



# INSIDER

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## Letter From the President

**T**he last Newsletter referred to discussing more on Vision 2000. Before going there, I would like to reflect once again on the past Annual meeting held in Colorado. One of the highlights of the Annual meeting is the contribution the graduate students bring to the meeting. Their presentation of new and current research information is so valid to our Organization. The graduate competition is a very important part of the Annual meeting.

What an effort and sacrifice our members on the Graduate Student Awards Committee make. The addition of a cash award by NatureMark made the competition for the students even more rewarding. As President, I would like to give a special thanks to NatureMark for its help these past many years making the monetary award possible. Your support did not go unnoticed and now with the newly established Dr. Frank Haynes' endowment, the tradition will continue.

I cannot leave the subject of the Graduate Student Awards without recognizing a person who has contributed much to the past success of the GSA's, namely Dr. Alex Pavlista. Alex has served ten years on the Committee, seven as the Chairman. Alex brought great enthusiasm to the Committee. I estimated he missed 750 presentations, over those years, which he may have preferred to attend, in place of the GSA evaluations. Thank you, Alex! The Executive committee welcomes Dr. Kathy Haynes' as the new Chairperson of the GSA Committee. Thank you Kathy for taking on this responsibility.

Special congratulation goes to Dr. Jim Davis, recipient of the first Researchers award made possible by the Potato Growers magazine, in cooperation with the Na-

tional Potato Council. Thanks to both agencies for making the "Researcher of the Year" award possible. The Association looks forward to recognizing future researchers that have contributed to making the North American potato industry what it is today.

Your Association has a very important Committee working on gathering suggestions, ideas, and direction for the PAA in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The PAA Vision 2000 Committee, Chaired by Dr. Mary Powelson, will be presenting a final draft to the Annual membership in Florida. I encourage each and every one of you to contact one of the members of the Committee with your "vision" of the Association in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The other members are: Dr. Steve Love, Dr. Creighton Miller, Dr. Richard Sawyer, Dr. Ronald Voss, Dr. Pete Weingartner, and myself. This Association can and will contribute much to our society. Having a clear and concise direction for PAA to follow will aid future executive committees in carrying out their role as leaders. May the efforts of the Vision 2000 Committee help the Association reap the greatest benefit for our purpose of being an Association? Do contact a Committee member now as the final wording is being considered for the Vision 200 report. Thanks.

Have you noticed any thing different about the PAA Web Page? Our thanks goes to Anna Johnson Hale for originally setting up our web site. Considerable time and effort went into designing and making the site a REALITY! Thanks, Anna. The responsibility has now been transferred to Lori Wing, our Administrative

## Dates

### November

**Nov. 29-Dec. 2:** 2000 Seed Seminar, Monte Carlo Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV. Contact: Laurel Stamm, ICIA, E-mail: [lstamm@idahocrop.com](mailto:lstamm@idahocrop.com), NPC office, (303) 773-9295

### December

**7-8:** Potato Growers of ID Annual Meeting. Doubletree Hotel, Boise, ID. Contact: 208-785-1110

**7-8:** NCR-84 Potato Breeding & Genetics Tech Meeting. Best Western at O'Hare, Rosemount, IL. Contact: Larry M. Kawchuk, (403) 317-2271

### January 2001

**16-20:** National Potato Council 52nd Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA. (303) 773-9295

**16-18:** ID Potato School & Eastern ID Ag Expo, Mini-dome, Pocatello, ID. Contact: Phil Nolte (208) 529-8376 or e-mail [pnolte@uidaho.edu](mailto:pnolte@uidaho.edu)

**30-31:** OR Potato Conf., Double Tree Inn, Portland, Contact Will Wise, 503-731-3300

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## Inside Information

### News from Headquarters

#### Membership Update:

Since our last newsletter, we have gained 11 new individual/grad student; 1 sustaining, and 3 library/group businesses. Let's keep our numbers growing!

