



# INSIDER

The Official Newsletter of the Potato Association of America

*Making the world a better place, one tuber at a time.*

## Letter From the President

I just returned from the NPC Potato Expo held in Orlando, FL Jan. 4-6, 2010. The weather was most un-Florida like and we spent most of what little time we had outside trying to stay warm. The meeting itself was well attended with about 1,100 participants and a very full agenda. I am very proud and happy to say that PAA was well represented. At the invitation of John Keeling, Exec. VP & CEO of NPC, PAA members displayed 15 posters on a variety of topics in an area right in the center of all the action. We may also have the opportunity to display posters at next year's Potato Expo scheduled for Jan. 5-7, 2011 in Las Vegas.

I enjoyed several tremendous presentations at the meeting in FL. Many of them got me thinking about the pace at which things change. My granddad was born in 1890 and lived to the ripe old age of 93. Needless to say he witnessed a lot of change during his lifetime from the era of horse and buggy, steam locomotives and steam tractors, through the development and eventual dominance of the automobile, gas and diesel tractors on every farm, the airplane from little more than a motorized kite to the supersonic airliner, and perhaps the crowning achievement - a rocket program that put man into space and on the moon!

Our own lives have also been filled with developments that have proceeded at breakneck speed. Electronics, cell phones and computers, in particular, come immediately to mind. More relevant to those of us who work with potatoes is the "molecular revolution" that has been progressing at an ever increasing pace. Recently, the entire genome of the potato was sequenced, a development that holds forth an enormous amount of promise and could change the way that we do...almost everything!

I am proud to say that PAA will no doubt be a large part of these new goings-on as we

move forward and attempt to figure out just how to best utilize all this new found knowledge. I'm not ready to give up my day job just yet, though. It seems that every time we encounter something that promises to answer all of our questions, we just end up with more questions. That, however, is the nature of science.

A large part of the PAA annual cycle is our annual meeting. I sincerely hope to see as many members as possible in Corvallis, OR at the next annual meeting. I live in Idaho and am a frequent visitor to Oregon and I can tell you first hand that this is a state with a great deal of natural beauty, such as majestic mountains and volcanoes. For those of you interested in water, the ocean is just a little over an hour away from Corvallis. The state of Oregon also has a proud tradition of potato production and is home to first rate potato scientists.

One activity I wish remains vibrant is the Frank L Haynes Graduate Student Research Competition. We had ten students in the competition last year and nine the previous year. This competition is an excellent opportunity for graduate students to get hand's on experience giving a professional presentation and has the added bonus of monetary prizes being awarded to the winners. If you are a graduate student or are advising graduate students, I urge you to get involved.

Association membership is always a concern. At the present time, our organization is large enough to be healthy, yet new members are always welcome. PAA is currently seeking a new General Membership Committee Chair. If you are, or someone you know is interested, please let me know. PAA is your organization, volunteer today and make it stronger.

See you all in Corvallis!

Phillip Nolte  
PAA President 2009-2010

Visit the PAA website at <http://potatoassociation.org> if you haven't already done so. I think you'll be impressed.

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## Dates

### January 2010

#### **26-27: Intl Potato Tech Expo.**

Charlottetown, PEI, CAN.  
Info: Rob Etmanski,  
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#### **26-28: Wash/Oregon Potato Conference.**

Three Rivers Conv Ctr,  
Kennewick, WA. Info:  
<http://www.potatoconference.com/>

#### **26-28: Manitoba Potato Production Days**

Brandon, Manitoba. Info:  
<http://www.mbpotatodays.ca/>

#### **28: SAC Ann Potato Prod Conf 2010.**

Perth, Scotland.  
Info: Stuart Wale,  
[Stuart.Wale@sac.co.uk](mailto:Stuart.Wale@sac.co.uk)

### February

#### **25-26: Potatoes of the Ukraine.**

Lviv, Ukraine. Info:  
<http://www.lol.org.ua/eng/showart.php?id=88332>

#### **26-27: Intern'l Potato Tech Expo.**

Charlottetown, Canada  
Info: <http://www.masterpromotions.ca/potato.asp>

### March

#### **4: 2010 Ont Potato Conf**

Guelph, Can. Info:  
[eugenia.banks@ontario.ca](mailto:eugenia.banks@ontario.ca)

## FINAL CALL for Papers

This is the Second and Final Call for Papers to be presented at the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America. This meeting will be held August 15-19, 2010 at the CH2M HILL Alumni Centre, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon, USA. The recommended hotel, Hilton Garden Inn, is a short walk from the conference facility.

