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Letter From the President

PAA Dates

Some observations from Potato Expo 2009 from the President.

The potato Expo in San Antonio, Texas is taking place in a warm climate, a welcome relief from the dangerous snowy storms and low temperatures of the Northwest. The central theme is "sustainability." Notwithstanding the difficulty of defining what this term means, it is apparent that many companies have decided that this is the wave of the future. It is not too unlikely that people will be holding up two cans of corn in the future and make their decision on which one to buy based on a sustainability index on the can, regardless of the price differential. Sustainability standards are affecting the lives of potato growers already. One of the interesting talks on this subject was given by Gene Kahn of General Mills. In the 1970's he dropped out of his English Literature Graduate Program at the University of Washington to farm organically in the Skagit Valley of Washington State. Famous for his organic brand "Cascadian Farms," Gene grew his business and sold out to General Mills some years ago. Over the years he has developed a sustainability friendly philosophy. This is "the willingness to consider the imprint of agricultural production and final products on the local economy, the environment and the general well-being of the world, and make improvements where feasible." This of course involves hard-edged profit-oriented business decisions, and ethically motivated practices that are the right thing to do.

The year 2008 involved many unusual trends in commodity and input prices.

This affected potato production decisions and has left many people clueless about what to do in the future. In a year when the price of urea went from 850 dollars per ton to 250 dollars in three days, there is no way to plan. The United Potato Growers organizations have had considerable impact on acreage and prices of fresh market potatoes by taking control of supply in relation to the prices. However, it looks like potato acreage is trending upward.

Walking around the exhibit booths, it was impressive to see the sheer number of varieties being promoted by European breeding companies, US state breeding programs, Canadian companies, and the Potato Variety Management Institute. A huge number of yellow flesh varieties have been newly produced in US state breeding programs. Also, it is not unusual to see new red and purple fleshed potato varieties displayed along with the long russets and round whites.

The productivity per acre and the easy inclusion of potato in delicious cuisine are two strong points that will always be true. Potato is increasingly recognized as a vegetable rich in phytonutrients with definite health benefits. Every scientific meeting I go to adds more to this knowledge base. The 2009 will be an interesting year, full of surprises.

Charles R. Brown
2008-09 PAA President

FEBRUARY

19-26: 2009 Potato Industry Leadership Institute. Washington, DC Info: Hollee Alexander, (202) 282-9456, holllee@nationalpotatocouncil.org

23-26: 2009 NPC Public Policy Conf. Washington, DC. Info: Hollee Alexander, (202) 682-9456, holllee@nationalpotatocouncil.org

MARCH

10-13: USPB 2009 Annual Mtg. Denver, CO. Info: rvest@uspotatoes.com

22-25: 7th World Potato Congress. Christchurch, New Zealand. Info: <http://www.wpcnz.org.nz/> or <http://www.potatocongress.org/>

MARCH/APRIL

Mar 29-Apr 01: Snaxpo 2009. Grande Lakes, FL Info: <http://www.snaxpo.com/>

01-03: AAB Int'l Adv in Plant Virology. Harrogate, UK. Info: Anna Johns, anna@aab.org.uk or <http://www.aab.org.uk/contentok.php?id=73&basket=wwwshowconfdets>

14-18: 6th Intl Seed Testing Assn Symp. So Africa. Info: Terry Aveling, legume@up.ac.za

Second & Final Call for Papers

This is the **SECOND** and **FINAL CALL** for PAPERS to be presented at the 93rd Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America. This meeting will be held August 9-13, 2009 at the Delta Fredericton Hotel, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada.

PAA members are invited to present papers dealing with all facets of the potato industry. Graduate students who are PAA members are encouraged to enter the Frank L Haynes Graduate Student Research Competition [GSRC].

Authors are required to submit abstracts for papers they wish to present, whether orally, as a poster or in the [GSRC]. The abstracts for all papers (oral, poster and GSRC) presented at the Annual Meeting will be published in a post-meeting issue of the *AJPR*. Abstracts of papers listed in the meeting program, but not presented, will not be published.