If you know someone who might be interested or you feel would benefit from becoming a member, please contact: Duane Preston at (218) 773-9614 or e-mail: [dpreston@umn.edu](mailto:dpreston@umn.edu) for sustaining memberships or Rikki Sterrett at (757) 414-0724 x12; e-mail: [vators@mail.vt.edu](mailto:vators@mail.vt.edu) for individual and grad student memberships.

### E-mail receipt of newsletter

On all membership renewal invoices that are going out right now, I have added a section where I'm asking if you want to receive the newsletter at your e-mail address instead of via the post office. Those of you who are already re-newed members, I will be sending out a mass e-mail to see how you would like to receive it. I'm planning to start with Vol. 5-#2 doing this. If you DO NOT want to receive it this way, please let me know so I keep your address label.

Lori Wing  
Administrative Assistant

# Second Call for PAA 2001

*REMINDER - PAPERS MUST BE IN BY JANUARY 10, 2001*

### 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 2001 Annual Meeting in St. Augustine, Florida. 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.

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 SECOND CALL for Honorary Life Memberships. Completed

HLM Nomination Forms (signed by the Nominator) and supporting letters must be submitted, **no later than January 10, 2001**, to:

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Aberdeen, ID 83210-0530  
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E-mail: [slove@uidaho.edu](mailto:slove@uidaho.edu)

### Papers

This is the second call for papers to be presented at the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America. This meeting will be held April 22-26, 2001 at World Golf Village, St Augustine, Florida.

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://ifas.ufl.edu/~conferweb/PAA/#call>) as an email attachment or, if necessary, as a hard copy through the postal service.

Prior to submitting your abstract, please carefully read and follow the formatting guidelines published on the PAA website at (<http://www.ume.maine.edu/PAA/graduat.htm>). The body of the abstract should be no more than 1200 characters or 250 words (regardless of font type or size) not including the title and author by-line. **All abstract submissions should include the title, authors, presenter, presentation method, section (breeding, pathology, etc.) and if it**

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### is to be included in the graduate student competition.

Submit e-mail abstracts as an attachment to [steven.james@orst.edu](mailto:steven.james@orst.edu) and list "PAA Abstract" as the e-mail subject. There is no longer an official form for hardcopy abstract submissions. Mail your complete abstract to the PAA Secretary at the address below.

The abstract should agree with the paper presented and should not be written until data collection, analysis and interpretation have been completed. 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, carousel and electronic projectors will be available. Appropriate display boards will be provided for the poster papers. Please contact the PAA Secretary if other equipment is needed.

**The deadline for receiving abstracts is January 10, 2001.** Abstracts received 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 **second call** for papers to be entered in the Graduate Student Awards Competition to be held at the 85th Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America. This meeting will be held April 22-26, 2001 in St. Augustine, Florida.

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 (**January 10, 2001**). At least one co-author on the Abstract must be a member of the PAA.
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. Only one presentation by a student may be entered into the graduate student competition at a PAA meeting. The student may give other presentations that are not entered.
6. The paper must be submitted to the PAA Secretary as outlined in the First Call for Papers. Author must indicate discipline and that the paper is entered in the Graduate Student Awards competition. Abstract deadline is **JANUARY 10, 2001**.
7. 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%

### Awards

Five awards will be presented in the amounts of \$350 for first place, \$250 for second place, \$150 for third place, \$100 for fourth place, and \$100 for fifth place.

### For more information, contact:

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# 85th Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America

**April 22 - 26, 2001  
St. Augustine, Florida**

## **“Potato Plant Health into the New Millennium”**

April is fast approaching, and we trust you are making plans to attend the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Potato Association of America to be held April 22-26, 2001 in St. Augustine, Florida. Enclosed are a number of items to assist you with making arrangements to attend.