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.

Authors are required to submit abstracts for papers they wish to present, whether orally, as a poster or in the Frank L Haynes Graduate Student Research Competition. The abstracts for all papers (oral, poster and Graduate Student Research Competition) presented at the Annual Meeting will be published in a post-meeting issue of the *American Journal of Potato Research*. Abstracts of papers listed in the meeting program, but not presented, will not be published in the *AJPR*.

At the Annual Meeting, all oral paper presentations will be of a uniform 15-minute length. Authors should plan a 12- to 14-minute presentation with the balance of time devoted to questions. Computer projectors will be available for PowerPoint presentations. Please bring your PowerPoint presentation (2007 or earlier version) on a portable USB drive.

Display boards will be provided for posters. Maximum poster size is 4 feet wide x 3 feet tall (48 inches wide x 36 inches tall).

Abstracts will be accepted until March 19, 2010. Submit abstracts as an e-mail attachment to [loretta.mikitzel@gnb.ca](mailto:loretta.mikitzel@gnb.ca) with "PAA Abstract" as the e-mail subject. You will receive an email acknowledging receipt of the abstract. Abstracts submitted after that date will be returned to the author.

### Abstract submission checklist:

1. Combination of title, author(s), their affiliations and body of abstract not to exceed 2000 characters, including spaces.
2. Underline the presenter's name
3. Include PAA Membership Number of one (1) author
4. Indicate presentation method (oral; oral graduate student; poster)
5. Include presentation Section (breeding and genetics, plant protection, physiology, utilization and marketing, extension, production and management or certification)
6. Abstract formatting guidelines may be found on the conference website at <http://oregonstate.edu/conferences/paa2010/abstracts.html> or PAA website <http://potatoassociation.org>

NOTE the *maximum* abstract length is 2,000 characters. This size limit includes spaces and pertains to the combined abstract title, authors and their affiliations and the body of the abstract. Only the first 2,000 characters of the submitted abstract will be

printed in the program- please keep your abstract within the maximum allowable length.

Abstracts will be accepted until March 19, 2010.

Please direct questions to the undersigned.

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### 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 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 2010 Annual Meeting in Corvallis, Oregon. Nominated individuals should have made significant contributions to the potato industry and/or The PAA. Contributions may come from activities related to research, extension, education, 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://potatoassociation.org/>. The selection procedure and desired candidate information is also available in the same area on the Website. Completed HLM nominations and all supporting documentation should be submitted electronically in MS Word or PDF format to Past President Chuck Brown and are due by March 19, 2010.

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.

This is the Final Call for Honorary Life Membership Nominations!

Chuck Brown  
2008-2009 President  
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### Frank L Haynes Graduate Student Research Competition Papers

This is the FINAL Call For Papers to be entered in the Frank L Haynes Graduate Student Research Competition (GSRC) to be held at the 94th Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America.

The purpose of the GSRC is to promote graduate student participation in PAA through presentation of research papers at the Annual Meeting. Participants are also encouraged to submit manuscripts for publication in the *American Journal of Potato Research*.

#### General Information

1. The author must be a current (or recent) graduate student at the time the abstracts are due March 19, 2010.

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 FLHGSRC.

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 19, 2010.

6. No new students may register after the deadline or at the meeting.

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. (\*\*Membership information is found on The PAA website: <http://potatoassociation.org/>

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%

Up to five awards may be made at the discretion of the committee in the amount of \$350 for 1st place, \$250 for 2nd place, \$150 for 3rd place, \$100 for 4th place, \$100 for 5th place.