At the annual meeting, all oral paper presentations will be of a uniform 15-min length. Authors should plan a 12- to 14-min presentation with the balance of time devoted to questions. Computer projectors will be available for PowerPoint presentations. Please bring your PowerPoint presentation on a portable USB drive.

Display boards (4 ft wide x 3 ft tall; 122 cm wide x 91 cm tall) will be provided for the poster papers. Authors of posters must be present, and the poster available for viewing, for the ENTIRE designated "Authors present" portion of the program. The poster paper abstract will not be published in the *AJPR* if the author or poster does not fulfill the time commitment.

Abstracts will be accepted until March 12, 2009. Submit abstracts as an e-mail attachment to loretta.mikitzel@gnb.ca with "PAA Abstract" as the e-mail subject. Abstracts submitted after that date will be returned to the author.

Abstract submission checklist:

1. Title
2. Author(s) with Presenter's name underlined
3. Body of Abstract. Combination of title, authors and body maximum 2,000 characters, including spaces
4. PAA Membership Number of one (1) author
5. Presentation Method (oral, oral – graduate student, poster)
6. Section (breeding & genetics, plant protection, physiology, utilization & marketing, extension, prod & mgmt or certification)

Prior to submitting your abstract, please read and follow the formatting guidelines that can be found on the on the Conference website: <http://www.paa2009.org>

Please direct questions to the undersigned.

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Phone: (506) 392-5199 - Email: loretta.mikitzel@gnb.ca

Nominations for Honorary Life Membership

One of the most significant ways to recognize outstanding contributions to the potato industry and to our organization,

The Potato Association of America, is the awarding of Honorary Life Membership (HLM). This is the highest award bestowed upon an individual by the PAA. Each year at the Annual Meeting of the PAA this award is given to deserving individuals and is considered by many attendees the highlight of the banquet.

PAA members are encouraged to nominate candidates for HLM to be presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting in Fredericton, NB, Canada. Nominated individuals should have made significant contributions to the potato industry and/or the PAA. Contributions may come from activities related to research, extension, production, processing, marketing, utilization or any of the other facets of the potato industry which may be appropriate. HLM awards can be given to individuals outside of the PAA.

Nominations must be submitted using the official HLM nomination form available on the PAA Website: <http://www.umaine.edu/paa/hlmform.htm>.

The selection procedure and desired candidate info is also available at <http://www.umaine.edu/paa/honorary.htm>. Completed HLM nominations and all supporting documentation should be submitted, preferably electronically, in MS Word or PDF format to Past President, Alex Pavlista, and are due by February 27, 2009.

All members should take the time to think about their colleagues and their service to the industry to see if they might qualify for HLM in the PAA. This is a wonderful award and recognition, but it can not happen without going through the nomination process.

Alexander D. Pavlista
2007-2008 President - apavlista@unl.edu

Frank L Haynes Graduate Student Research Competition Papers

This is the Second & Final Call For Papers to be entered in the Frank L Haynes Graduate Student Research Competition (GSRC) to be held at the 93rd Annual Meeting of The PAA. The purpose of the GSRC is to promote graduate student participation in PAA through presentation of research papers at the Ann Mtg. Participants are also encouraged to submit manuscripts for publication in the *AJPR*.

General Information

1. The author must be a current (or recent) graduate student at the time the abstracts are due **March 12, 2009**.
2. First place winners from previous PAA meetings are not eligible to participate.
3. Research reported must have been done while a graduate student.
4. The paper must be orally presented. Poster papers and symposium presentations do not qualify for the GSRC.
5. Students are required to submit abstracts for papers they wish to present in the Competition via e-mail. Abstracts will be accepted until **March 12, 2009**.
6. No new students may register after the deadline or at the meeting.

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7. Winners will be announced and honored at the annual banquet. Participants will receive a free Banquet ticket for themselves supplied by the LAC.
8. Graduate students must be members of the PAA and may not use their advisor's ID.
9. Prizes will be presented to the winners.

