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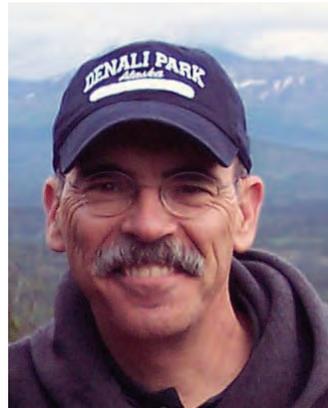
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From the President's Desk...

One of the most important functions of the Society of Nematologists is publishing the Journal of Nematology. Nancy Burelle conducted a survey of the membership regarding the journal, and the results showed that members overwhelmingly wanted us to keep publishing JON, but that it should go online and stop having page charges. We are all aware that the Journal needed major changes to remain viable and at the Society Business meeting in Corvallis it was decided to pursue options for a sustainable electronic journal. An ad-hoc committee consisting of Nancy Burelle, Richard Davis, David Shapiro, Brent Sipes, Inga Zasada, Kris Lambert, Parwinder Grewal and myself evaluated a number of alternatives for online submission and publication of the Journal of Nematology. Our goals were to: 1) publish the Journal electronically; 2) identify a suitable peer tracking system to speed submission, review and correspondence; and 3) eliminate page charges for members to encourage submission of a larger number of papers that would then allow us to publish issues on a timely basis. The entire committee put a lot of time into this. David, Inga, and Nancy in particular deserve a tremendous amount of credit for investigating options and actually evaluating systems.

After all of this fact-finding, our committee has agreed that the best option is a combination of the digital Journal published through Sheriden using Allen Press for the peer tracking system. Our current costs (2010, costs for 2011 are not yet available) for printing and shipping the Journal (2010 issues) were \$14,500 for typesetting, \$16,600 for printing, and \$4,500 for shipping for a total cost of about \$35,600. On the income side in 2010 we brought in about \$27,000 from subscriptions, and \$23,000 from page charges. **(total cost = \$35,600; total income = \$50,000)**

The digital Journal published through Sheriden using Allen Press for the peer tracking system will cost us \$14,500 for typesetting, \$6,700 for printing from



the digital version only for library subscriptions and \$1,500 for library shipping, and \$3,500 per year for peer tracking for 100 manuscripts per year for a total cost of about \$26,200. We will only print 200 copies of JON

to be provided and mailed to subscribing libraries. All members will have access to an electronic version. No members will receive a hard copy of the Journal unless they request and pay for it. That cost has not yet been determined, but that did not seem to be an issue with most members. On the income side for the new system, we would still bring in approximately \$27,000 from subscriptions, and perhaps a small amount from nonmember page charges. Meeting abstract costs have been credited to the local arrangements committee in the past to cover printing in the program. We may need to raise and/or somehow split abstract costs in the future to cover some of the cost of publishing them in the Journal. **(total cost = \$26,200; total income = \$27,000 - without page charges for members)**

We meet our goals of an online journal, a streamlined electronic peer tracking system, approval of the JON EIC, and eliminating page charges for members. The Journal of Nematology will continue to be hosted by the UFL site and PubMed for now. We will have options in the future to add services to host the journal at Allen Press with additional features, but we do not need to decide on that at this time.

Our new Editor-in-Chief Nancy Burelle is making great progress in getting the Journal back on track. She has a number of new submissions and is already

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A Request from the SON Treasurer

We experienced a problem with the company that interfaces our website with our credit card processing company. When some members placed an order on the SON website or renewed membership, the member received a confirmation of payment, but the member's credit card information was never transferred to our credit card processing company for actual payment; **therefore the member's credit card was never charged.** We cannot go back and re-process these payments because once the member received a confirmation email the interface company deleted the credit card information from the system to assure security. This was a problem experienced with the interface company and was not an issue with our new website or our SON business office. **There is no security risk with this problem.**

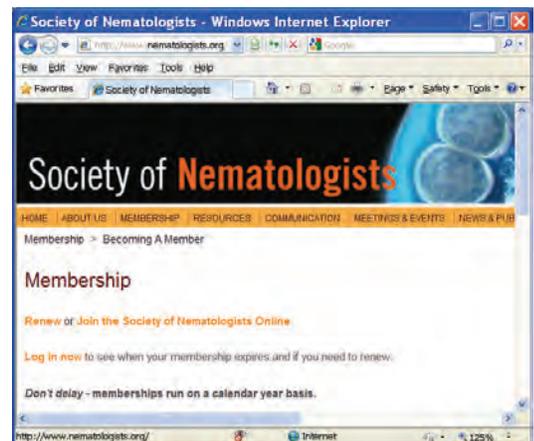
If you have received an email or two from me in the past couple of months requesting that you resubmit payment to the SON website for purchases or membership dues please take a few moments and resubmit payment. **Even if the SON website says you are paid through 2012 this may not be true; check your bank/credit card statements to confirm that you were not charged and please resubmit payment.** You can pay online (<http://www.nematologists.org/>) or send a completed invoice form (also found on the SON website) to the SON business office.

