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21st Triennial Conference
Krakow, July 4-8, 2022

Newsletter

HEADLINES

Dear all,

Welcome to the spring 2022 EAPR newsletter. In this issue we have further details of the EAPR Triennial Conference which, due to COVID, has been delayed for the past 2 years. It will now take place this summer (4th-8th July 2022) in Kraków, Poland.

The past 2 years have also seen little activity with regard to Section meetings, but plans are now being made and we hope that these meetings will resume again soon.

We have a number of nominees for new Section heads and also for Councillors, as members in some of our current positions are reaching the end of their period in office. You will have the chance to vote people into these positions (see page 8) and for the next President Elect (and place of the 2027 Triennial) at the General Assembly meeting, and there is still time to apply yourself.

As we promised last year for the Triennial and Section meetings, we have put money aside to help students with their fees so look out for this information when you register.

Finally, we hope you are all keeping strong during the extraordinary 2 years we have had, and we look forward to the chance to get together in person.

Please don't forget to pay your membership fees (it's easy with our new online system!) and remember to visit our website and follow us on Twitter for further updates. If you have anything you would like us to consider for inclusion in future newsletters please get in touch with our secretary at:

Email: chatot.catherine@gmail.com

Image: Kraków, Poland from Pixabay.



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21ST EAPR TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

We are working on updating our fantastic conference program to bring together potato specialists from across the world. Abstract submission is open and the authors can also update their previously submitted abstracts. The conference aims to cover all potato-related topics including fundamental and applied research, breeding, extension services and technology transfer, technical and economic production issues, storage and processing.

During the 5-day conference in EXPO Kraków we will have 11 Keynote Lectures, 16 parallel sessions and a chance to experience all the attractions of Kraków. During your stay in the most popular city of Polish Kings, we ensure that you will not only be astonished by the cultural background of Kraków and the number of places there are to visit, but also the opportunities you will have to taste a vast amount of delicious Polish cuisine!

Remember the key dates (below)!

Image: Left—Kraków, Poland. Right—President of EAPR Jadwiga Śliwka

Visit our webpage for more information:

www.eapr2020.pl/gb/home.html

Follow us on Twitter: @eapr2020

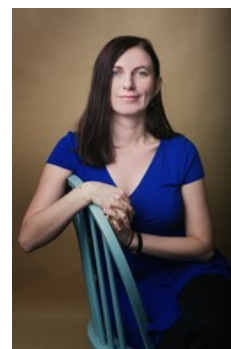
Any questions? Contact Conference Secretariat!



www.eapr2020@targi.krakow.pl

Looking forward to seeing you in Kraków!

Jadwiga Śliwka, (President of EAPR)



“The 21st EAPR Triennial Conference will be held in Kraków, Poland on 4th—8th July 2022”

POTATO CONFERENCES

World Potato Congress will now take place 30th May – 2nd June 2022 in Dublin, Ireland.

The event will also host the Europatat Congress, 29th–30th May 2022, which is the annual congress of the European Association of the Potato Trade.

www.wpc2022ireland.com

KEY DATES FOR EAPR TRIENNIAL

<u>Abstracts</u>	10th April 2022
<u>Registration</u>	
Early	before 1st April 2022
Regular	before 10th April 2022
Student support	before 10th April 2022

For more information visit the conference website:

www.eapr2020.pl/gb/registration-and-abstracts.html



BECOME AN EAPR COUNCILLOR

According to the EAPR Constitution and Bye-Laws, new Councillors are required for election at the next Triennial Conference in Kraków, July 2022. We invite each member interested in participating in Council activities to declare his/her intention before the **end of March 2022** by sending a motivation letter with CV, including his/her activities in the field of potato research, to our secretary Catherine Chatot. A number of you have already expressed an interest.

EAPR members interested in becoming Councillors are welcome to discuss with us the work carried out within the Council. Any ideas for future Council discussions are always welcome to ensure we remain as relevant to our members as possible, with a desire to progress and develop in Europe and the world!

Thank you for sending your letter and CV in due course to our secretary Catherine Chatot.

Email: chatot.catherine@gmail.com

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EAPR STUDENT SUPPORT

We are happy to announce that the EAPR will financially support 10 PhD students to attend the 21st Triennial Conference EAPR2022.

The support will not exceed 800 EUR and will reimburse registration fee, and travel and accommodation costs.

Application deadline is 10th April 2022.

To apply:

Submit an abstract for a poster or an oral presentation through the application system.

Write an application e-mail in 250 words describing why you are applying, attach a short CV and a proof of your PhD status and send it to:

Email: eapr2020@targi.krakow.pl

Only the abstracts accepted by the Scientific Committee will be considered. The Evaluation Committee will select 10 applications on the basis of scientific excellence with a preference for students from countries with low GDP per capita.

