



# INSIDER

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## Letter From The New President

As this is my first 'letter to members' as president of PAA, I want to thank everyone who has provided support and hope that my efforts will be of benefit to the membership and Association. To this end, I want to ensure that my time and activities will be well focused on the jobs at hand and have therefore tendered my resignation (as of December 2002) as Editor-in-Chief of the *American Journal of Potato Research*. As was announced at the business meeting John Bamberg will replace me as Editor-in-Chief. Having worked with John (Breeding & Genetics Senior Editor), I know that the Journal is in good hands and with the other Editorial Board members, John will ensure that our Journal continues to be the best in the world.

Having just begun my term as president while at our meetings in Toronto, I do not have a lot of news to share at this time. And while Joe Guenther will no doubt have much to share about the meetings in Toronto in his final letter as PAA president, I also want to express sincere thanks to Leslie Copp, Richard Tarn, Rickey Yada, and all of the LAC members for a terrific time. Never before have

we had such an opportunity to meet and learn from researchers doing similar work as us on various horticultural crops and so thanks, also, to Norm Looney, International Horticulture Congress President.

This year we have several hot items on our agenda, including: closer association with the European Assn. of Potato Research (Chr. Joe Guenther); PAA Vision Implementation (Chr. Dick Sawyer); Organizational Procedures for Conf. Symposia (Chr. Pete Weingartner); PAA Officer Duty Descriptions (Chr. Joe Guenther); Membership Dues & Conf. Registration Fee Structures (Chr. Greg Porter); recruiting more Graduate Student participation (Chr. Christian Thill); etc. While further details about these actions may be found in the business meeting minutes, if anyone has an interest in participating in these activities, please contact me.

Again, I hope that this year will be a positive and productive one for PAA and that my contributions will be beneficial. I also invite all members to submit your ideas or comments to me about any PAA activities or new ones to improve our Association.

**H.W. (Bud) Platt**  
President, 2002-2003

## Strengthening International Links...

### PAA Past President

Sixteen months...From April 2001 to August 2002 I was President of PAA. It was a dream come true to lead an organization full of so many wonderful people.

My term began at the Florida meeting where members approved a five-point vision

statement for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It ended in Toronto with discussion related to Vision Goal 2, which is to: *Link national and international potato organizations for a global approach to potato improvement.*"

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## Dates

### October

11-15: Produce Mktg Assn Internl Conv & Expo, New Orleans, LA, 302-738-7100.

### November

14: SD Potato Grwrs Annual Mtg, 605-532-3311.

5-16: Northern Plains Potato Grwrs Assn Annual Mtg, Fargo, ND, 218-773-3633.

### December

5-7: NPC Seed Seminar, Holiday Inn By The Bay, Portland, ME, 207- 769-5061.

### January 2003

7-11: NPC 54th Annual Mtg, Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, Tucson, AZ, 202-682-9456.

22-23: 35TH Annual Univ of ID Potato Conf, Jim Hughes: 208-529-8376 or jhughes@uidaho.edu.

### April 2003

6-9: 5th Carbohydrate Bio-engineering Mtg, Groningen, The Netherlands. Contact: Mrs. B. Zand Scholten, Cte for Carbohydrate Bioengineering TNO-RUG, P.O. Box 14, 9750 AA Haren, The Netherlands, Tel: + 50 363 2150, Fax: + 50 3632154, Information: cbm5@biol.rug.nl, www.biol.rug.nl/cbm5

## Inside Information

### News from the Home Front

Another meeting has come and gone. The LAC did a great job...except they forgot to tell Mother Nature she didn't need to turn the heat up quite so high.

A few changes have been made which will be posted with the business meeting notes but here's a heads-up on them:

(1) The instructions for writing up variety guidelines for publishing in the AJPR may now be found on the ITA's webpage. It is linked both on the top and the bottom of the page. Also the ITA's are being rewritten and you will be notified as soon as they are complete.

(2) The price of the page charges was voted to increase to \$70/page. This price goes into effect starting with Vol. 79, #5 (Sep/Oct).

[3] The 2nd class or surface postage rate was voted to increase from \$5 to \$13. We have not had an increase in 9 years although the post office has continued to increase their charges. The invoices that went out through August will not be affected. Those that went out in September will see the new rate.

Happy Fall & Season's Greetings until Next Year...2003 -- Eori --

Past President letter

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Those who attended the 2002 joint meeting of PAA and the International Horticulture Congress (IHC) had opportunities to strengthen their global links. My friend Jim Davis, UI Emeritus Professor, told me he was delighted to attend a meeting with people from all over the globe who shared similar interests.

