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Letter From the New President

It is with a sense of humility and yet high expectation that I assume the 2004-2005 office of President for the PAA. While this is a significant honor in and of itself, I recognize that I will be building upon the leadership and efforts of those individuals who have served in this office previously. To make those efforts pay off, there is a distinct need to continue on many of the paths that have been laid before us. The PAA, as an organization, is vibrant, healthy and, as seen during the Annual meeting in Scottsbluff, capable of moving ahead into this new millennium. It is through the work of our dedicated staff, the PAA officers and Executive committee, each of the sections, and the membership that the PAA will move forward. I am always struck by the amount of tradition an organization like the PAA brings to the table. While tradition is important, it should not supersede the recognition that not only is change inevitable, but desirable under the right circumstances. It is my hope that we as an organization can direct our efforts to most benefit our long term goals, our vision statement and our immediate needs. To this end, several thoughts come to mind.

The Annual meeting in Scottsbluff was very successful. High praise goes to Alex Pavlista and all of the LAC for putting on a wonderful meeting. The professional presentations were of very high quality with two excellent symposia presented during the conference. Three items, however, stand out in my mind from this conference. First, the membership appeared to be excited and very focused on the PAA and how it is currently perceived. I felt there was a sense that the organization is moving in the right direction. This right direction includes everything from the AJPR look

and the articles currently being published to the rededication of the Vision Statement. Second, there was tremendous support for the endowment fund with the silent auction generating in excess of \$4,700. This is a strong statement that indicates to me just how much membership support is out there for the PAA. Finally, the meeting was dynamic with the membership calling for several projects for this upcoming year. Those projects include such things as: a) continuing to improve the numbers and quality of manuscripts submitted to the AJPR, b) not just sustaining, but increasing PAA membership by "actively" getting our name and purpose out to more organizations and individuals, c) developing our website and our goals for PAA outreach to become much more far reaching as an organization and, ultimately, become the single best science-based source in North America to learn about potatoes, d) moving the PAA to closer ties with the EARP and, indeed, other potato organizations in the international community, e) rededicating our efforts to make the PAA Vision Statement a reality, and f) continuing to use our various staff, officers, sections and committees effectively to conduct the real business of the PAA.

I would like to close by saying thank you to all of the staff and members of the PAA. It is through your efforts that our organization will continue to be a strong, vibrant voice for potatoes and published potato research in the future. Let us build on the momentum from the meeting in Scottsbluff and rededicate ourselves to making the various projects

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Dates

October

14: Organic Trade Assn's Congress Educ Day; Washington, DC. Info: 413-774-7511, info@ota.com or www.ota.com.

November

4-5: Mont Seed Pot Sem, Bozeman, MT. Info: 406- 994-3150.

8-10: US/Mexico Potato Encounter. Tijuana, Mex on fresh tablestock potatoes. Info: L Cochran 303-873-2323.

11-12: No Plains PGA Ann Mtg, Fargo-ND, 218-773-3633 or <http://www.nppga.org>.

20-12/4: Chile & Potatoes, 2004, 10-day tour of Chilean agric w/emphasis on potatoes. Contact: Fred Smith at 541-344-7023 or fred@anglatin.com.

December

9: 2004 PAA Cert Sec mtg, 2:00-5:30 pm, Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Sprgs, CO. Info: Tom Wessels, TWessels@agr.wa.gov

9-11: 2004 Seed Sem & Pot Ind Outlook Summit. Broadmoor Hotel, Col. Spgs, CO. Info: Chris Voigt, cvcpac@fone.net, ph: 719-852-3322

15-16: Pot Grwrs of ID, Ann Mtg, Pocatello, ID. Info: 208-785-1110

First Call for Papers

This is the first call for papers to be presented at the 89th Annual Meeting of the Potato Association of America. This meeting will be held July 17-21, 2005 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

PAA members are invited to present papers dealing with all facets of the potato industry. Graduate students that are PAA members are also encouraged to enter the Graduate Student Competition.

Authors are required to submit abstracts for papers they wish to present, whether orally, as poster papers or in the Graduate Student Competition. Prior to submitting your abstract, please carefully read and follow the formatting guidelines published on the PAA website: <http://www.umaine.edu/paa/04abstractsub.htm>. Submit abstracts as an e-mail attachment to 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 14-minute presentation with the balance of time devoted to questions. Overhead, slide and electronic projectors will be available. Display boards (4 ft by 4 ft) will be provided for the poster papers.