Recipients of the EAPR support will be required to write a short report about their participation in the EAPR2022 conference by 31st July 2022. Expenses will be reimbursed after the Conference on the basis of the report, proof of payment and invoices.

Apply now!

www.eapr2020.pl/gb/eapr-student-support.html

Image: Potato dish from Pixabay.

2022 EAPR COUNCIL MEETING

The EAPR Council meeting took place online on 20th January 2022.

After passing the minutes, the meeting began with a detailed discussion on a draft of the new bylaws needed for associations to function within Belgium (the current home of the EAPR). Kürt (our Vice President) has put considerable effort into this and is now at a stage where it can go to lawyers for finalisation. Part of the bylaws includes more regular meetings with the General Assembly of the EAPR, which will be discussed at the next General Assembly meeting.

Membership is stable at around 200 people, and our finances are looking healthy despite the pandemic - allowing us to support applications from students to attend the Triennial.

Our journal Potato Research is going from strength to strength. The 2021 volume is our largest to date, while the IF has increased to a very respectable 2.07! John Bradshaw, who has acted as Co-ordination Editor for many years, has recently retired from the journal and the Council thanked him for this dedicated

service. This means we are now looking to fill this position so, if you are keen to take part, please get in touch with Paul Struik, our Editor-in-Chief (see page 6).

Section meetings have sadly been on hold during the pandemic but there are now some plans to hold these meetings in the future. At the same time, nominees for the Section leads will be ratified at the General Assembly meeting, together with new comuncillors and the future President Elect, so come and join us and have your say. For more on this see page 8.

Finally, the Triennial in Kraków was discussed and we are very excited that it is to go ahead in person. Also, plans for the next Triennial in Norway in 2024 are already underway!

Images: Below — EAPR online Councilors meeting 2021 [left to right: Top - Vincent César, Ilze Skrabule, Håvard Eikemo (President-Elect), Catherine Chatot, Ian Toth, Thilo Hammann, Zsolt Polgar; Jadwiga Śliwka (President), Kürt Demeulemeester (Vice-President) and Paul Struik (Editor-in-Chief Potato Research). Opposite—image from Pixabay.



SECTION MEETINGS UPDATE

Breeding and Varietal Assessment: Due to the pandemic all Section meetings have been on hold. However, the Breeding and Varietal Assessment Section, which has suffered 2 years of delays, is now planned to take place with the EUCARPIA Potatoes meeting in summer 2023 in the beautiful city of Nigde in Turkey. Nigde is a historical city located in the Cappadocia region of Central Anatolia, and hosts many historical monuments and natural attractions. The province is also the centre of potato production in Turkey.

Please visit our website (www.eapr.net) for information on this and other Section meetings as we find out more.

In addition to meetings taking place, we have some changes to Section leads, who will seek approval at the General Assembly meeting.



UPDATING THE EAPR BYELAWS

We are preparing to update the byelaws of EAPR. EAPR is an international association with its siege located in Belgium and must follow Belgian law on associations. The legislation on Associations was updated in 2019 (Belgian companies and associations Code of March 23, 2019), so all associations in Belgium need to update their byelaws by 2024 to meet the new law. Within the new legislation, rules are stricter and associations are treated more like companies.

An important consideration for EAPR is that we should have a General Assembly every year and that the budget and balance should be approved annually. Until now EAPR has its General Assembly every 3 years during the Triennial conference. The option to hold an online General Assembly will be incorporated into the new statutes, to enable us to comply with the legal provisions. As soon as an approved draft by the Council is available, it will be submitted to the General Assembly for a vote.

Kürt Demeulemeester (Vice President)



IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

We are still looking for bids to organise for the 23rd Triennial Conference of the EAPR, 2027. We hope that you will consider this opportunity and send your proposals to President Jadwiga Śliwka by the **end of March 2022**.

Proposals should contain:
Declaration of intention;
Name of the proposed President Elect / chief conference organiser; Curriculum vitae.

We await your responses!

Email: j.sliwka@ihar.edu.pl

Image: Above and opposite - Views from Nigde, Turkey. Credits - Catman.

POTATO RESEARCH

2021 was a very successful year for the journal, with 143 papers submitted, 45 accepted and with others still out for review. The 2021 volume is our biggest yet with 43 paper, 774 pages and 27 papers on line not yet assigned to an issue. What's more, our impact factor has increased to 2.07!

We are an international journal, this year having receiving manuscripts from 23 countries, including Europe (15), Africa (5), Asia (19) and South America (4).