The work of many PAA members is becoming enriched by international links. During my 16 months as PAA President my work took me to South Africa, Egypt, Canada and Germany.

In Germany I represented PAA at the triennial meeting of the European Association for Potato Research (EAPR). I spoke at the business meeting, which was attended by about 150 members. I asked those who were PAA members to stand up. I then asked those who had ever attended a PAA meeting to also stand up. The number of people standing was surprisingly large.

I then spoke about four possible ways to strengthen links between PAA and EAPR. I

proposed that EAPR members consider: (1) joint membership; (2) combining journals; (3) joint meetings and (4) an eventual merger into a global potato association. Feedback was quite positive from members as well as from EAPR President Gerhard Wenzel, President Elect Enrique Ritter and Secretary/Treasurer Paul Struik.

Discussion of possible linkages continued at the PAA meeting in Toronto. PAA President Elect Bud Platt, who also participated in the discussion in Germany, appointed a committee to explore the opportunities.

Shortly before handing over the gavel at the 2002 PAA business meeting I asked Robert Graveland to stand. I then said "you are looking at the future of PAA." Robert, who lives in Europe, was elected to office in the PAA Breeding and Genetics section. As he, and other Europeans, move into PAA leadership positions, links will indeed be strengthened.

**Joe Guenther**  
Past President, 2001-2002

## First Calls for PAA 2003

### Nominations for Honorary Life Membership

One of the highlights of each annual meeting of PAA is the recognition of persons who have contributed to the betterment of the potato industry. This recognition is made by awarding Honorary Life Memberships (HLM) in The Potato Association of America. This is the highest award bestowed by PAA.

Members of PAA are encouraged to nominate candidates for Honorary Life Membership which will be awarded at the 2003 Annual Meeting in Spokane, Washington. Honorary Life Memberships are awarded to individuals who have made significant contributions to the potato industry and/or to The Potato Association of America. Contributions may be for activities related to research, extension/education, production, processing, marketing, utilization or any other facet of the potato industry.

Nominations must be submitted on the official HLM nomination form, which is available from the PAA Secretary (steven.james@oregonstate.edu), or

from the Website: <http://www.maine.edu/PAA/hlmform.htm>

Nomination information should include details of the nominee's education, career highlights, contributions to the potato industry and any participation in PAA. In addition, nomination information must include letters of recommendation from five supporters of the nominee. These letters must be submitted with the HLM Nomination Form. Supporters of the nominee may not be immediate associates of the individual. Selection of individuals for Honorary Life Membership will be made by the Honorary Life Membership Committee. This committee is composed of the PAA President, President Elect, Vice President, the PAA Directors and the two most recent, living Past Presidents. The immediate Past President serves as chairperson.

This is the **FIRST CALL** for Honorary Life Memberships. Completed HLM Nomination Forms (signed by the Nominator) and supporting

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## First Call for Papers

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letters must be submitted, **no later than March 15, 2003**, to:

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## Papers

This is the **FIRST CALL** for papers to be presented at the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America. This meeting will be held August 10-14, 2003 in Spokane, Washington.

The PAA invites the submission of papers dealing with all facets of the potato industry. Members may present papers either orally or as poster papers. Researchers, extension and industry persons are invited to participate. Graduate students are also encouraged to enter the Graduate Student Awards Competition.

Authors are required to submit abstracts for papers they wish to present, whether orally, as poster papers or in the Graduate Student Awards Competition. Abstracts can be submitted through the PAA website (<http://www.ume.maine.edu/PAA>) or as an e-mail attachment starting in November. **Hard copy abstracts will not be accepted.**

Prior to submitting your abstract, please carefully read and follow the formatting guidelines published on the PAA website. The entire abstract (title, authors and body) should be no more than 2,000 characters, including spaces. **All abstract submissions should include the title, authors, presenter, presentation method, section (breeding, pathology, etc.) and if it is to be included in the graduate student competition.** Submit email abstracts as an attachment to [steven.james@oregonstate.edu](mailto:steven.james@oregonstate.edu) and list "PAA Abstract" as the e-mail subject.

The abstracts for all papers (oral, poster and Graduate Student 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 15-minute presentation with the balance of time devoted to questions. Overhead, slide and electronic projectors will be available. Appropriate display boards will be provided for the poster papers.

The deadline for submitting abstracts is **March 15, 2003**. Abstracts submitted after that date will be returned because of the time required to organize the program prior to the meeting.

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## Graduate Student Competition Papers

This is the **FIRST CALL** for papers to be entered in the Graduate Student Awards Competition to be held at the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America. This meeting will be held August 10-14, 2003 in Spokane, Washington.