We thank you in advance for your patience and we apologize for the inconvenience. SON has made many changes in the last year to try to better serve the membership. Unfortunately we cannot control third-party performance and sometimes run into problems. As you know, the Society is run on a volunteer basis and we do our best to serve our membership.

If you were an affected member and have already taken care of this issue THANK YOU!! If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Inga Zasada
Treasurer

Society of Nematologists
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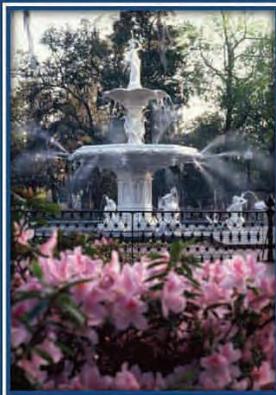
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working on the first issue of volume 44 for 2012. The first issue of 2011 (43:1) is out and issue 43:2 is currently in press. Kris Lambert is finalizing the combined 43:3 and 4 issue and once that is complete we will publish the first issue for 2012 online. We are already working with Allen Press to set up our up electronic peer-tracking submission system and will soon be transitioning to a completely electronic submission and publication of The Journal of Nematology. EIC Nancy Burelle is requesting either volunteers or suggestions of names of qualified people willing to serve the Society either as Senior Editors or as reviewers.

We can all be encouraged that the Journal of Nematology will soon be up-to-date. Please be patient as these changes take place, but also do your part and give us your constructive feedback and suggestions. One very important means of supporting the Society is publishing your research in the Journal of Nematology.

I encourage you all to support the Society of Nematologists as a volunteer, by attending this year's meeting in Savannah Georgia, or by letting us know what we can do to make the Society a little bit better. I look forward to hearing from you. You can contact me by phone at 860-683-4982 or by email at James.LaMondia@ct.gov

Society of Nematologists 51st Annual Meeting
Savannah, Georgia
August 12th – 15th



Savannah Marriott Riverfront Hotel

Single occupancy: \$106 Double occupancy: \$139

Additional person: \$20

For reservations call: 912-233-772 or 800-285-0398
 Ask for **SON Meeting**

Online reservations:
 Group code: **SONSONA**

Deadline for group rate: July 21, 2012
Or until room block is filled

Abstracts

Deadline
April 30, 2012

Fee \$35 at the time of submission

Oral presentations: 12 min + 3 min for questions

Length of Symposia presentations vary

Posters: maximum 115 cm high x 115 cm wide

Registration

Early (before May 31)

Member.....	\$560
Student member.....	\$335
Non-member.....	\$660
Student non-member..	\$385
Accompanying person	\$275

Registration includes buffet breakfast Mon. - Wed.

Banquet ticket.....	\$40
Tour (post meeting).....	TBD

Registration

Late (June 1 or later)

Member.....	\$660
Student member.....	\$385
Non-member.....	\$760
Student non-member..	\$435
Accompanying person	\$325

The tour on August 16 will visit the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens at the Historic Bamboo Farm and possibly an historic cruise on the Savannah River.

Volunteers are needed for registration (companions or students). We will offer a free banquet ticket for working at least 2 hours and up to 4 hours. Help will be needed between Sunday 1 pm and Monday 1 pm).

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Call for Officer Nominations

This is the time to make your nominations for the 2012 elections for the offices of Secretary and Vice President of the Society of Nematologists, and for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer of the N. A. Cobb Nematology Foundation.

Descriptions of the responsibilities of SON officers can be found at <http://www.nematologists.org> (you must log in, select the "My Account" tab, and then select "Operations Manual" link). Descriptions of the responsibilities of the N. A. Cobb Nematology Foundation officers can be found in the Foundation's bylaws (<http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/societies/nacobb/bylaws.shtml>).

The SON constitution states that the individual receiving the most nominations for an office will automatically be placed on the final ballot. The

Nominations must be received on or before April 2, 2012

second candidate for the final ballot is selected by the Executive Board from the next five most frequently-nominated individuals.

All members of SON are automatically members of the N. A. Cobb Nematology Foundation and are entitled to vote on matters regarding the Foundation. However, SON and the N. A. Cobb Nematology Foundation are each independent organizations with separate governance.