1. Preliminary Conference Agenda
2. Conference Registration Form
3. PAA Family & Friends Special Events and Excursions Registration Form
4. Hotel Reservation Form

We ask everyone with Internet access to use the conference web page whenever possible. You can submit abstracts online, register for the conference and tours online and even find out about airline, hotel and other travel arrangements. So take a moment to pull up the web site and add it to your bookmark list. The address from the PAA website is: <http://www.ume.maine.edu/PAA/business.htm> or you may go directly to it at: <http://gmv2.ifas.ufl.edu/~conferweb/PAA>.

April weather in St. Augustine is ideal. Average high temperature is 68° F (20° C) and average low is 55° F (13° C). Informal dress will be appropriate throughout the conference and all social functions. However, you may want to bring a jacket or sweater for possible cool evenings and air-conditioned areas. Tennis shoes for the tours are a must.

The Symposium “Impact of New and Emerging Diseases and Technologies on Potato Seed Certification” and Monday afternoon breakout sessions will feature speakers recruited for their expertise. The conference will address the direction of potato plant health into the new millennium. So make plans to join us.

**See you in St. Augustine!**  
**Pete Weingartner**  
**Local Arrangements Committee Chair**

### **Conference Theme**

The PAA 2001 theme is Potato Plant Health into the New Millennium. Three days of stimulating paper sessions will be kicked off with a dynamic symposium entitled, “Impact of New and Emerging Diseases and Technologies on Potato Seed Certification” co-sponsored by the Certification and Pathology & Entomology Sections of the PAA. Emphasis will be on challenging soil-borne diseases.

### **Conference Purpose**

The objective of the annual meeting is to provide a forum for the presentation of new scientific information, to conduct business of the association, and fellowship among colleagues. The 2001 meeting will be the 85<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the association.

### **Who Should Attend**

The annual meeting of the PAA is typically made up of the following delegates: academics/scientists, extension/certification specialists, students, honorary life members, consultants, corporate and potato industry representatives and private entrepreneurs.

### **Conference Structure**

The format and agenda of meetings generally vary only slightly from year to year. However, PAA 2001 Symposium and afternoon breakout sessions will feature individual speakers recruited for their expertise. This format will allow for more extensive exchange of information. Concurrent paper sessions will be organized according to subject matter. The number and organization of concurrent paper sessions is determined entirely by the number and subject matter of abstract submissions.

### **Poster Session**

Posters play a significant role in disseminating scientific information. On Tuesday evening, the Poster Session will include a reception featuring refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. This will give participants an opportunity to interact with poster presenters, who will be stationed at their posters.

### **Sponsors**

Multiple sponsors are being invited to contribute financial support and technical assistance. If you wish to become a sponsor, contact Pete Weingartner, the conference organizer. Sponsors enlisted prior to **February 19, 2001** will be recognized in the final program.

### **PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

Sunday, April 22, 2001

12 noon - 7:00pm	Registration Desk Open
1:00pm - 5:00pm	Executive Committee Meeting
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Welcome Reception

**Monday, April 23, 2001**

- 6:30am - 5:00pm Registration Desk Open
- 6:30am - 8:00am Extension Section Breakfast
- 7:00am - 8:00am Continental Breakfast
- 7:00am - 5:00pm Poster Session Set-Up
- 8:00am - 12 noon Symposium "Impact of New and Emerging Diseases and Technologies on Potato Seed Certification"
- 12 noon - 1:30pm Planned Luncheon (*Attendees Only*)
- 1:30pm - 5:00pm Three Concurrent Paper Sessions
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm Dinner On Own
- 5:00pm - 7:00pm Section Meetings
- 7:00pm - 9:00pm Section Meetings