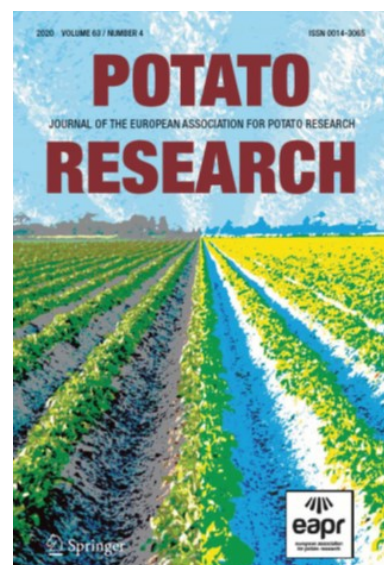
Our editor John Bradshaw has decided to step down after many years of pleasant and productive interactions with the journal and we are now looking for a successor. If you would like to be considered, please contact Paul on the email address below.

Please also keep submitting your papers to Potato Research!

On behalf of the team of editors, we hope you enjoy the read.

Paul C. Struik (Editor-in-Chief)

Email: paul.struik@wur.nl



“Potato Research has had its biggest volume yet and its impact factor has increased to 2.07!”

POTATOES IN LATVIA

The potato production area in Latvia is about 18 thousand hectares (2020), which provides 95% of the country's potato consumption. The country is proud of two potato processing companies: Aloja Starkelsen is the largest potato starch producer in the Baltic states, and one of the largest organic potato starch producers globally. Plant Adazu Cipši produces chips and other salty snacks from potatoes, which are distributed both in Latvia and elsewhere.

New potato varieties have been devel-

oped in Latvia for more than 100 years at the Institute of Agricultural Resources and Economics in Priekuli.

Potato dishes are very popular among the Latvian population, where escaping potatoes (who would want to?) is simply not possible!

For a fantastically original Latvian potato advertisement visit:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHnAml9OtAo

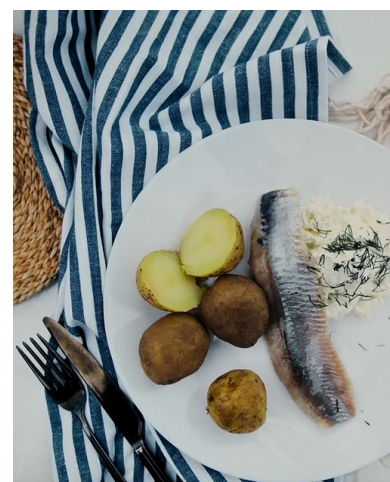


Image: Screenshot from the video—Discover a new taste for the local (Magnetic Latvia, Latvia Travel).

SPRINGER'S *IN REVIEW*

Springer Nature is pleased to have the support of the EAPR to introduce *In Review* to *Potato Research*. *In Review* is a free preprint service from [Research Square](https://www.researchsquare.com):

www.researchsquare.com

This is developed in partnership with Springer Nature, providing journal-integrated preprint sharing and transparency into the peer review process for authors.

Currently available on more than 490 Springer Nature journals, the service has been enthusiastically received by many authors to date. Authors submitting to *Potato Research* will have the choice of submitting their preprint to *In Review* automatically and simultaneously when submitting their manuscript to the journal. The service allows authors to showcase their work to funders and others with a citable preprint while it is under review, indicate the quality control screening undertaken on their work, engage the wider community in discussion to improve their article, and benefit from early sharing, such as more collaboration opportunities and earlier citations.

For every journal on *In Review*, we set up a browser page, like this one:

www.researchsquare.com/browse/journal/scientific-reports

where readers are able to view all the preprints currently under consideration at the journal. The development team at Springer Nature is already working on adding *In Review* to *Potato Research*, so please be sure to keep an eye out for the dedicated *In Review* page for the journal soon!

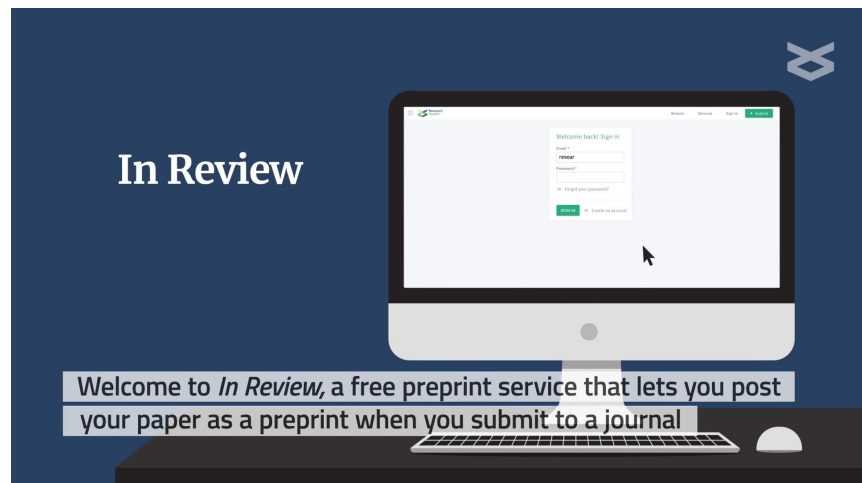


Image: Left—Potatoes from Pixabay. Above—*In Review* from Springer.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The EAPR General Assembly will this year take place at or around the Triennial Conference taking place in Krakow, Poland on 4th-8th July 2022. During the meeting, you will have the chance to vote for the current nominees to a number of different positions.

