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

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Dear member of EAPR,

Most of us met four months ago during the 18th Triennial Conference of the EAPR in Oulu, Finland. We are indebted to our past President, Professor Jari Valkonen, and all his collaborators for the excellent organization of the Conference in the city of Oulu. The conference was successful scientifically and led to fruitful exchanges and to new links between participants.

The next Triennial Conference will be organised in Belgium in 2014. The Belgian potato sector has already started the first steps of the organisation and will be proud to welcome you warmly!

Management of our Association has undergone many important changes in 2011. The EAPR moved from The Netherlands to Belgium and the administrative process for the establishment of The EAPR under Belgian law is almost completed.

During the last ordinary General Meeting in Oulu, the Council underwent substantial changes in its composition. Several Councillors "retired" from the Council as they had served the maximum six years as members of the Council. So we address our very warm thanks and gratitude to Prof. Jari Valkonen (President), Dr. Anton Haverkort (Secretary), Dr. Romke Wustman (Treasurer), Dr. Norbert Haase (Council member responsible for Country representatives), and Dr. Sorin Chiru (past President) for their greatly appreciated involvement in the EAPR. We would like to address particular thanks to Anton Haverkort and Romke Wustman for their excellent service to the EAPR as Secretary and Treasurer respectively, and for the time and energy spent in 2010 and 2011 for the establishment of our Association under Belgian law. In the meantime, the EAPR has hired the ISHS (International Society of Horticultural Sciences) for running EAPR office matters (membership, management, homepage etc.). During the period 2011-2014, this will be facilitated by the close geographical proximity of the ISHS office (Leuven, Belgium) and the Belgian Presidency of the Association.

The new EAPR Constitution and Bye-Laws are available on the homepage <http://www.eapr.net/> . We also invite you to consult the page <http://www.eapr.net/organization/> to discover the composition of the new EAPR Council for the period 2011-2014.

In this newsletter you will also find very good news concerning our journal, Potato Research!

Please also note that during the last Conference in Oulu, the EAPR and the Potato Association of America (PAA) have again held discussions about closer interactions to enhance mutual benefits to the members in both societies. More developments on this matter and others of our Association will be provide in our next Newsletter to be sent out after the next Council meeting in January 26-27, 2012.

On behalf of the EAPR Council,
Jean-Pierre Goffart,
President

Very important news from the Editor-in-Chief of Potato Research!

On behalf of the Editorial director of Springer, the Council of the EAPR and the Editorial Board of Potato Research, I am pleased to announce that we have received notice that Potato Research has been selected for coverage in Thomson Reuter's products and services. This means that Potato Research is back as an ISI indexed and abstracted journal:

1. Starting with Vol.52 (1) 2009, Potato Research will be indexed and abstracted in:
 - Science Citation Index Expanded (also known as SciSearch[®])
 - Journal Citation Reports/Science Edition[®]
 - Current Contents /Agriculture, Biology and Environmental
2. If all goes well, Potato Research will have an impact factor for 2011, to be published in June 2012, and for the years to come.

We consider this as a very important stimulus to raise the profile of Potato Research. We hope and expect that this will encourage EAPR members and other potato scientists to submit high-quality papers to our journal to the benefit of our readers and subscribers.

Yours sincerely

Paul C. Struik
Editor-in-Chief of Potato Research

Membership

Please remember that it is possible to renew your EAPR membership online through the member login at the EAPR website www.eapr.net. Information about the procedure can be obtained from info@eapr.net. Online membership renewal is secure, easy and works in real-time. The payment methods include secure credit card processing or PayPal.

We would like to strongly encourage you to invite your colleagues to join EAPR. The membership application form is available at the 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 can participate in the Triennial conferences and Section meetings at members' rates
- Members can participate in Annual Meetings of the Potato Association of America at members' rates

Updated list of EAPR Country representatives

You are invited to consult the revised list of EAPR country representatives at the EAPR homepage: <http://www.eapr.net/organization/>.

Do not hesitate to contact your Country representative for any questions or suggestions you have about the Association and its management. During the Oulu Conference, it was decided to reinforce the role of Country representatives to improve the dynamics of the Association. This point will be discussed more fully during next Council meeting.

Council will meet in January 26-27, 2012

The next Council meeting is scheduled for January 26-27, 2012. The meeting will be held in Leuven (Belgium) and will be hosted by ISHS (International Society of Horticultural Sciences) Office representatives. Please feel free to bring matters to the attention of the Council before January 23, by contacting any of the Council members (see list on homepage <http://www.eapr.net/organization/>)

The EAPR Council members wish you Best Seasonal Greetings and a Happy New Year!