial organizations, etc. DO NOT repeat information listed in 1 H). Development or improvement of significant program practices or products in agronomy. Significance, originality, and acceptance by the public. Evaluate the quality and effectiveness of publications to support the significance of the program practices or products.
 - D. **Leadership**

Evidence of creativeness and effectiveness of scientific or administrative activities within or outside Canada.
3. *Summary*
 - A. *Nominator's submittal letter.* Summarize in a half page or less, the most significant personal and professional achievements which you believe qualify the nominee for election to Fellowship in the Society. Critically evaluate the impact of the nominee's contributions to science, education, the agricultural community, the general public. This should include impacts on social, economic or environmental well-being, regionally, nationally or internationally.
 - B. *Supporting Letters.* A maximum of three (3) supporting letters, of about one printed page each in length, will be considered. It is important to keep letters concise. Supporting letters should be sent electronically directly to the Chair of the Awards Committee. Members of the Awards Committee and members of the CSA Executive Committee are not eligible to write supporting letters.
 - C. *Professional publications.* On one sheet, give the total number (not the titles) of professional publications in each of the following categories: (a) books written; (b) books or other publications edited; (c) chapters of books; (d) technical papers; (e) patents; (f) invited lectures and (g) other related oral, written, visual presentations, or products. On a second sheet, list only the six (6) most significant publications, patents, and presentations or products in literature citation form, with a brief (3-4 sentence) description of the contribution that each provides to science, the agricultural community, or the general public. Do not include reprints.

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY AWARDS FELLOW OF THE CANADIAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY

The awards are presented annually to members of the Canadian Society of Agronomy (CSA) in recognition of their outstanding contributions to agronomy.

Description of award

Fellow of the Canadian Society of Agronomy: Given to a duty nominated member of 10 years or more of regular continuous membership plus appropriate credits as stated by the nominators.

Eligibility of nominators

Nominations may be made by any active member of CSA, who has had continuous active membership in CSA for at least five years. A member may nominate only one person for each award in a given year.

Eligibility of nominees

Nominees must: (1) be active members of CSA; (2) have had continuing (not necessarily continuous) active membership in CSA for at least ten years; and (3) have been actively engaged in research, teaching, extension, or administration or some combination thereof, in Canada for at least seven years. The nominee's total contributions need not have been made in Canada. Research, teaching, extension, and/or administrative contributions from other geographic location(s) will be considered. Service to CSA is an important consideration, but is not a primary selection criterion. A member can only receive a given Award once, but, in a career, a member may qualify for all three awards (Young Agronomist, Fellowship and Distinguished Agronomist). Current members of the Awards Committee are ineligible for nomination.

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 - B. *Investigative Competence*

Significance and originality of basic and applied research contributions and evidence of creative reasoning and skill in obtaining significant data. Evaluate quality and effectiveness of research publications
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CANADIAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY AWARDS YOUNG AGRONOMIST AWARD

This award is presented annually to members of the Canadian Society of Agronomy (CSA) in recognition of their outstanding contributions to agronomy.

Description of award

Young Agronomist Award: Given to a duly nominated member who is 40 years of age or younger and has five years of regular continuous membership (0.5 year will be counted for each year that the nominated member was a student member of the Society), plus appropriate credits as stated by the nominators.

Eligibility of nominators

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