For more information, contact:

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### FINAL Call For Nominations for "Outstanding Extension Project Award"

The Outstanding Extension Project Award was developed in 2009 by the Extension Section of The PAA to recognize outstanding Extension projects or programs, printed publications, websites, workshops, newsletters, etc., that have made significant contributions to education on potato. At this time the Selection Committee is seeking nominations due by March 19, 2010 for this award to be presented at the 94th Annual Meeting in Corvallis, Oregon. 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 (2.5 years) prior to the Annual Meeting in the year of recognition.

3. The Recipient must attend the Annual Meeting to receive the 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 website, 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 March 19, 2010. For further information, please see the website: <http://potatoassociation.org/>

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**94th Annual Meeting  
The Potato Association of America  
August 15-19, 2010  
Corvallis, Oregon USA**

Join us August 15-19, 2010 on the beautiful campus of Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon. The meeting will convene at the CH2M Hill Alumni Center and LaSells Stewart Center. Both venues provide state-of-the-art conference facilities where our commitment to service will make your Oregon State University experience unlike any other. Take a virtual tour through the conference centers at <http://www.osualum.com> and follow the tab labeled "Alumni Center" at the top.

This year's meeting will follow a typical Sunday-through-Thursday schedule (*see our official website for detailed schedule information*). Sunday morning will begin with a Golf Scramble and concludes with the President's reception that evening. This time will allow for professional networking and friends to connect before section meetings, symposiums and oral sessions, which begin on Monday. A poster session, with authors present, will be held Tuesday afternoon followed by a barbecue and live auction. Proceeds from this auction, along with the traditional Silent Auction, provide important contributions to the PAA Endowment Fund. To learn more about donating items for the auctions, please read on for further details. All of the sponsored tours will take place on Wednesday including an agriculture tour, trip to the Oregon Coast and wine tour. Thursday morning we will wrap up concurrent sessions and close with the PAA Awards Banquet.

The 2010 Oregon PAA conference website <http://oregonstate.edu/conferences/paa2010/> will have posted information on registration, abstract submission, auctions, travel details and agenda items. The meeting is evolving so check the website for the most recent information.

### Registration

Included in this Newsletter are the prices for Registration, the Barbecue and the Banquet for planning purposes only. Additional details are given throughout the newsletter for making arrangements for the rest of your trip.

This year we are switching to online and phone registration only. OSU Conference Services is implementing the online registration via the Oregon PAA meeting website. Under the registration heading, there will be information and a direct link to a secure site for the online registration page. It allows everyone to pay online at the time of registration or permits them to choose to be invoiced for registration and send a check later. It also automatically sends out a receipt and a confirmation letter with all the details for our event. Costs to attend the 2010 Annual meeting are below:

Registration Fees –	Before June 15	After June 15
Members	\$350	\$450
Students	\$150	\$200
Non-members	\$450	\$550
Accompanying Person*	\$125	\$175
Daily Registrants	\$150	\$150
BBQ	\$ 55	\$ 65
Banquet	\$ 55	\$ 65

\*price includes President's Reception, 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and poster session

[Tour Cost (Ag. Tour, Oregon Coast, or Wine Tour) and additional events (e.g. Golf Scramble) – TBA via website or by phone]

This information and online registration will be available by February. Prices for tours and other events will also be available at that time. Check our website for the most recent updates at: <http://oregonstate.edu/conferences/paa2010/>.

If you are unable to register or view conference details online, OSU conference services is available for questions and registration 8 am-5 pm PST Monday through Friday toll free at: 1-800-678-6311. The U.S. international code is 01.

### Accommodations

The CH2M HILL Alumni Center is conveniently located on the Oregon State University campus in Corvallis. It is adjacent to the Hilton Garden Inn and directly across from Reser Stadium. A limited number of rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn will be available at a special discounted rate of \$104/night for PAA meeting attendees. Please call (541) 752-5000 to book at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Rooms are also available to group attendees at the Holiday Inn Express located off campus along the famous Willamette River. The discounted rate is \$94/night and the phone number for the Holiday Inn Express is (541) 752-0800.

