



## EAPR Newsletter 2/2009

Newsletter for the Members of the European Association of Potato Research (EAPR)

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Dear colleagues,

The Council of EAPR will meet on January 14-15, 2010. One of the important issues on the agenda is the final step in the process of normalising EAPR administration, which will allow operating our association as any other scientific society and providing better member services. Since its foundation, EAPR has been legally linked to The Netherlands, which requires that the Secretary and Treasurer must be Dutch nationals and a great deal of EAPR's administration is their responsibility. This load can be currently not be alleviated despite the fact that EAPR has hired the ISHS (International Society of Horticultural Sciences) for running EAPR office (membership matters, homepage etc.). On the other hand, the Secretary's and Treasurer's positions offer great opportunities for serving EAPR and the "global potato community" but, currently, these opportunities cannot be offered to EAPR members from other countries.

For these reasons, the Council has initiated preparations to remove the country-specific link of the two officers. Consequently, the Constitution and Bye-Laws of EAPR must be revised for those parts which concern EAPR's legal establishment in the Netherlands. For this reason, we shall approach you again after the Council meeting with an official ballot, in which you will be asked to accept the proposed changes. This official process is required to make the legal change in the EAPR Constitution, as our Constitution stipulates.

We shall be happy to hear from you about your points-of-view on this topic before the Council meeting. Otherwise, you will hear more from us by the end of January.

With all best wishes,

*Anton Haverkort*  
Secretary

*Romke Wustman*  
Treasurer

*Jari Valkonen*  
President

### Membership

#### Membership fee payment: new online option

It is now possible to renew the EAPR membership online through the member login at EAPR website [www.eapr.net](http://www.eapr.net) If you have questions about member login, please contact the EAPR office at [info@eapr.net](mailto:info@eapr.net). Online membership renewal is secure, easy and works in real-time. The payment methods include secure credit card processing or PayPal.

The traditional payment system is still in place, just in case you would prefer to pay an invoice. Invoices will be sent to members from the EAPR administrative office during the first months of 2010. Invoice payment options include credit card or transfer of money into the EAPR bank account.

We would also like to encourage you to invite your colleagues to join EAPR. The membership application form is available at EAPR homepage:

<http://www.eapr.net/membership/membership-application/>

Being a member of EAPR and paying the annual subscription of 60 euro offers multiple benefits:

- Online access to Potato Research, Euphytica, and American Journal of Potato Research.
- Members receive a print copy of Potato Research free of charge.
- Members are allowed to participate in the Triennial conferences and Section meetings at members rates.

*Romke Wustman*  
Treasurer

## Potato Research

We regret the distribution problems experienced with issues of *Potato Research* in this year. The publisher (Springer) apologizes. You should have received numbers 1, 2 and 3 of volume 52 some time ago. If you are missing any of these issues, please contact EAPR office at [info@eapr.net](mailto:info@eapr.net)

The fourth issue of volume 52 (2009) has been under preparation in December. Preparation of the first issue of 2010 has meanwhile been started.

*Paul C. Struik*  
Editor-in-Chief

## Meetings

The 18th Triennial Conference of the EAPR will take place in Oulu, Finland, on July 24-29, 2011. The organizing committee has had four planning meetings and most of the practical arrangements are in place. Please visit the EAPR2011 conference pre-announcement for further information so that you can initiate travel plans: <http://www.eapr.net/meetings/>

Congress Oulu is the office in charge of all practical arrangements for participants <http://www.congressoulu.fi/index.html> . Please do not hesitate to contact them if you wish to have help in planning a programme for accompanying persons during the conference or for holidays before or after the conference, or if you have any other questions related to the trip to Finland. Congress Oulu is in your service already!

## Section meetings in 2010:

Breeding and Varietal Assessment Section meeting entitled "*Potato Breeding after completion of the DNA Sequence of the Potato Genome*" will be held in Wageningen, The Netherlands. The tentative dates are June 28-30, 2010. Updated information will be available at the section homepage <http://www.eapr.net/sections/breeding-and-varietal-assessment/>

Virology Section meeting will be held in Hamar, Norway, on July 4-9, 2010. Titles for offered presentations should be submitted latest on February 1, 2010. Please see the announcement for further information: <http://www.eapr.net/sections/virology/>

Pathology Section meeting entitled "*Potato Pests and Diseases: Old Enemies, New Threats*" will be held in Carlow, Ireland, September 13-16, 2010. For further information, please visit: <http://www.eapr.net/sections/pathology/>

Agronomy & Physiology (AgroPhysiology) Section meeting will be held in Turkey on September 20-24, 2010. For further information, please visit: <http://www.eapr.net/sections/agrophysiology/>

Engineering and Utilization Section meeting was held in 2009 in association with the Potato Europe Congress in The Netherlands.

