

Dear Colleague:

This is the second announcement for the 61st Annual Meeting of the Northeast Division of the American Phytopathological Society to be held at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Cromwell, CT on October 17-19, 2001. This will be the fourth joint meeting of the Northeast and Potomac Divisions. Once again, this year's joint meeting promises to be very exciting and informative, and represents an excellent opportunity to meet friends and colleagues from both divisions. The Radisson is easily accessible by air (Hartford Airport) and car, so please make plans now to attend this year's meeting.

Meeting Program. A preliminary program outline is enclosed to give you an idea when various events will take place. Some of the major highlights include a

- Symposium on "*Sampling Plant Pathogens with an Eye on Impact, Genetics and Spatial Structure*"
- Molecular Biology paper session with a Keynote Address by incoming APS President Noel Kean entitled, "*Genomics of Plant Pathogens: Learning that they are Smarter than we Thought*"
- Forestry Pathology Tour focusing on American Chestnut Blight Research led by Sandra Anagnostakis in conjunction with a Tour of Dinosaur State Park
- Special Industry Seminar on "*Diseases of Herbaceous Perennials*"
- Graduate Student Paper Competition for both divisions
- Numerous Contributed Paper Sessions and an Extension/Industry Update

Hotel Reservations. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Radisson for program participants. Rooms will only be held until ~~September 7~~ **September 17**, or until the group room block has been consumed, so reserve your room early! Reservations may be made by telephone (1-800-333-3333) or by mailing or faxing the enclosed Room Reservations Form to the hotel (1-860-635-6970). Be sure to mention that you are with the Northeast/Potomac Division APS meeting to receive the discounted room rate.

Meeting Registration. A registration form is enclosed. Please mail this form with your check or money order payable to the Northeastern Division, APS to:

Suha Jabaji-Hare, NED-APS Secretary-Treasurer
Plant Science Department, MacDonald Campus,
McGill University
21, 111 Lakeshore Road
Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue
Quebec, CANADA, H9X, 3V9 (postage = 60 cents)

(Registration received after ~~September 7~~ **September 17, 2001** will be \$15 extra)

Contributed Papers and Abstracts. There will be no poster session this year, but you are encouraged to give an oral presentation (15 minute in length) during the meeting. Graduate students are particularly encouraged to join the Graduate Student Paper Competition. *Abstracts for all contributed papers are optional*, however, either **completed abstracts** (as well as the enclosed graduate student competition forms, if applicable) or **titles** and the name and address of authors (presenter's name in ALL CAPS) must be received by ~~September 7~~ **September 17, 2001**. Each abstract must be submitted on a Division Abstract Form (see enclosed form, or obtain additional forms from <http://www.apsnet.org/meetings/div/instruct.asp>) AND on a diskette. The original of the abstract plus a check or money order for \$30.00 are required for publishing on APSNET and in Phytopathology.

Please send titles, or abstracts, diskettes, checks (made payable to Northeast Division, APS), and graduate student competition forms (if applicable) to:

Margery Daughtrey
Long Island Horticultural Research Lab
3059 Sound Avenue
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Special Seminar. Anyone attending the joint NED/Potomac APS meeting may also attend the special industry seminar – Diseases of Herbaceous Perennials on Friday morning, at no charge. However, you **must return enclosed seminar registration form by October 1, 2001**.

I look forward to seeing you at this year's meeting in Cromwell, CT.

Sincerely,

Bruce B. Clarke, President
NED-APS