Please make sure to mention you will be attending the 2010 Potato Association of America meeting to receive the group rate at either hotel. These hotels and their web links for booking

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accommodations can be found at our PAA website under travel: <http://oregonstate.edu/conferences/paa2010/> .

### Travel

With its central location, Corvallis is located between large cities, mountains, and the Oregon Coast. It is served by Portland International Airport (PDX), which is approximately 90 minutes to the North. Shuttle Service is available every 90 minutes and will take you directly to the OSU campus. (PDX to OSU Shuttle - HUT Shuttle: <http://www.hutshuttle.com>. Additionally, the Eugene Regional Airport (EUG) is located 45 minutes to the South of Corvallis and offers shuttle service on demand to OSU. (Eugene to OSU Shuttle - OmniShuttle: <http://www.omnishuttle.com> .

If you do plan to rent a car and drive, Corvallis is located off Interstate 5. Driving directions to OSU's meeting facilities can be found on the conference website at: <http://oregonstate.edu/conferences/paa2010/>

### Child Care:

Since our meeting is during the summer months some folks might want to bring the whole family to Oregon. Rest assured Corvallis has a daycare option to meet your needs while attending the PAA Meetings.

Daycare for children between the ages of 6 weeks to 8 years of age can be provided at OSU-Beaver Beginnings. Contact Chris Riggan by phone; (541)737-4641, or email [criggan@cclc.com](mailto:criggan@cclc.com). They also have a website to view details of what they offer at <http://www.cclc.com/>.

For children older than 6, the Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis can be a great place for fun activities. The website is <http://www.bgccrovallis.org>, or they can be contacted by phone at (541) 757-1909.

### Events and Tours

Corvallis is located in the heart of the Willamette Valley, Oregon's beautiful and historic agriculture country. Just one hour to the west visit the Pacific Ocean with Oregon's pristine coastline. Head East and you will see mountains and forests that feature world class fishing and hiking. The area's natural wonders make it ideal for sightseers and outdoor enthusiasts. Listed below are the events and activities that will take place during the meetings. Cost of all PAA sponsored tours and events will be posted on the conference website and via the online registration form at: <http://oregonstate.edu/conferences/paa2010/>.

If your spouse is coming along or you're looking to see more of Oregon's diverse beauty visit the travel Oregon website: <http://www.traveloregon.com/>.

For information on things to do in the Corvallis area this website provides some good ideas: <http://www.visitcorvallis.com>

Golf Scramble, Sunday, August 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: We will be hosting a golf scramble at the Scottish links-style course, Trysting Tree Golf Club. Don't worry though, we don't need to take our golf as seriously as some Scots do, and can enjoy playing a course that uses mounds and swales to vary its flat Willamette River flood-plain location. Trysting Tree Golf Club was recently rated by Golf Digest as the 9th best public course in the State of Oregon.

Barbecue and Auctions: As in years past, Oregon will be hosting a barbecue and live auction Tuesday, August 17. Along with the live auction, there will be ample time Monday to participate in the silent auction, so don't forget to bring your items to be auctioned to help raise money for the PAA Endowment Fund. All donations are tax deductible. For more information contact Jan Mosley, [janet.mosley@oregonstate.edu](mailto:janet.mosley@oregonstate.edu)

Agricultural Tour: The tour will start at new state-of-the-art shared OSU laboratory and research facilities and proceed to several examples of Oregon agriculture in the Willamette Valley. Oregon is widely known as the grass seed capital of the world, but there are plenty of other crops that the Willamette Valley specializes in. Some other examples of Oregon agriculture covered on this tour may include our famous crops of hazelnuts, fresh berries (blueberries should still be in season) and vegetable about and will save the highlight of the tour for traveling to Salem, Oregon. There we hope to tour the Kettle Potato Chip plant. Kettle is a chip company that stands by a single philosophy, "Use only the freshest, all-natural ingredients to create intensely flavored, wonderfully craveable potato chips you can feel good about eating." Sounds good to us, hopefully we'll all be able to try some. If we aren't able to tour Kettle we will make sure to visit another potato production or packing facility to show we know the clientele attending the PAA Meetings.