General Criteria for Judging: Papers and presentations will be judged on the following basis:

- A. Quality of research and content: 60%
- B. Effectiveness of presentation: 40%

For more information, contact:

Dr. Kathy Haynes, Chair
 PAA Grad Student Awards Competition
 USDA/ARS: Veg. Lab. - 10300 Baltimore Ave.
 Beltsville, MD 20705
 Phone: 301-504-7405 - E-mail: kathleen.haynes@ars.usda.gov

"Call for Nominations for Outstanding Extension Project Award"

A new award has been developed by the Extension Section of The PAA. The Outstanding Extension Project Award was developed to recognize outstanding Extension projects or programs, printed publications, websites, workshops, newsletters, that have made significant contributions to education on potato. At this time the selection committee is seeking nominations due by April 1, 2009 for this award to be presented for the first time at the annual PAA meeting in New Brunswick. Information pertaining to this award and the selection process is presented below.

A. Award Recipient Eligibility:

1. The nominated Recipient must be a member in good standing with The PAA. For team nominations, at least one person must be a member in good standing with the PAA.
2. Although the Recipient need not have an Extension appointment, the project or program must be related to Extension-type activities. The project or program must be either on-going at the time of the Annual Meeting the year of recognition or have been completed no more than 30 months (2½ years) prior to the Annual Meeting in the year of recognition.
3. The Recipient must attend the Annual Meeting to receive award, unless exempted by the selection committee because of extenuating circumstances.

4. Nominators do not have to be members of The PAA.

B. Selection Process

1. No more than one Extension Award will be presented at any annual meeting of The PAA.
2. The selection committee consists of the current officers of the Extension Section plus the past Extension Section chair who shall serve as chair of the Outstanding Extension Project Award selection committee.
3. Nominator must complete the nomination form, that is available on the PAA web-site [<http://www.umaine.edu/paa/extnominfn.htm>], along with submitting a written review, not to exceed 1000 words, of specific project or program being nominated for the Award.
4. At least two letters of support must also be sent to the selection committee chair.
5. Nomination form, written review, and letters of support must be submitted to the selection committee chair no later than April 1, 2009. For further information, call A.J. Bussan at 608-262-3519; for fax submission 608-262-4743, for electronic submission send to ajbussan@wisc.edu or mail to: A. J. Bussan, Horticulture Department-University of Wisconsin, 1575 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706-1590 U.S.A.

Solicitation of Invited Reviews

To: PAA Membership:
 From: David Spooner
 AJPR Invited Reviews Senior Editor
 Re: Solicitation of invited reviews

AJPR invited reviews are prestigious invitations to summarize an important and timely subject in any area of potato research, and all publication costs are waived to the author. The last invited review covered Colorado Beetle Resistance to Insecticides by A. Alyokhin et al. (AJPR 85: 395-413.

2008), and one is in preparation on the status of the sequencing of the potato genome.

I request self-solicitations or suggestion for someone else to write a review in any area of potato research from a single author, or group of authors. The solicitation should state the subject, importance to potato science, and qualifications of the authors for this review. Please forward them to:

David M. Spooner
 Tel: (work) 1-608-890-0309 -- FAX (work) 1-608-262-4743
 Email: david.spooner@ars.usda.gov

Welcome to Fredericton for the 93rd Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America

Note: For complete information and easy on-line registration, please visit the PAA 2009 website at <http://www.paa2009.org>