Section meeting leads:

Breeding and Varietal Assessment: Domenico Caputo, University of Naples Federico II, Portici, Italy.

Agronomy and Physiology: Idit Ginzberg, Volcani Institute, Rishon LeZion, Israel.

Pathology and Pests: Alison Lees, James Hutton Institute, Dundee, UK.

Virology: Roberto Miglino, HZPC Research BV, Melle, The Netherlands.

Post Harvest: Michel Martin, ARVALIS—Institut du végétal, Estrées Mons, France.

EAPR Councillors:

Alison Lees, James Hutton Institute, UK.

Corné Kempenaar, Wageningen Plant Research, the Netherlands.

Jarosław Przetakiewicz, Plant Breeding and Acclimatization Institute, National Research Institute (IHAR-PIB), Poland.

Jean-Eric Chauvin, Agronomist (INRAE), France.

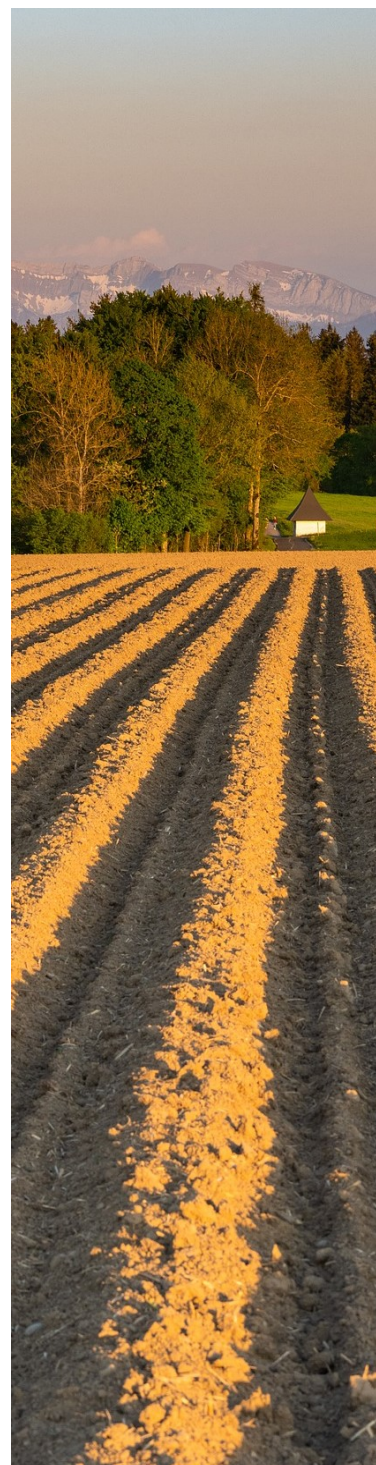
President Elect:

Ian Toth, James Hutton Institute, UK.

Remember it's not too late to nominate yourself for any of these positions and you have until the end of March 2022 to do so by sending a letter of intent and CV to our secretary Catherine Chatot (for section leads and Councillors) or Jadwiga Sliwka (for President Elect).

Email: chatot.catherine@gmail.com / j.sliwka@ihar.edu.pl

Image: Potato field from Pixabay



“Come along to the General Assembly and vote for EAPR Councillors, Sector leads and President Elect or why not put in an application yourself?”

POTATO NEWS

PSTV found in potential trap crop

Potato spindle tuber viroid has been detected by Fera Science Ltd in *Solanum sisymbriifolium* seed in trade. The plant is used as a trap crop to control PCN and may therefore offer the potential for transmission of the virus to potato. The work is reported in New Disease Reports.

Read more at :

www.planthealthcentre.scot/news

MEMBERSHIP—JOIN NOW!

Memberships for 2022 are now due. The Association has three membership categories: Ordinary, Sustaining and Honorary membership. Although membership is open to both European and non-European individuals or organisations, only Europeans can hold official office, such as membership of the EAPR-Council. At present the Association has 200 members, including 177 Ordinary, 14 Sustaining and 9 Honorary members. Membership is drawn from many countries across five continents.

For more information on membership and to renew or join using our new easy-to-use electronic system visit:

www.eapr.net/membership



“Potato spindle tuber viroid detected in Solanum sisymbriifolium seed in trade”

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