



NEWSLETTER 1/2015

Newsletter for the Members of the European Association for Potato Research

March 2015

Dear Members,

Spring is coming soon and with the change of the season, changes and development are taking place in the EAPR. The first newsletter of 2015 brings you news from the first meeting of the renewed EAPR Council that took place in Leuven, Belgium, on 22-23 of January 2015. You can read about the role of the new Councillors and a change to the Pathology Section name. To celebrate the coming 60th anniversary of the EAPR, the Council has decided to launch a new EAPR website. A working group was formed within the Council for that purpose. Moreover, a contest for a new logo for the EAPR is announced below to celebrate the same occasion.

Jadwiga is developing a new style for our

newsletter and would be grateful for sending your news and ideas to enrich future editions (j.sliwka@ihar.edu.pl). Other news: Editor-in-Chief of the Potato Research shares with us news regarding the survey on research questions in potato science and the ideas for special issues of our journal, Potato Research. Please note a new book on potato breeding research and the announcement on Joint Meeting of the EAPR Breeding and Varietal Assessment Section and the EUCARPIA Potato Section due on November 2015... Wishing you a good potato growing season,

*Michel Martin and Jadwiga Śliwka,
EAPR President and EAPR President-Elect*

EAPR Council Meeting in Leuven, Belgium on 22-23 of January 2015, from the left: Jadwiga Śliwka Leah Tsrer Ilze Skrabule Mike Storey Michel Martin (EAPR President) Catherine Chatot Paul Struik Klaus Dehmer Kürt Demeulemeester Richard Visser



New responsibilities within the Council

The arrival of a new team in the EAPR Council brings changes in the responsibilities for the different members. Following the decisions taken during the Council Meeting held in Leuven at the end of January, the updated composition and activities in the EAPR are:

- Ir. Michel Martin, President, in charge of Council business and the 20th Triennial Conference of the EAPR
- Dr. Mike Storey, Vice President, in charge of the EAPR website update and evolution
- Dr. Catherine Chatot, secretary in charge of the administrative work relative to our Association
- Ir. Kürt Demeulemeester, Treasurer, in charge of financial matters and membership working with ISHS

- Dr. Klaus J. Dehmer, Councillor, in charge of the relations with the Sections
- Dr. Ilze Skrabule, Councillor, in charge of the relation with the Country representatives
- Dr. Leah Tsrer, Councillor, in charge of the relation with the other Potato societies
- Prof. Dr. Richard GF Visser, Councillor, in charge of the Scientific co-operation
- Dr. Elina Virtanen, Councillor,
- Dr. Jadwiga Śliwka, President elect, in charge of the EAPR Newsletter,
- Prof. Dr. Ir. Paul C. Struik, non-executive Council member, in charge of the review Potato Research

There are a lot of things to do for keeping alive our association and to increase its efficiency between our members and on potato science, so everybody will be well busy during the coming years!

Michel Martin

Developing ISHS collaboration

After more than fifty years having the EAPR office located in the Netherlands, our Association found a new base at the office of the International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS), located in Leuven, Belgium, 30 km East of Brussels. The EAPR status is so now managed through the Belgium laws.

The link between EAPR and ISHS is managed by three year service agreements.

After discussions during the Council Meeting in January, the councillors endorsed the on-going collaboration with ISHS and a new agreement was signed for a period of three years until 2018, on similar basis as the previous one.

Michel Martin

EAPR CONTEST FOR A NEW LOGO

Please find below the guidelines to participate in this stimulating initiative and create our new logo. If you are eligible (see below) and have creative ideas and graphic design talented ... please enter in the contest!

Guidelines for the new EAPR logo

- The logo is to be used in all official printed documents, on the front page of each issue of the journal Potato Research as well as on the first page of each publication and on the website
- One should read in full letters EAPR
- As well as European Association for Potato Research in full letters
- Upper case OR lower case letters, or a mix of both
- The logo must not contain any other text besides that required above.
- With an obvious or suggesting drawing referring to the Potato (tuber, leaf, flower ...)
- The logo should not be a photograph
- Black & White OR Coloured, but clearly printable in Black & White as well
- The logo needs to look good and be reproducible at relatively small sizes
- For re-sizing purpose, it is preferred to have entries submitted as a scalable vector graphic in .eps or .svg format and as a version with transparent background of the logo. JPGs or PNGs (no less than 1000 pixels square) of the logo and its optional coloured variant are also requested. Each version should not exceed 5 MB.