The deadline for submitting abstracts is **March 11, 2005**. Abstracts submitted after that date will be returned because of the time required to organize the program prior to the meeting.

Submission Checklist:

- a. Title
- b. Author(s)
- c. Abstract

- d. Combination of title, authors and body not to exceed 2000 characters, including spaces
- e. PAA Membership Number
- f. Presenter
- g. Presentation Method (oral, oral-graduate student, poster)
- h. Section (breeding, plant protection, etc.)

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Nominations for Honorary Life Membership

One of the highlights of each annual meeting of the PAA is the recognition of persons who have contributed to the betterment of the potato industry. This recognition is made by awarding Honorary Life Membership (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 2005 Annual Meeting in Calgary, Alberta. 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. HLM awards are not restricted to PAA members. 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.umaine.edu/paa/hlmform.htm> Information on selection procedures is located on the PAA Website: <http://umaine.edu/paa/honorary.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

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packages must include letters of recommendation from five supporters of the nominee. At least two of these letters must be from PAA members. The 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 Past Presidents. The immediate Past President serves as chairperson.

This is the **FIRST CALL** for **HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS**. Completed HLM nomination forms (signed by the nominator) and supporting letters must be submitted **no later than March 11, 2005 to:**

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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 89th Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America.

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 11, 2005**).

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**. 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 2,000 characters. See **<http://www.umaine.edu/paa/04abstractsub.htm>** for instructions. Abstracts are due **March 11, 2005**.

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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2004 PAA Post-Meeting Report

On behalf of us at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, I thank all of you who attended this year's meeting and for helping to make it a great success. From the many e-mailed comments that I received, many felt that it was among the best of the past quarter century. We truly appreciated the opportunity to host it and the support of the various PAA officers and committees. The highlights of the meeting, based on comments, were the two Symposia, the Buffalo Picnic with the highly successful Silent Auction, the Banquet especially the singer, the large number of international delegates with our guests the International Powdery Scab Workshop. Two dozen countries were represented by delegates from all six habitable continents. However, there also was at least a dozen scientists who were

unable to get a visa to attend the PAA due to the Patriot's Act. Registration included 158 PAA members, 31 non-members and 23 students. Plus 29 accompanying persons registered. Several community leaders of Scottsbluff joined us for several events. The total numbers were similar to those reported for last year's meeting. Financially, the meeting was also a success with registrations and sponsorships exceeding expectations. Registrations of graduate students were refunded and the banquet tickets of all students and Honorary Life Members were covered. In addition, the page charges for both symposia will be covered by the meeting's income.

**Alexander and Victoria Pavlista, Co-Chairs,
2004 PAA LAC**

Final Letter From the 2003-04 President

It has been a tremendous honor to have been chosen to serve as PAA President. I have learned a great deal while serving on the PAA Executive Committee and this past year really accelerated that learning process. I recommend serving in a PAA leadership role to any members that love the potato and this organization as much as I do. You'll deal with important issues, sit through many long but productive meetings, and get to know some outstanding people.

We've had a successful year as an organization thanks to the close-knit nature of the group and the hard work of our staff, officers, and members. Our finances are in sound shape. The *AJPR* has continued to improve. Membership is relatively stable. The PAA Website continues to improve. The PAA Endowment is growing. We have moved forward on many of our ambitious PAA Vision goals. We had a enjoyable, productive, and successful annual meeting in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. On behalf of PAA, I want to thank Alex Pavlista and the entire Nebraska LAC for their fine efforts in hosting in our annual meeting. Nebraska was indeed a great place to remind us that we are a community. I also express my sincere

appreciation to Lori Wing, our administrative assistant, for all that she does for PAA and to PAA's Executive Committee, committee chairs, and committee members. There are too many to list individually in this letter, but suffice it to say that this organization could not succeed without the dedication of these fine people.

