

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

December 2012

Dear members,

The first Council meeting after the Oulu Conference was held in January 2012 at the ISHS (International Society of Horticultural Sciences) Office in Leuven (Belgium). A new operational team for our association was set up to ensure its development and sustainability.

The composition of the Council for the period 2011-2014 is as follow:

- Dr. Jean-Pierre Goffart (President), goffart@cra.wallonie.be
- Dr. Mike Storey (Vice-President), mike.storey@potato.ahdb.org.uk
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- Prof. Dr. Ir. Paul C. Struik (Non-executive Councillor / Editor-in-Chief Potato Research), paul.struik@wur.nl

During the January Council meeting, many topics were discussed in order to promote the association internationally and reinvigorate its activities. The progress of the different initiatives will be considered again during our next meeting in January 2013.

These topics are: communication to members and exchange between members (newsletter renewal and management, website re-structuring and management, information leaflet), the mission and role of country representatives, membership increase, cooperation with PAA, scientific cooperation (sharing information on potato research and the views of EAPR regarding the development and exploitation of potato science in an international context).

Finally, a very important matter is that Potato Research, the Journal of our association, has received an Impact Factor!

Indeed this is very good news we have been awaiting for a long time! Thanks to Paul Struik for his unrelenting efforts to reach such a good result !

Please consider that each Council member remains at your disposal for any questions or suggestions you may have about our association. Also do not hesitate to contact your country representative directly who will pass your questions and suggestions to the Council.

On behalf of the EAPR Council,
Jean-Pierre Goffart and Michel Martin
President and President elect

EAPR Section's Meetings in 2013

The different sections of the EAPR organize specialized meetings during the period between the Triennial Conferences of the Association. So while we wait for the Belgian Triennial conference in Brussels in 2014, a number of section meetings will be held in 2013. An overview of these is presented below. More details will be provided to members through specific websites. All these forthcoming meetings will provide many opportunities to exchange and find synergies between the European teams engaged in similar works. Current available information on 2013 Section's meetings are as follow:

- **Section Agronomy and Physiology:** - Second international symposium on agronomy and physiology of potato (Potato Agrophysiology 2013) as an event of joint sections of the EAPR – Agronomy & Physiology: September 15-19, 2013 in Prague (Czech Republic), Organizing Committee chaired by Jaroslav Čepl (<http://www.potato-agrophysiology2013.eu/>) - Submissions deadline is February 15, 2013.

- **Section Breeding and Varietal assessment:** - 17th joint meeting of EAPR Breeding and Varietal Assessment Section and EUCARPIA Section Potato in Hévíz (Hungary), June 30 – July 4, 2013. Contact : Zsolt Polgár (polg-zs@georgikon.hu) – Topic : “*The challenges of improving both quality and resistance to biotic and abiotic stresses in potato*” - Submissions deadline is February 17, 2013.

- **Section Post Harvest:** October 22-24, 2013 in Warsaw (Poland), contacts Adrian Cunnington (adrian.cunnington@potato.ahdb.org.uk) and Romke Wustman (Romke.Wustman@wur.nl)

- **Section Pathology:** November 17-21, 2013 in Jerusalem (Israel), Organizing Committee chaired by Dr. Leah Tsrur (tsror@agri.gov.il) – Topic : “*Climate Change / Global Warming – Effects on Diseases and Pests*”.

- **Section Pathology:** May 31 2013 in Antalya- (Turkey), Organizing Committee chaired by Dr. Gülşen SERTKAYA (gsertkaya@mku.edu.tr)

Please stay tuned for further detailed information on the 2013 Section's meetings available on our website www.eapr.net

19th EAPR Conference : “**EAPR 2014 in BRUSSELS (Belgium)**” www.eapr2014.be

The Organizing Committee of the EAPR Congress in 2014 is pleased to announce the launch of its website for the 19th Triennial Conference: www.eapr2014.be . Do not hesitate to visit it and find the first information on this conference that will be held in Brussels (Belgium) from 6 to 11 July 2014 . The venue is the “Crowne Plaza Hotel”, near the city centre, which offers a large range of facilities for the conference as well as for the participants (www.crowneplazabrussels.be). Please wait for available information on the Conference Website for accommodation (special rates) !