Eligibility

- Entrants might be:
 - Member of the EAPR or be employed by an EAPR Sustaining Member or
 - Students involved in potato research and sponsored by a member or a sustaining member of the EAPR.
- In all cases, the 2015 membership shall be validated.

How to Enter

- All entries must be submitted online. E-mail your contribution to the following address: caprlogo@gmail.com
- The email or submission must include the name and EAPR membership number of the entrant or sponsoring member.
- Entrants can submit multiple entries.

Intellectual Property

- Any person submitting a logo proposal for the contest certifies that he/she is the designer. He/she also certifies that the logo does not infringe the rights of any third party and is not in violation of any copyright.
- All submitted entries must be original and not based on any pre-existing design.
- All entries will become the sole property of the EAPR and may be displayed publicly on the EAPR web site, documents and the Association's journal, Potato Research.

Selection of the winning Logo

The selection of the winning logo will be made in a two-step procedure:

- Pre-selection of the 5 most appreciated entries by the EAPR Council,
- Then, selection of the best logo by all active EAPR members.

Prize

Adding to the honour of being published on all future EAPR documents and website, **the winner will be invited by the EAPR Council (free Conference fees) to attend the 20th Triennial Conference of the EAPR in Versailles (July 2017).**

Timetable for the logo contest

- Deadline for submitting entries: **June 30, 2015**
- Pre-selection by the Council: August 31, 2015
- Selection by EAPR members: October 2015
- Publication of the awarded logo in the next issue of this Newsletter.

Catherine Chatot



Joint Meeting of the EAPR Breeding and Varietal Assessment Section and the EUCARPIA Potato Section

The next Joint Meeting of the EAPR Breeding and Varietal Assessment Section and the EUCARPIA Potato Section will be held on 15-18 November, 2015 in Vico Equense, Italy.

We aim for a broad audience, covering all relevant aspects of potato breeding and genetics. To encourage the participation of young scientists we will have highly reduced fees. The details of the event will be announced in a circular letter in short.

The town of Vico Equense is located on the Sorrento peninsula, in front of Capri. It is an ideal starting point for excursions to the famous Amalfi Coast, to Sorrento, Capri and the ruins of Pompeii. It is also a place where you can enjoy a real Italian-style pizza, being home of the famous "Universita' della pizza", where you can order pizza by the meter. Please find information on Vico Equense at the following website: <http://www.vicoturismo.it/>. It will be a pleasure to welcome you in southern Italy in November 2015.

*Domenico Carputo
Organizer*

New section name: Pathology & Pests Section

The idea of changing the name of the Pathology Section to Pathology & Pests Section was raised several times in the past during meetings of the Section members: in 2010 Carlow Pathology Meeting and in 2011 EAPR Congress in Oulu.

The reason for the name change was due to the inconsistency of including topics

related to pests under the umbrella of the Pathology Section, although nematodes were usually included. However, Colorado beetle and wireworms for example, were presented sometimes in the Agronomy or Physiology or Pathology sections.

After several discussions amongst the members of the section (in the 2013 Jerusalem Pathology meeting and in the 2014

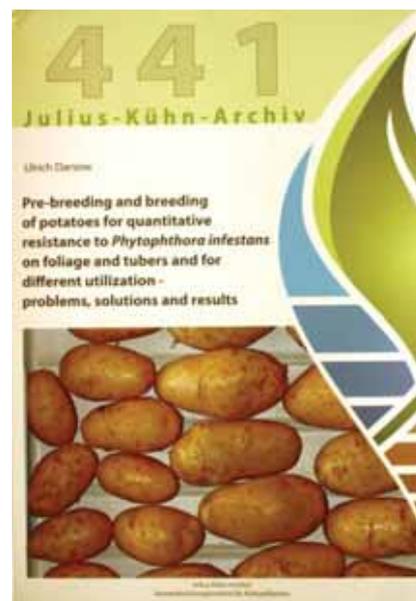
EAPR Congress in Brussels), it was agreed by all participants to change the name to Pathology & Pests Section, which will cover topics of Crop Protection (e.g. bacterial and fungal pathogens, nematodes, insects), except viruses and their vectors which are covered by the Virology Section.