As we finish up 2004 and move to 2005, let us focus on both our accomplishments and our challenges. Please keep the PAA Vision firmly in your thinking and also let's not lose sight of the needs of potato growers and the larger potato industry that we serve. Each of us needs to make sure that our efforts lead not to just our personal gain, but also to advancements for those that grow, support, and utilize this great crop. From the perspective of an officer in PAA, we will face challenges in maintaining membership at viable levels over the coming 10 years. We are a fine organization, but demographics and staffing programs for research/extension organizations will hurt our membership numbers if we don't evolve with the times. We need to be

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progressive in working with industry and growers, promoting our strengths (e.g. relevant scientific expertise, the *AJPR*, our website, etc.), and we each need to work at contacting and encouraging new members from a wide range of organizations and disciplines. PAA might not be the only home for these potential new members, but they may be able to benefit from what we have to offer as a community. Our Website can be a powerful tool for helping our constituency and for promoting our organization. Our Website committee needs our ideas, time, and talents to carry this off. Finally, carefully reaching out to other potato organizations can only help us in the

long run. Let's keep those Vision goals firmly in our mind as we move PAA forward.

PAA is a great organization to be a part of and I really appreciate the honor of serving as President for 2003/2004. I look forward to continuing my active participation in PAA and to continuing to work with many of you. It will be a great adventure to see PAA evolve, grow, and serve the potato industry in the coming years.

**Respectfully submitted,
 Greg Porter
 PAA President 2003-2004**

Invitation to 2005 PAA Annual Meeting

The Alberta LAC invites you to attend the 89th Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America at the Westin Hotel, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, July 17 – 21, 2005. We have a large group of eager volunteers in our LAC who are committed to bringing you a memorable experience for your 89th Annual Meeting. The dates, July 17 – 21, 2005 were deliberately chosen to coincide with the conclusion of the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede in 2005. This offers delegates the opportunity to take in the concluding weekend of the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede prior to the conference. The dates also coincide with the province of Alberta's Centennial and you will see the 2005 Alberta Centennial logo on our stationary and conference material.

Calgary is Canada's oil Headquarters capital and is a cosmopolitan city that offers fine shopping, dining and recreation. Calgary has an International Airport served by most major North American and International Airlines. Transportation in and around the city is easy and convenient, whether you use the light rail transit system or a vehicle. Calgary is easily accessible by car or RV from the western United States and Canada. Calgary presently has a population in excess of 800,000 and offers numerous attractions. Banff and Jasper National Parks are nearby as are numerous other tourist attractions such as Lake Louise, the Tyrell Dinosaur Museum, Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump just to name a few.

The Westin Hotel will be Conference Headquarters and is in Calgary's downtown core. The Westin is a full service hotel that is part of the Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide. It carries a four-diamond, AAA rating and is large enough to

facilitate all meeting rooms and guest rooms. All conference events, the symposium, concurrent sessions and Banquet will be held at the hotel. Please Note; the Westin is willing to accommodate early arrivals for the Stampede. Details will be provided on our website.

The LAC is planning a full slate of events to make your conference a complete and memorable experience. The conference will run Sunday through Thursday, with an opening reception Sunday evening. On Monday, the conference will open with the symposium, "Best Management Practices for Nutrients and Irrigation: Research, Regulation, and Future Directions" followed by concurrent sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday. A BBQ on Tuesday evening and the President's awards Banquet on Wednesday evening. Tours go on Thursday and the conference will feature a full accompanying persons program to meet the needs of all ages. For the golfers, either individual games or a scramble on Sunday.

The registration system will be web based and will allow electronic payments. The website is up and running: [http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/opp8616?opendocument](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/opp8616?opendocument)

The PAA home website is linked to the conference site. The website will also be linked to other sites to provide delegates with timely information and access. So please plan to join us next year at your 89th Annual Meeting and celebrate our Province's Centennial with us.

**Christine Murray & Vern Warkentin
 Co-Chairs, 2005 LAC**

AJPR Electronic Review Protocol

Revised Instructions to Authors {10/05/04}

Dear Prospective AJPR Authors:

AJPR would like to expedite reviews and publication of your manuscript by transmitting electronic files. To standardize the process, please follow these steps:

1. Prepare your manuscript with single line spacing, continuous line numbering, and including all Figures and Tables clearly matched with their titles.

2. We highly recommend that you conduct your own thorough pre-review with the help of colleagues familiar with the subject who will check the scientific content, presentation and conclusions, and skilled proofreaders who will catch typos and non-compliance with AJPR style (see website <http://www.umaine.edu/PAA/howtosubmitms.htm> for details).