**Tuesday, April 24, 2001**

- 6:30am - 5:30pm Registration Desk Open
- 6:30am - 8:00am Production & Management Section Breakfast
- 7:00am - 8:00am Continental Breakfast
- 8:00am - 12 noon Executive Committee Meeting
- 8:00am - 12 noon Three Concurrent Sessions
- 12 noon - 1:30pm Planned Luncheon (*Attendees Only*)
- 1:30pm - 5:30pm Three Concurrent Paper Sessions
- 6:00pm - 8:00pm Poster Session and Reception
- 8:30pm - 10:30pm All poster displays to be removed

**Wednesday, April 25, 2001**

- 7:00am - 8:00am Continental Breakfast
- 8:30am - 3:00am Agricultural and Research Tour
- 6:00pm - 9:00pm Barbecue

**Thursday, April 26, 2001**

- 7:00am - 5:00pm Registration Desk Open
- 7:00am - 8:00am Continental Breakfast
- 8:00am - 12 noon Executive Committee Meeting
- 8:00am - 12 noon Three Concurrent Sessions
- 9:00am - 5:00pm Cruise and Shop Downtown St. Augustine and Anastasia Beach Excursion (Family & Friends)
- 12 noon - 1:30pm Lunch on Own
- 1:30pm - 4:00pm Business Meeting
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm PAA Awards Reception
- 7:00pm - 9:30pm PAA Awards Dinner
- 9:30pm Conference Concludes

**Meeting Site**

Located directly on the Walk of Champions, The World Golf Village (WGV) Renaissance Resort is a short walking distance to the World Golf Hall of Fame, World Golf Village IMAX Theater, The Slammer & The Squire golf course, and shopping at the PGA Tour Stop.

The WGV Renaissance Resort is the largest combination hotel and conference center between Atlanta and Orlando. It features a 10-story atrium, with 300 suites and guestrooms. Each guest room offers the finest in service and amenities, includes wet bar and bathroom with a television and well-lit vanity in the bathroom. The hotel has an outdoor pool, business center, professional golf simulator, 24-hour/day health club and sauna, billiard room, cigar room and an expansive gift shop.

**Hotel Reservations**

The WGV Renaissance Resort is offering PAA participants a special guest room rate of \$109.00 per night, single or double occupancy plus 11% tax. (*To receive tax exempt status, payment must be made in the form of a government issued check, credit card or purchase order, and, be accompanied by a Florida sales tax exemption certificate presented at check-in.*) *As this is a discounted group rate, it is not commisionable to travel agents and Frequent Traveler Points do not apply.*

The group rate will be honored three days prior and three days following the conference, based on availability. **The deadline to make your hotel reservation and guarantee you will receive the discounted group rate is March 15, 2001.** After March 15, guest rooms for PAA participants will no longer be on hold and the discounted group rate may not be available.

**When making a reservation, contact the hotel directly at 904-940-8000 and specify you are with The Potato Association of America.** All reservations must be guaranteed by major credit card 30 days prior to your arrival date, in the amount of one room night plus tax. There is no penalty for reservations canceled up to 72 hours before arrival date. After that time any reservation canceled is subject to forfeiture.

**Conference tours**

PLEASE MAKE NOTE: Fiesta Tours in St. Augustine, Florida will handle all conference tours, including the Agricultural A&D Research Tour. *Payment must be sent to Fiesta Tours.* Register for the tours in one of two ways:

- 1) MAIL: Fill out the enclosed PAA Events and Excursions Registration Form and return it with payment to Fiesta Sightseeing Tours at the address listed on the form.
- 2) FAX: Fill out the enclosed PAA Events and

Excursions Registration Form and fax to Fiesta Tours at 904-829-6555.

**Note:** Online Registration will be available in the near future via Fiesta Tours web site: <http://www.fiestatours.com>.

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Contact Fiesta Sightseeing Tours directly for more information at 904-825-0519.