## Other meetings in 2010:

### Euroblight Workshop

The 12<sup>th</sup> Euroblight Workshop will be held in Arras, France, on 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*).

## Country representatives

The EAPR has Country Representatives (CR) in 25 countries. You can find the names and e-mail addresses of the CRs at the EAPR homepage: <http://www.eapr.net/organization/> Please, feel free to contact your CR, if you have any questions or problems related to our organization. We will help you!

The Council is interested in appointing a CR from all countries with EAPR members. If your country was still without a CR, please do not hesitate to contact me (norbert.haase@mri.bund.de) with suggestions for suitable persons or if you yourself would be interested to be the CR.

*Norbert Haase*

Council contact member for country representatives

### Honorary Member

During the 17th Triennial Conference of the European Association for Potato Research in Brasov Dr. Gheorghe Olteanu was conferred the honorary lifetime membership of the EAPR. His resume below shows why he deserved the title. The other new lifetime honorary member, Melvin Askew, was presented in the previous newsletter (1/2009).

Gheorghe OLTEANU

*Data and birth place:* 23 April 1940, Mediaş, jud. Sibiu, Romania

*Studies:*

1. University of Agricultural Sciences (USAMV) Cluj-Napoca, Agricultural Faculty (1965);
2. University of Sciences from Bucharest, Faculty of Biochemistry (1972).

Post-graduate courses in the field of biochemistry, crop physiology, modelling and simulation of plant growth and yield accumulation in different scientific centers in Germany, The Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

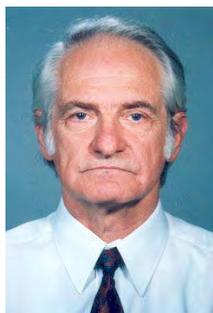
*Research on potato in Romania*

- Biochemical resistance against late blight
- Biochemical characterization of potato varieties with the electrophoresis method
- Establishment of the physiological basis of potato production
- Modelling and simulation of plant growth and yield accumulation
- Precision farming

*Publications:* 1 book (Romanian Academy Award – 1989), 6 chapters in different books; 120 scientific papers in national and international journals.

*EAPR activities:*

EAPR member since 1976. Olteanu has attended, with oral and poster presentations, eight EAPR Triennial Conferences (Munich 1981, Interlaken 1984, Paris 1993, Veldhoven 1996, Sorrento 1999, Hamburg 2002, Bilbao 2005, and Brasov 2008). During the years, he has successfully encouraged potato specialists in Romania to become EAPR members. He has made valuable contributions in the EAPR council meeting in Brasov, Romania, in 1984, the Agronomy Section meeting in Mamaia, Romania, in 2004, and in various roles for organization of the 17<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference of EAPR in Brasov 2008 and editing of the Abstract Book.



## Other News

### Co-operation between the EAPR and other societies

Louise Cooke (Councillor with responsibility for co-operation with other societies) has been in contact with the Potato Association of America (PAA). Thanks to Craig Yencho, the Local Area Co-ordinator for the annual PAA conference in 2011, which will take place in North Carolina, dates have been arranged (14-18 August) which do not clash with the EAPR Triennial (24-29 July). Louise attended the PAA's annual conference in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada in August and was welcomed and given the opportunity to speak at their Business Meeting.

Louise contacted EAPR members in the US to ascertain if it would be useful to have a US country representative. There was general agreement that this would be helpful and Dr Willie Kirk of Michigan State University was proposed. The PAA was contacted about this proposal and they not only endorsed it, but selected Willie Kirk to act as PAA representative to EAPR. Willie and Louise hope that their combined efforts will further both societies. The question of whether having two potato research organisations, the EAPR and the PAA, will continue to be viable was raised at the PAA business meeting: it was concluded that this will depend on how membership numbers are maintained.

The PAA's Administrator and Membership Secretary, Lori Wing, is always keen to have material for the PAA's Newsletter (The PAA Insider) and is happy to circulate information on our meetings. She has already sent out the first announcement of the EAPR Triennial to all PAA members.

**Best Seasonal Greetings and Happy New Year!**

**The Council of EAPR**