The 2009 PAA Annual Meeting will be held at the Delta Fredericton Hotel in beautiful Fredericton, New Brunswick Canada. As with previous meetings, we will officially kick things off with registration Sunday afternoon and then the President's reception starting at 7:00 p.m.. The conference begins in earnest Monday with a welcome by city and/or provincial officials, followed by a symposium presented by the Plant Protection Section on "Alternative Methods of Pest & Disease Control". Monday afternoon will be taken up with concurrent sessions. Tuesday is devoted to concurrent sessions during the day, and then the poster session and silent auction in the evening. Wednesday is devoted to tours: 1) An agriculture tour upriver to the McCain Research Farm, Potato World Museum, Jolly Farmer greenhouse operations and a kettle potato chip plant; and 2) a research tour in Fredericton to Agriculture and Agri-food Canada Potato Research Centre, NB Plant Propagation Centre and Agriculture Certification Services lab. An evening barbeque follows the tours. The concurrent sessions conclude Thursday morning, and the annual business meeting will be held in the afternoon. The conference concludes with the Awards Banquet in the evening. There will be many other events and activities in which you can take part, including sightseeing, a pre-conference golf scramble and post-conference salmon fishing trip.

About Fredericton: Nestled alongside the St. John River, Fredericton is Atlantic Canada's Riverfront Capital, a city that has a friendly and warm small town feel but affords visitors with the choices and diverse tastes of a much bigger city. Tree-lined avenues graced with Victorian architecture complement a vibrant cultural life of National Historic Sites, fine galleries & museums, lively outdoor cafés, award-winning festivals, miles of riverfront trails, a safe, walkable downtown, championship golf and lots more.

Area Attractions:

Beaverbrook Art Gallery: The Gallery is internationally known for its outstanding collection of British paintings from the Elizabethan era to the modern period and for its Dali, Krieghoff and Gainsborough collections. The Gift shop sells art related cards, posters, post cards, books and gifts. Website: <http://www.beaverbrookartgallery.org/>

Historic Garrison District: Re-live our history. The Historic Garrison District, a National Historic Site, is the city's premier heritage and festival centre. This beautiful riverside site recalls all

the drama and glory of Fredericton's past as a garrison town. Experience the attractions, tours and daily free evening entertainment with concerts, live theatre, outdoor films, storytelling and gift shops - all in one extraordinary place! Web site: <http://www.tourismfredericton.ca/en/thingstodo/HistoricGarrison.asp>

Christ Church Cathedral: The Cathedral cornerstone was laid in 1845 and modelled after the medieval parish church of St. Mary's at Snettisham, England. It was declared a National Historic Site in 1983. The Cathedral is one of the finest examples of decorated Gothic architecture in North America, and is the reason Fredericton was declared a city. Watch out for the ghost of Bishop Medley's wife who is said to still haunt the grounds. Website: http://www.tourismfredericton.ca/tourism/business_details.aspx?id=1181&lang=en&type=att

Old Government House: Go back in time with the Vice-Regal residence featuring magnificent architecture, period New Brunswick furniture, and current art pieces in elegant public rooms. The 11 acre site was once part of the 17th century Acadian settlement known as Sainte-Anne. Website: http://www.tourismfredericton.ca/tourism/business_details.aspx?id=1181&lang=en&type=att

Farmer's Market: The WW Boyce Farmers market is a Saturday morning tradition in Fredericton. Farmers, artisans, crafts people and others offer a tempting array of fresh harvested vegetables, home baked bread and sweets, fresh meat, poultry and eggs, crafts, and flowers, as-well-as, a variety of ethnic food prepared on the spot for hungry shoppers. Website: <http://www.boycefarmersmarket.com/>

Science East: New Brunswick's only science centre with over 100 hands-on exhibits that teach the basics of science in a fun & entertaining way. Great week long summer camps for kids aged 8-12, with themes like Forensic Science and Potions, Illusions and Mysteries. Website: <http://www.scienceeast.nb.ca/>

King's Landing Historical Settlement: Kings Landing Historical Settlement brings the 19th century vibrantly to life with guided tours, theatre performances, heritage dining and 170 people in period costume. Website: <http://www.kingslanding.nb.ca/>

Kingswood Golf: Recognized by Golf Digest as Canada's Best New Course in 2003, this magnificent Graham Cooke-

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Darrell Huxham design boasts a number of unique and dramatic features. Website: <http://www.kingswoodpark.com/>

Getting there

Fredericton is located on the east coast of Canada, and borders the state of Maine. It is easily accessible by air and ground travel.