3. Submit your manuscript as an Adobe pdf file. To keep the file at a reasonable size, scan the text to condensed tif images at 200 dpi and

import into Adobe, or convert to Adobe directly from your word processing program.

4. Mail your **Adobe file on CD or 3-1/2" disk with one hard copy of MS, cover letter from Corresponding Author** and the **AJPR Manuscript Submission Form** to:

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5. Your final revision in response to reviewer comments will be prepared in Word or WordPerfect, and Figures and Tables as separate tif or eps files. You will send these final electronic files, plus a hard copy for reference to the Senior Editor who, after approval, will forward these to the Technical Editor for preparation for publication.

John Bamberg, Editor in Chief
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Silent Auction – A Smashing Success

The barbeque at the annual meeting in Scottsbluff provided an outstanding venue for the first ever PAA Silent Auction. All donated items were sold. Fun was had by all, and some \$4,661.00 was raised for the Endowment. There was a wide variety of items offered for bidding, ranging from elaborate hand-made quilts and time shares to genuine Alaskan moose “nugget” earrings (donated by none other than Bill Campbell who refers to these in his talks as “Alaskan russets”). I especially enjoyed out-bidding Joe Guenthner for the beautiful print entitled “October Potato Gathering,” which has been framed and is now displayed in my living room.

The Endowment Committee would like to thank all who participated by either donating or purchasing items. Considerable effort was involved in organizing, publicizing, and conducting this most successful silent auction. Special thanks are extended to Helen and Ron Voss who organized the event. Others who deserve recognition for their significant efforts in making this a successful and enjoyable project include Cathy James, Jeannie Miller, Jan Mosley, Alex Pavlista, Duane Preston, and Lori Wing. Thanks again to all who participated!

Creighton Miller, Chair
Endowment Committee

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for the PAA a reality. In light of this, I issue each member of the PAA a personal challenge. Become involved with the PAA, it is your organization. Use the AJPR as your first option for publication. Think about the outreach portion of our organization and what you would like to see on the website. Communicate that to either myself, Lori or to one of the other members of the Executive Committee. Put the Annual meeting on your calendar and plan to attend. It should be a phenomenal meeting in Calgary in 2005. Visit with your colleagues and other industry individuals such as local

consultants or field reps. Let them know what the PAA has to offer and recruit them for membership. Keep your graduate students involved and let them know of their choices during the Annual meeting and for publication of their manuscripts. Finally, keep the Endowment fund in your thoughts and contribute whenever possible. This will ultimately work to make the PAA stronger and more resilient in the years to come. Let's all work to make this a banner year for the PAA. Thank you.

**Rob Davidson, PAA
President 2004-2005**

****Sale on North American Potato Variety Handbooks** and **Commercial Potato Production in North America****

Because of the large surplus and lack of adequate storage space at the PAA office, it was discussed and voted at the Business Meeting to offer the complete, **four (4) sets**, *North American Potato Variety Handbook* for \$10.00, which includes sending by 2nd class postage. There will be an additional charge of \$5 to have it sent Air Mail. That's a **\$22 savings** from what we've been charging in the past for US and **\$27 savings for air mail**.

We are offering the same great deal on the *Commercial Potato Production in North America* book. The price is now \$5/each which includes shipping by 2nd class postage or \$7/each if you want it sent Air Mail. That's a savings of **\$5 per copy**.

Christmas is right around the corner. If you know of a student that would benefit from having this information in their study guides, it would be a great affordable present. Or if your local library doesn't have a set, I'm sure they'd appreciate you donating a set and a book, or even more than one at that price. The link below will take you to the order form on the website so you may print it out, fill it in and send it in with your payment. Remember you must have at least a \$25 order to use your credit card because of bank fees we get charged every time we use them.