### Registration Fees (All fees in US dollars)

#### Early Full Registration: (Before March 15, 2001)

PAA Members	\$250
Non-members	\$300
Family & Friends	\$125
Students	\$100

#### Regular Full Registration: (After March 15, 2001)

PAA Members	\$305
Non-members	\$355
Family & Friends	\$180
Students	\$155

#### Daily Registration:

PAA Members & Non-members	\$100
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#### Meal Function:

Awards Dinner	\$45
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The full conference fee includes one copy of the program abstracts, a conference portfolio, the Sunday night welcome reception, continental breakfasts, Monday and Tuesday lunches, late morning and mid-afternoon refreshment breaks, the Tuesday evening poster reception, and the Thursday evening awards reception.

The family and friends registration fee includes the Sunday night welcome reception, continental breakfasts, the Tuesday evening poster reception, and the Thursday evening awards reception.

Requests for registration refunds will be honored if a written notification of cancellation is received by the Office of Conferences & Institutes on or before **April 2, 2001**. A \$25.00 processing fee will be deducted from all registration refunds. Sorry, no refunds will be honored for cancellations after April 2, 2001.

### THREE EASY WAYS TO REGISTER

1. **ONLINE:** Register online with credit card at: [www.ume.maine.edu/PAA/business.htm](http://www.ume.maine.edu/PAA/business.htm)
2. **FAX:** Fax completed registration form and credit card information to OCI at 1-352-392-9734.
3. **MAIL:** complete your registration form and return it with payment following the instructions provided on the form.

### Transportation

Jacksonville International is the closest airport and is serviced by several major airlines including American, Delta, Northwest, US Air and Southwest. Ground transportation is not being provided, however, is available at the airport and can be reserved in advance. Limo is the least expensive (approximately \$35 each way). (East Coast Transportation is one provider 1-800-829-7433). Rental cars are inexpensive in Florida and most major providers are located at the airport. World Golf Village is easily accessed from I-95 by taking exit 95A. WGV is a 30-45 minute drive on I-95 from the airport.

### QUESTIONS?

#### PAA 2001, Conference Organizer

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## PAA Members in the news

Dr. Martin Cardenas Hermosa was posthumously honored recently by the people and government of Bolivia. He is depicted on a commemorative stamp for his significant contributions to biological sciences and education in Bolivia and elsewhere. Dr. Cardenas Hermosa was a member of PAA and was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in 1965. Dr. Cardenas Hermosa was the first Latin American scientist to be honored by election to HLM. It is not only a well-deserved honor at the culmination of his brilliant career as a scientist and a teacher, but is perhaps symbolic of the gradual and important strengthening of ties amongst those interested in the culture of potatoes throughout the Americas.

~~ Bud Platt ~~

Gary Johnston, well known as the breeder of the variety Yukon Gold, died of diabetes complications in Guelph, Ontario, on 10/8/00. He was 85. Gary was employed by Agric. & Agri-Food Canada for 27 years, retiring in 1980 as leader of the co-operative breeding program involving the Univ. of Guelph, the Ontario Ministry of Agric. & Food & AAFC. In 1980 he was recognized as an HLM of the PAA, and earlier this year received an honorary doctorate in science from the Univ. of Guelph.

~~ Richard Tarn ~~

## Toronto 2002 PAA-IHC Joint Meeting

In the September Insider I said you would find the second announcement for our joint meeting with the International Horticultural Congress in Toronto in 2002. That was a teaser - you should find it with this Insider!

While plans are progressing on the Potato Symposium and the Graduate Student Competition, I would like to report here on the Workshops. Workshops are scheduled on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. At our Colorado Springs meeting each Section said it was interested in organizing a Workshop so seven have been registered and accepted by the IHC- one for each Section. As we proceed we will need to address scheduling to minimize the impact of concurrent Workshops.