By Air: Fredericton's Intl Airport is conveniently located only minutes (14 km) from downtown Fredericton and is serviced daily by Air Canada, Air Canada Jazz. The Greater Fredericton Intl Airport provides daily flights to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and Halifax. You may also fly in to Moncton, NB which has a direct flight from Newark. Driving from Moncton to Fredericton is approximately 1.5 hours on four-lane highway. Another alternative may be to fly into Bangor, Maine and then drive to Fredericton. This option may reduce costs of Intl flights. However please be aware of all U.S. and Canadian requirements for land border crossings.

By Ground: Fredericton is approximately 3 hours by car from Bangor Maine, 6 hours from Halifax, Nova Scotia, 7 hours from Boston Massachusetts, and 8 hours from Montreal, Quebec.

Car Rentals: Four major car rental companies are located at the airport:

- Avis Car Rentals (1-506-446-6006)
- Budget Car Rentals (1-506-446-6123)
- Hertz Car Rentals (1-506-446-9079)
- National Car Rentals (1-506-446-4105)
- Enterprise Rent-a-Car has two branches in

Fredericton and they will pick you up either on campus or at your hotel to get you in to a car. (1-506-459-4100 or 1-506-455-8280).

Taxi Service: Taxis are available at the arrivals gate of the Fredericton Airport. A taxi is approximately \$25 from the airport to Delta.

Passport Information: ALL PERSONS traveling by air between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean region are required to present a passport or other valid travel document to enter or re-enter the United States.

- U.S. Department of State Travel Information: <http://travel.state.gov/>
- U.S. Department of State Travel Information - Passport: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html
- U.S. Department of State Travel Information - Traveling to Canada: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1082.html
- Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223.html

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection - Travel: <http://www.customs.gov/xp/cgov/travel/>
- Canada Border Services Agency: <http://cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/menu-eng.html>
- Canada Border Services Agency - Visitors to Canada: <http://cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel-voyage/visitors-eng.html>

Currency Exchange: Exchange rates are constantly changing. As of January 5, 2009 the exchange rate was approximately \$0.84 CDN to the US dollar. To get the latest exchange rate, use Xe.com's Universal Currency Converter (<http://www.xe.com/ucc/>) to find the current exchange rate from your currency to Canadian (CAD).

Tax: Currently New Brunswick has a 13% Harmonized Sales Tax. For more information on taxable items in New Brunswick please visit the New Brunswick Department of Finance website. <http://www.gnb.ca/0162/tax/hst-e.asp>

Timezone: New Brunswick is in the Atlantic Standard Time Zone (GMT -4) and observes Daylight Saving Time. Please note that when crossing into New Brunswick from Maine or Quebec you gain one hour.

Accommodations: Our meeting is being held at the Delta Fredericton:

Delta Fredericton
 225 Woodstock Road
 Fredericton, NB E3B 2H8 Canada
 Phone: 506-457-7000
 Toll free in North America: 1-800-268-1133
 Fax 1-888-315-1515
 Website: <http://www.deltahotels.com/>

Note: You must make your own hotel reservations!

Please make your reservation early. Call the Delta Fredericton Hotel directly at 1-800-268-1133 and tell them that you are with The Potato Association of America OR register online by going to the special Delta Fredericton registration webpage for PAA: <http://www.deltafredericton/potatomeet>

We have reserved rooms at the Delta Fredericton in several price ranges:

- * Delta Rooms are \$149 CDN plus taxes per day (single or double occupancy).
- * Premier Rooms are \$175 CDN plus taxes per day (single or double occupancy).
- * Deluxe Rooms are \$259 CDN plus taxes per day (single or double occupancy).

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- * King Suites are \$399 CDN plus taxes per day (single or double occupancy).
- * Signature Club Rooms are \$194 CDN plus taxes per day for single occupancy or \$205 CDN per day for double occupancy.

Our block of rooms cannot be held at these prices beyond 8 July 2009.