The purpose of the Graduate Student Awards Competition is to promote graduate student participation in The Potato Association of America 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 15, 2003**).
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 Graduate Student Awards Competition.
5. The paper must be submitted to the PAA Secretary. All abstracts must be submitted as attachments to an e-mail. The address is: [steven.james@oregonstate.edu](mailto:steven.james@oregonstate.edu). The title, author, presenter and section (breeding, crop protection, etc.) should be included with the abstract. The total length, including title, authors and abstract body should not exceed 1,800 characteristics. Abstracts are due **March 15, 2003**.
6. Winners will be announced and honored at the annual banquet. Free banquet tickets will be provided by PAA for all graduate students participating in the Graduate Student Awards Competition.

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

1. Quality of research and content: 60%
2. Effectiveness of presentation: 40%

Five awards will be presented 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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## Members in the News

**Chris Voigt** has been named executive director of the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee. For seven years Chris has served as manager of field operations for the Denver-based United States Potato Board (formerly National Potato Promotion Board). He fills the position formerly held by the late Wayne Thompson, a longtime director for the San Luis Valley organization.

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**Alexander Pavlista** of the Univ. of Nebraska has co-authored three new extension publications. "Biology and Management of Potato Insects" by R. Wright, G. Hein, W. Hoback, and Alexander Pavlista, NE Coop. Ext. Cir. #02-1565 has just been released. It covers "Below Ground Pests," "Above Ground Pests," "Chewing Insects" and "Piercing-Sucking Insects." There are many excellent illustrations and descriptions of some more unusual insects such as psyllids, corn maggots and false

chinch bugs. Also recently released is "Value of Potatoes for Feeding Livestock" by Alexander Pavlista and Ivan Rush, NE Coop. Ext. Cir. #02-152 which extensively covers the value of adding potato tubers into the feed of cattle, sheep and swine. Ivan Rush, Beef Spec., details feed mixes with potatoes for different types and stages of cattle. It was written with the livestock producer in mind. The third recent extension publication is "Green Potatoes: the Problem and the Solution" by Alexander Pavlista, NE Guide 01-1437. This was written to answer the most common question asked by the public and is written with them in mind. Besides explaining what the problem, it gives tips on avoiding it, not only by commercial producers but importantly by supermarkets and homeowners. All these publications are available by calling 402-472-9713 or writing to Univ. of Nebraska Publication Distribution 105 Ag Communication Bldg., P.O. Box 830918, Lincoln, NE 68583-0918

## PAA 2003 Update

PAA 2003 will be held August 10-14, 2003 at the WestCoast Grand Hotel at the Park, in Spokane, Washington. You may visit their website at [www.westcoasthotels.com](http://www.westcoasthotels.com) and follow the links to see the facility. Room reservations are to be made directly with the hotel by calling their toll-free reservation line at 1-800-325-4000, advising the reservation specialist that you are with the Potato Association of America Annual Meeting. You may also make reservations by calling the hotel's direct number 1-509-326-8000 and asking to be connected to Adrienne. Special room rates of \$103 Single/Double and \$114 Double/Triple occupancy (rates do not reflect applicable taxes) are set aside for PAA 2003 participants.

Neely's Travel, the official travel agency of PAA 2003, has arranged a special airfare package with Northwest Airlines for PAA 2003 participants. Contact Renee Jensen at 1-208-882-2723, or email her at [renee@neelystravel.com](mailto:renee@neelystravel.com) to arrange reservations.

Day tour choices during the meetings, in addition to an industry tour, include Silverwood Theme Park, area winery tours, Spokane's Historic "Age of Elegance" tour, a trip to the

Northern Quest Casino, Palouse and Eastern Washington/Northern Idaho area tours, Silver Valley Mining tour, a cruise on beautiful Lake Coeur D' Alene, and a BBQ and Laser Light Show on Grand Coulee Dam. A white water raft trip, and a golf scramble are also being planned. In addition to these organized tours, Spokane and the Inland Northwest offer some of the best golfing, shopping and family activities in the State of Washington. An Alaskan Cruise is being offered both before and after the annual meeting. Further tour package information and cruise details can be obtained at the Neely's Travel website [www.neelystravel.com](http://www.neelystravel.com).

Stay tuned for more information regarding PAA 2003 when the official website is launched at the end of October 2002. The website will contain details on the activities listed above, the annual meeting schedule, information regarding the call for abstracts and graduate student competition, and a convenient on-line registration form. Come experience the best of the Pacific Northwest at PAA 2003 in beautiful Spokane, Washington.

**2003 LAC Committee**