The next step is to develop the Workshop programs--the themes, titles, formats (a series of presentations, a panel discussion and/or proposed speakers. Sections are encouraged to think innovatively and internationally to

choose Workshop themes that have interest and broad appeal - it's an opportunity to attract broader participation than our own PAA membership. For those Sections that hold their business meetings in the evenings, how will the business be accommodated within the 2 hours? The Certification Section gets a quick start on planning by having their Workshop on the agenda of their November 30 meeting in Las Vegas. Most other Sections will be making their plans in St. Augustine in April. We should be in good shape if plans are finalized in April since this meets the timetable set by the IHC. All this information has already been shared with the designated Section Workshop representatives.

Lastly, there is now a direct link to the IHC web site from the PAA home page (under Meetings) - or you can go directly to the IHC site at <http://www.ihc2002.org> - and learn more about the meeting. The IHC page also links with PAA.

**Richard Tarn, Chair,  
PAA-IHC Liaison Committee**

## Inside Information

More Dates...

### February

6-8: WA State Potato Conf. & Trade Show, Big Bend Community College, Moses Lake, WA. Program: Bob Thornton, WSU, (509) 335-2989. Show contact: WSP Com, (509) 765-8845

### Too much E-mail?

Most people would agree that E-mail is one of the most popular forms of communication ever devised. So much so that all of us probably receive more E-mail than we can handle. With that in mind, we should look at what the PAA is sending out.

Many of us are members of both PAA and Al Moseley's PotatoNet. Consequently, we often receive duplicate postings of messages from the PAA; one from the PAA itself, and one from a courtesy posting on PotatoNet. Similarly, members of major potato organizations like the NPC may be receiving three or more copies of messages.

It is my opinion that we should review our E-mail policy; if we actually have one. If not, we should develop one. As much as all of us like to stay informed, a cluttered inbox ultimately leads to less communication, not more. Comments?

John Walsh

## PAA Background

### PAA Executive:

#### President:

Oscar Gutbrod

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### Message from The President

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Assistant. Lori continues to build on what Anna started. My goal is to make the site very user FRIENDLY! Should you have recommendations on improving the site, do contact Dr. Alvin Mosley, chair of the PAA Web Site Committee. Please look up the names of other committee members by going to the PAA Home Page – Give it a try sometime!

In the last Newsletter I mentioned my plans to attend the National Potato Promotion Boards annual meeting of the State/National Potato Organization Staff Workshop. I came away from that meeting recognizing how very important it is for the PAA to be in partnership with the NPPB. Our Association has much to offer such organizations, in helping to promote the POTATO as one of the most important healthy food sources in the World. Several of our Sections should be working very closely with the Boards efforts to promote the potato as a healthy, nutritious food source. The Utilization/Marketing and Physiology Sections could easily contribute to the Boards efforts. We recognize Mr. Chris Voigt, from the Board now serving as vice-chair of the Utilization/Marketing Section. Thanks, Chris. Those of you that serve on either of these Sections, please contact the Board to see how PAA might help. May the Association work towards encouraging more individuals like Chris to become active in PAA? I am grate-

ful for individuals like Sam Thornton, who are not directly from academics, for serving on the Executive Committee.

I have just returned from a meeting in Moscow, Russia. The Russian Federation's, Ministry of Agriculture invited the United Nations/Economic Commission for Europe, Specialized Section for the Standardization of Seed Potatoes, to hold the Sections Rapporteur's meeting in Moscow. I served as a member on the UN/ECE Specialized Section from the U. S. During that time the Section's Rapporteurs reviewed the current status of the Russian Federation's seed potato production and make recommendations for its improvement.

PAA 2002 meeting is still a ways off. Planning continues for the meeting in Toronto, Canada, August 2002. Please see details enclosed for that upcoming meeting.

Do remember April 22-26, 2001. That will be the Annual Meeting of the Association to be held in Florida. Dr. Pete Weingartner and his LAC have a great program planned. Time is short, only nine months between our last meeting. Registration and information can be found on the PAA Home Page. You will be able this year to register by using the Web site. Plan to get an early END to winter by planning to attend the April meeting.

Have a great winter & beautiful Holidays.

**Oscar Gutbrod**  
President

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