The Delta Fredericton hotel is located on the banks of the Saint John River, just minutes from the centre of Fredericton. Riverfront walking trails lead to downtown to art galleries, museums, fine craft stores, and boutiques. The Delta Fredericton is approximately 20 minutes from the Fredericton Airport by car or taxi.

Guest amenities at the Delta Fredericton include: free parking, indoor and outdoor pools, health club, business centre and complimentary high-speed internet.

Additional Reserved Rooms in Fredericton

Crown Plaza Fredericton Lord Beaverbrook Hotel
659 Queen Street,
Fredericton, NB E3B 5A6
1-877-579-7666

Additional rooms are being held at the Crown Plaza Fredericton Lord Beaverbrook Hotel in downtown Fredericton for \$149 CDN plus taxes per day. Our block of rooms at the Crown Plaza cannot be held beyond 8 July 2009. Please call the hotel at 1-877-579-7666 to make your reservation and mention that you are with The Potato Association of America meeting to get the discounted room rate.

The Crown Plaza Lord Beaverbrook is located on the banks of the Saint John River approximately 10 minutes by car from the Delta. It is located in the heart of downtown Fredericton and is the premier hotel in the city. Newly renovated, it is the only downtown hotel that is within close walking distance to the Provincial Legislature, the Beaverbrook Art Gallery, The Fredericton Playhouse, and Fredericton's unique shopping/entertainment district.

Additional Accommodations in Fredericton: Below are listed just a few of the hotels within 10-15 minutes drive of the Delta Fredericton:

Amsterdam Inn & Suites
559 Bishop Drive
Phone: 506-474-5050
Fax: 506-474-5054
innf@nbnet.nb.ca
www.amsterdaminn.com/fredericton.html

Best Western Fredericton Hotel & Suites
333 Bishop Drive
Phone: 506-455-8448
Fax: 506-455-8441
Toll Free: 1 (877) 455 - 8448
www.bestwesternatlantic.com/fredericton-new-brunswick-hotels

Lakeview Inns & Suites Fredericton
665 Prospect Street
Phone: 506.459.0035
Fax: 506.458.1011
Toll free: 1.877.355.3500
www.lakeviewhotels.com/nb-fredericton.php

University of New Brunswick-Fredericton
UNB Fredericton accommodations are provided with traditional residence and suite-style housing available.

Traditional residence room rates:

- * Single Room (one single bed): \$33 +HST
- * Double Room (two single beds): \$24 per person +HST
- * Washrooms are common on the hall and each room includes high-speed internet, free local calls and free parking. Suite-style housing rates:
- * Three-bedroom suite (each bedroom with a double bed): \$109 per suite +HST
- * Two-bedroom suite (each bedroom with a double bed): \$89 per suite +HST
- * Each suite includes the bedrooms as well as a washroom, living room and kitchen. High speed internet (hard-wired, bring an Ethernet cable), free local calls and parking are included.

Reservations can be made by contacting UNB Conference Services directly at:

Email: stay@unb.ca
Call: 1.888.865.6122

Please remember to reference "PAA 2009"

Please feel free to check out all the accommodations in Fredericton at the City of Fredericton website: <http://www.tourismfredericton.ca/en/accommodations/index.asp/>.

Conference Activities

For complete details on the following activities, please visit the PAA 2009 website: <http://www.paa2009.org/eventsactivities.html>.

Please note that some activities, principally the accompanying persons tours, have minimum number requirements and may be cancelled due to lack of interest. Full description of events are available on the website: <http://www.paa2009.org/eventsactivities.html>

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Golf Scramble at Kingswood Golf Course, Fredericton, NB: Sun. morning August 9th at 08:00. Cost: \$100 per person, includes green fees, cart, and prizes.

Guided Kayaking on St. John River (accompanying persons): Monday August 10th 9:30am-3:30pm. Cost: \$90 (includes bus one way, kayak rental, certified guides, safety equipment, instructional training, lunch). \$100 after June 15.