<http://www.umaine.edu/PAA/puborderform.htm>

Welcome to Canada

Visitors to Canada from the United States require identification documentation containing a photo ID to enter Canada. Although a driver's license or other photo ID may be acceptable, the simplest way to do this is to have a valid passport when you enter the border area. Children may need their own passport. Check the website: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/index.html>

VISA's

Citizens of the United States do not require a visa to enter Canada as a visitor. All other visitors should check the Canadian Border Services Agency website to determine if they need to contact the nearest Canadian Consulate to determine if they need a visa: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.html>

VISITOR CANADA REBATE PROGRAM

Non-resident visitors may wish to claim a refund of the goods and services tax. See: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/visitors/>

IMPORTING GOODS INTO CANADA

Avoid bringing meat, dairy products, fresh fruit and vegetables into Canada as the import restrictions are complex. See, "I declare": <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/E/pub/cp/rc4044/rc4044-e.html>

PAA SILENT AUCTION

Items for the Silent Auction can be declared at the border as gifts. It may be wise to avoid transporting meat, fish, dairy products, fruits and vegetables.

SO YOU WOULD LIKE TO VISIT CANADA?

For fun try looking at the following website to help you find your way: <http://www.icomm.ca/emily/isms.html>

CURRENCY CHANGER:

To find out what your currency exchange rate is, see: <http://finance.yahoo.com/currency?a=749&s=CAD&t=USD>

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Members in the News

Duane “Sarge” Preston...the *Packer Magazine* of Kansas City, MO, presented Duane one of the industry’s highest national awards - “Potato Man for All Seasons” at the NPC annual meeting in Cancun, Mexico. He’s has been an area potato specialist with the univ. of Minn/ND State Univ. Extension Service since 8/1/77. Sarge received dozens of letters of recommendation for the award from Maine to Texas, Florida to Idaho. Nominations ferred to him as the “potato guru” of the North.

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A new publication released by PAA member: Edited by: DKLM MacKerron and **AJ Haverkort** “*Decision support systems in potato production: bringing models to practice.*”

Models of crop growth and development were conceived originally for scientific purposes. Typically, they describe the mechanisms of crop production, through tuber initiation to senescence determined by temp. and day-length. The scientific models describing the processes involved are leaving the research institutes and increasingly are becoming a means of knowledge transfer for students, and to growers, extensionists and consultants. Many decision support systems (DSS) have a mechanistic model core that assures their robustness and reliability. This book gives an overview of model-based DSS in potato production. The book is intended for researchers wanting to bring their models to practice, students to learn about DSS, intermediaries and growers to improve the performance of the potato industry or of other commodities for which potato serves as an example. **2004 – 238 pages – paperback – ISBN 9076998302.**

For ordering information see:
www.WageningenAcademic.com/decision

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Keith A. Kelling retired as Prof from the Dept. of Soil Sci, U of Wisc-Madison in July 2005 after 13 years. Keith received his

B.S. in ‘66 from U of Wisc-Madison (Biol Aspects of Conserv), M.S., ‘72 U of Wisc-Madison (Soil Sci); Ph.D., ‘74, U of Wisc-Madison (Soil Sci w/minor Civil & Environ Engr). He was at the UW-Madison since 1977 working his way up from Asst Prof, Dept of Soil Sci. and spent ‘74-77 sd Asst Prof, Dept of Natural Res, Ball State Univ, Muncie, IN.

Since 1977, Keith served the Univ. of Wisc-Madison in an extension/applied research position oriented toward the soil fertility issues of dairy farmers, potato producers and Wisc’s production agricultural professionals.

Dr. Kelling has been active professionally with the (ASA), (SSSA) and PAA. He has also been a Prod & Management Section director for PAA and was a co-organizer of the 2004 PAA Extension Symposium. He’s received more than 30 research and/or educational awards, including from the Wisc Potato and Veg Grwrs Assoc.

Keith has been an outdoor enthusiast and enjoys fishing, hunting, golfing, and traveling with his wife, Andrea. He does not have firm plans for his retirement, but I know Keith and his family look forward to spending more time at his cabin in Northern WI and visiting a number of attractions across the U.S.

Alvin J. Bussan

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Dr. John Bowman was recently on assignment for USAID in Vietnam, working with both government and private sector groups needing assistance on sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) barriers to trade in the fruit/vegetable sector. Dr. Bowman manages a global USAID SPS project what will further collaborate with the World Bank on SPS matters in Vietnam related to entry to the WTO. Dr. Bowman will also be presenting a paper at the November meetings of the American Society of Agronomy (Seattle) on small holder potato production in the Philippines.

John Bowman