Oregon Coast Tour: Take a beautiful drive over the Old Cascades to the Oregon coast. There you will visit the Newport Aquarium (<http://www.aquarium.org>), tide pools, a lighthouse and have time to walk around and shop the bay front district of Newport, Oregon.

Oregon has nearly 363 miles of pristine, public coastline, making it one of the most popular regions in the state. There will be ample opportunity to take in breathtaking viewpoints, enjoy mild temperatures and finish the day off with legendary food at Mo's, a fish house famous for its clam chowder.

Wine Tour: Enjoy sampling world class Pinot Noir and other varietals from the Willamette Valley. The history of modern winemaking in the Willamette Valley dates back 40 years when three UC Davis refugees believed Oregon's Willamette Valley would be an ideal place to raise cool season wine grape varieties. Today that belief has become reality and visitors comment that

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this wine region rivals Burgundy, France in the production of Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay and Gewurztraminer (<http://www.oregonwine.org>). This tour will visit several wineries as well as enjoy a lovely lunch all within a couple hours drive in the beautiful Oregon countryside.

Submitted by:  
Darrin A. Culp, Oregon State University  
Chair, Publicity Committee, PAA 2010 LAC

Tour information provided by  
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The U.S. international code is 01.

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**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellations received prior to July 15 are subject to a \$50 cancellation fee. Any cancellations received after July 15 will not receive a refund. 25% non-refundable cancellation fee will be charged for cancellation of any of the option events.

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## PAA 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Silent & Live Auctions

*100% of the proceeds will benefit the PAA Endowment Fund*

- **Location:** Corvallis PAA Conference
- **Bidding Starts:** Monday, Aug. 16, 9:00AM
- **Bidding Ends:** Monday, Aug. 16, 8:30PM

Donated items will be accepted at the Registration Table Sunday (8/15/10) and continuing through Monday (8/16/10) 2:00P.M. Don't forget.....all donations are *tax deductible!* Items can also be mailed to Jan Mosley, 33845 SE Melody Lane, Corvallis, OR 97333.

**Some items will be held over for the live auction at the BBQ,  
Tuesday, August 17....two chances to be a winning bidder!**

Please share this information with family, friends, and sponsors who would like to support the Auction and the Endowment Fund.

Questions? Please contact Jan Mosley, 541-737-6149 or 541-753-9711,  
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## EAPR News

### Co-operation between the PAA and EAPR

Willie Kirk (Michigan State University) was endorsed to as PAA representative to EAPR at the PAA conference in 2009 at the PAA's Annual Meeting in Fredericton, NB, Canada. Dr. Louise Cooke (Applied Plant Science & Biometrics Division, Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute (AFBI), Newforge Lane, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT9 5PX is the EAPR representative to the PAA. Louise attended the PAA conference in New Brunswick and was welcomed and given the opportunity to speak at the Business Meeting. Louise is a long-standing member of The PAA and has regularly attended annual meetings (other contact details on PAA website (<http://potatoassociation.org>) in the Member's Directory available to Members Only).

Willie and Louise hope that their combined efforts will further both societies. The question of whether having two potato research organizations, the EAPR and The PAA, will continue to be viable was raised at the PAA business meeting: this will depend on how membership numbers are maintained. It has been suggested that a joint meeting between the two Assns could take place in the future. The EAPR plans its triennial mtgs nearly six years ahead, with the President of the EAPR hosting the mtg in the home country. If we wanted to jointly meet in 2017 or 2020 we would have to register this soon. Chuck Brown has suggested possible mtg locations such as Iceland or the Azores. Chuck noted that the Azores were the first landing point of the potato from S.A. in 1567. An alternative may be to have an "extraordinary" mtg in the interim between EAPR triennial mtgs.

Thanks to Craig Yencho, the LAC Co-ordinator for the annual PAA conference in 2011, which will take place in No Carolina, 14-18 August, which do not clash with the EAPR Triennial (24-29 July).