Downtown Culture Crawl (accompanying persons): Monday August 10th 1:00pm-5:00pm Cost: \$40 (includes 1 admission to galleries, snacks, beer and wine along the way). \$50 after June 15, 2009

Whale Watching in the Bay of Fundy (accompanying persons): Tuesday August 11th, 7:30am-5:00pm. \$100 (includes bus, boat charter, light snack on cruise, lunch at Kingsbrae). \$110 after June 15, 2009. *Option without whale watching Day Trip to St. Andrew's: \$60 (bus, time on own to explore St. Andrew's, lunch at Kingsbrae). \$70 after June 15, 2009*

Kings Landing Historical Settlement: Wednesday August 12th 9:30am-5:30pm. Cost: \$85 (includes transportation, guided tour, lunch, workshop, snack). \$95 after June 15, 2009

Agriculture Tour: Wednesday August 12th, departing at 7:45 am and returning approximately 5:00 pm. \$40 per person (\$50 after June 15, 2009)

Agriculture Research Tour: Wednesday August 12th, 9 am to 3 pm. Cost: \$30 per person, includes transportation, snacks and lunch. (\$40 after June 15, 2009)

Hopewell Rocks & Magnetic Hill Winery (Accompanying persons): Thursday August 13th. Cost: \$70 (Includes bus, guided tour, lunch, winery tasting.) \$80 after June 15, 2009

Guided bike/photography tour (Accompanying persons): Thursday August 13th 1:00pm-4:00pm. Cost: \$40 (includes bus one-way, bike rental, tour guides, light snack). (\$50 after June 15, 2009)

Post Conference: For wishing to extend their stay in the Maritimes, we offer the following post conference activities:

Hopewell Rocks & Magnetic Hill Winery: Friday August 14th. See Thursday, August 13th. Bus departs Delta at 8:00am and arrives back at the Delta at 6:00pm. Cost: \$70 (Includes bus, guided tour, lunch, winery tasting.) (\$80 after June 15, 2009)

Whale Watching in the Bay of Fundy: Friday August 14th. See Tuesday, August 11th. Bus departs Delta: 7:30am and arrives back at the Delta at 5:00pm. Cost: \$100 (includes bus, boat charter, light snack on cruise, lunch at Kingsbrae) (\$110 after June 15, 2009). Option without whale watching: Day Trip to St. Andrew's: \$60 (bus, time on own to explore St. Andrew's, lunch at Kingsbrae). (\$70 after June 15, 2009)

Post Conference Salmon Fly-Fishing: Friday August 14 and Saturday August 15, 2009.

IMPORTANT EARLY SIGN-UP REQUIRED BY FEBRUARY 19, 2009

Experience fly-fishing for Atlantic salmon, the king of sport fish, on the world famous Miramichi River Friday August 14 and Saturday August 15, 2009. Cost: \$500 (CDN) per person plus tax (fishing licence, gratuity, and equipment rental are extra). To guarantee a reserved spot on the river, you must respond to Robert Gareau (email: rgareau@potatoesnb.com) by February 19, 2009. For more information about Pond's Resort - see their website at <http://www.pondsresort.com/>.

For those interested in a one-half day of fishing only, with meals but no over night stay the cost is \$250.

PAA 2009 Symposium: Alternative methods of controlling pests and diseases

Alternative methods of controlling pests and diseases are on everyone's radar screen these days, as issues of economic and environmental sustainability draw increasing attention, and consumer demand for organic produce rises. Speakers will provide overviews of currently used alternative pest controls, and information on how widely used and effective they are. Pathogens, nematodes, weeds, insects and integrated control will be discussed by a diverse collection of speakers.

Confirmed Speakers

"Green manures and other organic amendments for soil-borne pest control." Andy McGuire, Center for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources, Washington State University

"Commercial Potato Production Utilizing Alternative Methods of Pest and Disease Management." Peter vander Zaag, SunRISE Produce, Alliston, Ontario and Eugenia Banks, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

"Alternative insect control methods in organic potato production." Gilles Boiteau, Centre de Recherche en Pomme de Terre, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Fredericton, NB.