Leah Tsror
Pathology & Pests Section Chair

New book on potato breeding research

Dr. Ulrich Darsow is a retired scientist, who has been engaged for decades in the breeding research of potato resistant to late blight in Julius Kühn Institute (JKI) - Federal Research Centre for Cultivated Plants, (formerly Federal Centre for Breeding Research on Cultivated Plants, BAZ), Institute for Breeding Research on Agricultural Crops in Gross Lüsewitz, Germany. In 2014 he published the compendium of his knowledge in the 441 issue of the Julius-Kühn-Archiv, entitled 'Pre-breeding and breeding of potatoes for quantitative resistance to *Phytophthora infestans* on foliage and tubers and for different utilization - problems, solutions and results'. On over 316 pages, the author informs about importance of late blight in potato, explains both types of resistance, and discusses factors influencing resistance expression. The state of research on pathogenicity of *P. infestans* as well as on resistance on foliage and tubers is reviewed. Epidemiological aspects in assessment of late blight resistance, its stability and the strategy of its use are comprehensively considered. Breeding for late blight resistance in past and

present is analyzed and reasons for mainly globally insufficient results are given on the background of about 45 years successful pre-breeding under long-day conditions at JKI Gross Lüsewitz. Other aspects of potato research are discussed, as well. Text is well illustrated with tables.



The book is available in open access under the link <http://pub.jki.bund.de> in the part Aktuelles.

Ewa Zimnoch-Guzowska
Honorary Member of EAPR

Potato Research issues

1. During the General Meeting in Brussels EAPR members expressed their desire to see more special issues published by

Potato Research. The Council therefore invites members to serve as guest editors by drafting a proposal for a special issue on topical issues in potato science and submit that proposal to the editor-in-chief. Once

agreement has been reached a *modus operandi* and time plan can be specified based on tailor-made arrangements of tasks, responsibilities and credit.

2. The Council would like to acknowledge all potato colleagues who have submitted their ideas about major research questions in potato science. The response was significant and a paper is being drafted which will be sent around for comments to all who contributed.

3. Dutch Universities have recently reached agreement with Springer about open

access publication in most Springer journals. This might also affect the paper flow of Potato Research as authors affiliated to a Dutch university can now publish open access without extra charge. It is difficult to give accurate predictions of the consequences of this agreement but the Council hopes that this will stimulate the use of Potato Research as outlet of high quality science and thus enhance both the impact of the journal and the number of papers published.

Paul Struik
Editor-in-Chief

Reminder for membership

Please remember to renew your 2015 EAPR membership to keep the multiple benefits you have! You can renew your membership online through the member login at www.eapr.net. Information about the procedure can be obtained from info@eapr.net. Online membership renewal is secure, easy and works in real-time by sending instantaneous invoice. The payment methods include secure credit card processing or PayPal.

Renewal by bank transfer remains possible. In this case, please contact our Treasurer, Kürt Demeulemeester, to get information on how to do this:

kurt.demeulemeester@inagro.be.

We would like to strongly encourage you to invite your colleagues to join EAPR and encourage your organisation or business to become a sustaining member of the EAPR (see the EAPR website). The individual

membership application form is available at the EAPR homepage:

<http://www.eapr.net/membership/membership-application/>

Being a member of the EAPR and paying the annual subscription (only 60€) offers multiple benefits:

- Online access to Potato Research, Euphytica and the American Journal of Potato Research,
- Receive print copies of Potato Research free of charge,
- Participate in the triennial conferences and section meetings at members' rates,
- Participate in annual meetings of the Potato Association of America at members' rates,
- You can also order English-language books from Springer at a discount of 20%! <http://www.springer.com/eapr?token=Be9DeX3w72K7Rsq>

Kürt Demeulemeester
Treasurer