The core team of the organizing committee is: Jean-Pierre Goffart (goffart@cra.wallonie.be / EAPR President), Marc Goeminne (marc.goeminne@proefcentrum-kruishoutem.be / EAPR Country Representative for Belgium), Kürt Demeulemeester (kurt.demeulemeester@inagro.be / EAPR Treasurer) and Jean-Louis Rolot (rolot@cra.wallonie.be / EAPR member) and also Pierre Lebrun (pierre.lebrun@fiwap.be / EAPR member) . Other members of the Organizing Committee are detailed on the Conference website, as well as the provisional Scientific Committee composition and the scientific topics of the Conference.

The conference will benefit from the support of the Belgian potato Industry but private sponsorship is also welcomed: contact the organizers (see the dedicated webpages for detailed sponsorship conditions <http://www.eapr2014.be/category/sponsors>).

Please also note that there will be no clash in 2014 between our Triennial Conference and the 2014 PAA Annual Conference which will be held from 3 to 8 August 2014.

Proposals for EAPR 2020 Triennial Conference

Since 2008, the EAPR Constitution includes in the Council, as President elect, the organizer of the Triennial Conference in six years' time. This was done in Oulu last year for France, which will prepare the 20th Conference of 2017.

In order to anticipate discussions on the choice of the location for the 21st Triennial Conference in 2020 during the next General Assembly of our association in Brussels, the Council invites Country Representatives to look at the possibility of a proposal from their countries, and to send any proposals to the President of EAPR. A first consideration of this will occur during the next Council meeting in mid-January 2013.

Very important news from Paul Struik, the Editor in Chief of Potato Research and Springer

Potato Research has received an Impact Factor!

Potato Research receives its first Impact Factor since the journal is published by Springer. The first Impact Factor was 0.737 (2011, Journal Citation Reports®, Thomson Reuters). This is the good news we have been awaiting for a long time. Our next goal is to increase the Impact Factor further.

This means that 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

Why not submit your next paper to your society journal? Online submission is at:

<http://www.editorialmanager.com/potr>

For further information about the journal, take a look at the journal page: www.springer.com/11540

And don't forget – as a benefit of membership, you not only have online access to Potato Research, and to the American Journal of Potato Research and Euphytica, but you can also order English-language books from Springer at a discount of 20%!

<http://www.springer.com/eapr?token=Be9DeX3w72K7Rsq>

Promoting the EAPR

The organization of the specific meetings and conferences of EAPR and the publication of our journal "Potato Research", for which the new benefit of an impact factor will surely contribute to wider recognition by the scientific community, are the major actions carried out to make our association better known. In order to increase membership and to attract new specialists involved in the selection, production and use of potatoes, the council encourages any action promoting the EAPR during specialized potato events all around the world.

Such promotion of the EAPR was done during the last PotatoEurope event held in September 2012 in France by presenting posters about the EAPR

(<http://www.potatoeurope.com/fileadmin/downloads/2012/Poster/pole3/eapr.pdf>).

These posters were translated into French but were also shown in English for international visitors. Corresponding leaflets were distributed to visitors. The basic text of this poster is at your disposal by contacting S. Duvauchelle (duvauchelleserge@gmail.com) if you want to translate it into your language to promote the EAPR at any suitable occasion. The leaflet (PDF Format in English) is also available on our website.

Membership application and renewal : **Renew before 31th December 2012 !!!**

Please remember to renew your EAPR membership before the end of this year to keep the multiple benefits you have (see below)!! You can renew your 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.

Renewal by bank transfer remains possible. In this case, please contact our Treasurer, Kürt Demeulemeester, to get information on how to do this (kurt.demeulemeester@inagro.be).

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 the EAPR and paying the annual subscription (60 Euro) offers multiple benefits:

- Online access to Potato Research, Euphytica and the 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
- You can also order English-language books from Springer at a discount of 20%!
<http://www.springer.com/eapr?token=Be9DeX3w72K7Rsg>

Do not hesitate to contact your EAPR country representative !

You are still 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. Discussions of the role of Country representatives are going on and will be defined during the next Council meeting in mid-January 2013.

EAPR Council will meet in Belgium in January 17-18, 2013

The next Council meeting is scheduled for January 17-18, 2013. The meeting will be held in Leuven (Belgium) and will be hosted again by the ISHS (International Society of Horticultural Sciences) Office. Please feel free to bring matters to the attention of the Council before January 14, by contacting any of the Council members (see list on homepage <http://www.eapr.net/organization/>)



The EAPR Council for the period 2011-2014 (Council meeting January 2012, ISHS Office, Leuven, Belgium)

From left to right:

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The EAPR Council members wish you
Best Seasonal Greetings and
a Happy New Year for 2013