"Managing Weeds without Herbicides." Rick Boydston, USDA-ARS, Prosser, WA.

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93RD ANNUAL MEETING:

August 9-13, 2009
Fredericton, New
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Members in the News

1987 Honorary Life Member Carlos Ochoa Nieves from CIP, Peru passed away on Dec 11, 2008 in Lima, Peru. Prof. Ochoa, Scientist Emeritus, friend and co-worker of CIP, was the most important taxonomist of Peru. Prof. Ochoa was a pioneer in the collection and identification of varieties and species of potato, and his contribution was significant to agriculture in Peru and the world. He served the potato industry of SA and the world through his work with the Natl Agricultural Programs of Peru and the 1R-1 program at Sturgeon Bay, Wisc. He was a successful plant breeder of more than a dozen varieties adapted to the Andean Highlands. Carlos discovered and collected more than 50 new potato species, more than any other potato taxonomist in history. He received numerous awards for his contributions in Peru and recognition from others.

John Bamberg

Dr. Nina Zidack was recently named Dir of the Montana State Seed Potato Certif. Program. She is replacing Dr. Mike Sun, who served as Dir of the program for 30 years. Nina earned her B.S. in Horticulture at Montana State Univ and a PhD. in Plant Pathology at Auburn Univ in Alabama. She has worked at MSU for 14 years with 11 of them in the Plant Sciences and Plant Pathology Dept. Over the years, Nina has worked on a number of projects in Plant Pathology, specifically in the areas of biological weed control and disease control. The last three and one half years have been spent in the role of Plant Disease Diagnostician for the Schutter Diagnostic Lab.

In her new role as Dir of the Potato Lab, Nina will be involved in all aspects of the certification of seed potatoes, serve as liaison with the Montana Potato Improvement Assoc, and perform research on diagnostics for potato diseases. For Nina, the most attractive aspect of this new position will be working with Montana Potato Growers and the current staff in the MSU Potato Lab to produce high quality, disease-free seed stock. Outside of the lab, Nina enjoys gardening, taking advantage of the Gallatin Valley's many outdoor activities, and visiting family members throughout Montana. She and her husband Walt have two daughters, Madeline (14) and Julia (10).

Dr. Nina Zidack, Director

After working for ten years on cold-induced sweetening in stored potatoes with Dr. Sowokinos and Marty Glynn, Sanjay Gupta left the Horticultural Science Department at University of Minnesota and now joined the Dept. of Plant, Soil and Entomological Science at the University of Idaho as assistant professor of potato post-harvest physiologist and will be based at Kimberly R & E center, ID. Here I plan to work on the post-harvest storage problems like potato tuber quality, improved variety selection and sprout inhibitors in collaboration with Dr. Nora Olsen, USDA-ARS scientists and other in the region to help Idaho Potato Industry.

Sanjay K Gupta

T. Richard Tarn retired from Agric & Agri-Food Canada's Potato Research Centre, Fredericton, NB at the end of October after a 40-yr career in potato breeding. Richard joined the breeding program in 1968 following completion of a PhD in Botany at the Univ of Birmingham in the UK under the supervision of JG Hawkes. From 1986 to 2002 he was the leader of the Potato Breeding Study at Fredericton and from 2002 to retirement he led the national program on Potato Breeding and Genetic Enhancement.

During this time, Dr. Tarn conducted research and developed a collection of adapted *Andigena* germplasm possessing multiple disease resistances. He also contributed to the development and release of many cultivars, most notably Shepody, grown widely in North America and Europe for French fry production. He held executive positions with the PAA President in 1991; 2001 Future Vision Committee. He participated in the USDA North East Potato Trial Network and traveled extensively to deliver scientific papers and provide advice. While potato breeding was the focus of his career, he also contributed to his community through leadership in groups that brought theatrical and musical events to Fredericton. As a founding member and director of the Fredericton Botanic Garden Association, he contributed many volunteer hours to the establishment and development of a botanical garden in the city.

Deborah Hart