### News from Louise:

#### EAPR Pathology Section meeting, 2010

We are pleased to inform you that the 2010 EAPR Pathology Section meeting will be held in Carlow, Ireland in Sept 2010. The meeting, jointly hosted by [Teagasc](http://www.teagasc.ie) and the [Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute](http://www.afbi.gov.uk) (Belfast), will be held at the [Seven Oaks Hotel](http://www.sevenoaks.com) located close to Carlow Town centre. For further information on Carlow see [www.carlowtourism.com/](http://www.carlowtourism.com/).

This 3-day mtg will deal with all aspects of potato pathology with a special emphasis on new threats to potato posed by changes in the behavior of existing pests & pathogens and by new species.

#### Invited speakers will include:

- Colin Fleming, AFBI Belfast on "Emerging nematode threats"
- Jan van der Wolf, PRI on "New variants of *Dickeya* and *Pectobacterium* causing increasing problems with blackleg"

· Lars Christoffersen, Head of Sector (Plant Health), Food and Veterinary Office, European Commission on "The importance of phytosanitary controls for sustainable potato production"

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Abstract submissions by 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010

For more information see: <http://www.eapr.net/sections/pathology/>  
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### Euroblight Workshop

The 12<sup>th</sup> Euroblight Workshop will be held in Arras, France from 3-6 May 2010. The main objective of the Workshop will be to present and discuss recent results on integrated control of late blight (*Phytophthora infestans*) and early blight (*Alternaria*).

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### Intern'l Symp on Agron & Phys of Potato Crops:

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the International Symposium on Agronomy and Physiology of Potato Crop, which will be held in Nevsehir, Turkey from 20 to 24 Sept 2010. The symposium will also host the first triennial mtg of Agronomy & Physiology Section of the EAPR after joining two sections.

The symposium will cover all aspects of agronomy and physiology of potato crop ranging from crop management to molecular physiology. The scientific program will consist of plenary speeches, oral and poster presentations, workshops, and scientific excursions.

More details about symposium (scientific pro-gramme, venue, accommodation, registration, etc.) can be found at our website: [www.eapr-agrophysiology.org](http://www.eapr-agrophysiology.org)

#### Time Schedule

- 01 February 2010: Deadline for submission of the abstracts of presentations
- 01 March 2010: Notification of acceptance
- 02 April 2010: Deadline for early registration
- 30 June 2010: Deadline for submission of full text of presentations

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## Members in the News

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### EAPR & EUCARPIA Section Mtg:

We are pleased to invite you to attend the Meeting of the EAPR section 'Breeding & Varietal Assessment' and the EUCARPIA section - 'Potatoes'. The conference will be held in Wageningen, The Netherlands on 27-30 June 2010.

The theme of the conference will be: "Potato Breeding after completion of the DNA Sequence of the Potato Genome"

We aim for an audience ranging from practical breeders to potato genome scientists and will offer ample opportunity for PhD

New book published by PAA member, Rondon, S.I. 2010. "*The potato tuberworm: a literature review of its biology, ecology, and control.*" Amer. J. Pot Res. Available online at <http://www.springerlink.com/content/u7m216w785617021/>

Potato tuberworm is one of the most important potato pest worldwide. This is a comprehensive review of its biology, ecology and control.

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From the Office: Thanks to all of you who stepped up and got your dues in on time this year. There are still a few who I haven't heard from and this means they are now out of the loop. We still ran into problems paying online and Kelly did everything in her power to fix it but the bank said they didn't know why it wasn't working. Just send it to me and I'll manually process it if it happens next year. Hopefully things will be worked out by then. Best wishes for 2010! ~ Lori ~

students to present their research projects and offer a highly reduced fee. Please find the EAPR meeting information (announcement, registration & paper submission) at: <http://www.eapr.net/sections/breeding-and-variatal-assessment/> & the EUCARPIA website <http://www.eucarpia.org> for the same. Early registration will close on March 15, 2010. Submit your tentative title for an Oral or Poster presentation A.S.A.P. before or with your registration. The connection Amsterdam Airport (schiphol) to the conference (Lawickse Allee 9, Wageningen) takes 1hr 40" (<http://www.9292ov.nl>)

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