The deadline for receipt of all nominations is Monday, April 2, 2012. **Please ensure in advance that your nominee agrees to run for election.**

Richard F. Davis
Secretary
Society of Nematologists

Society of Nematologists:

Nominations for SON officers should be sent to the SON Secretary, Richard Davis, at Richard.Davis@ars.usda.gov.

N. A. Cobb Nematology Foundation:

Nominations for N. A. Cobb Foundation officers should be sent to the N. A. Cobb Foundation Secretary, Paula Agudelo, at pagudel@clermson.edu.

Call for Manuscripts

A special focus issue for the journal Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions on nematode-plant/insect-plant interactions will be published in November 2012. The deadline for manuscripts will be May 21, 2012. If you are interested in contributing

to this special issue, refer to the website for MPMI (<http://apsjournals.apsnet.org/loi/mpmi>) or contact Associate Editor Melissa Mitchum (goellnerm@missouri.edu; (573) 882-6152) for additional information.

2nd International Symposium on Nematodes as Environmental Bioindicators

May we kindly remind you that the deadline for abstract submission to the 2nd International Symposium on Nematodes as Environmental Bioindicators is the end of March 2012.

The Symposium will take place in Ghent University, Belgium, on 5-6 July 2012 and we are now delighted that we have the following keynote speakers:

Prof. Phillip Williams, University of Georgia, USA

Dr. Sebastian Höss, ECOSSA, Germany

Prof. J (Hans) Helder, Wageningen University, The Netherlands

Prof. Deborah Neher, University of Vermont, USA

For information on registration, abstract submission, and accommodations please visit the following links:

<http://www.2isneb.ugent.be/>

<http://www.aab.org.uk/contentok.php?id=130&basket=wwsshowconfdets>

On behalf of the Organizing Committee of 2ISNEB

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International Nematode Identification Course

The International Nematode Identification Course will take place between the 9th and the 20th of July 2012, at Wageningen University in the Netherlands. The course focuses on the morphological identification of freshwater and terrestrial nematodes and is of interest to nematologists, zoologists, ecologists and environmental scientists. Places are still available.

If you are interested in this course, but unable to attend it during the summer period, please let us know. It is worth and relevant to mention that, just prior to this course (July 5 - 6), the 2nd International Symposium on Nematodes as Environmental Bioindicators is going to be held in Ghent

University, Belgium. For more information on the International Nematode Identification Course and on the Symposium please visit the following sites:

<http://www.nem.wur.nl/UK/education/>

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<http://www.2isneb.ugent.be/>

Submitted by
Tom Bongers
Wageningen University
Netherlands

Call for Award Nominations for 2012



The SON recognizes individuals for scientific excellence and contributions to the science of nematology through several awards. A member of the society may nominate one candidate per year for each award. It is important that nominations provide a critical analysis of the nominee's contributions. The Honors and Awards Committee encourages members of the Society to actively seek candidates with outstanding records and nominate them for an appropriate award for the year of 2012. One or more candidates are chosen for each award.

Honorary Member Award is the highest honor bestowed by the Society. It is awarded for meritorious and superlative contributions to the science of nematology. The number of living persons in this category should not exceed 2% of the regular and emeritus membership and the award is limited to one person per year.

Fellow of the Society is granted by the Society to a member in recognition of distinguished contributions to the science of nematology. No more than 0.4% of the living membership may be elected Fellow in any given year. This honor is bestowed upon a member who has excelled in areas of significant research, teaching, extension, administration, or through contributions in service to the Society of Nematologists or the science of nematology above and beyond that of most of its members.

The Syngenta Crop Protection Award is presented by Syngenta, Greensboro, NC, to a person who has made contributions in nematology, not previously recognized, which has led to significant advancement in agriculture. The contributions should have been made within the last 5 years and the nominee should be within 15 years of receiving a Ph.D. degree at the time of the award.

To ensure that duplicate nominations are not made or if you need further information, contact Billy Crow, Chair, SON Honors and Awards Committee at wtcrc@ufl.edu or 352-273-3941.

Nomination Instructions:

The nomination packet must be submitted by May 31, 2012.

Any member of the Society may submit nominations and the nomination process is performed in confidence.

Each nomination packet should include the following:

1. Statement.

This should include the nominee's name, educational background, current and previous positions, and contributions to nematology and agriculture in the scope of the particular award. The statement must also explain and document the significance of these contributions. Each statement must be double-spaced and no more than 4 pages long.

2. List of publications.

A listing of publications separated if possible into the following categories: a) peer-reviewed journal publications, b) book chapters or reviews, and c) other publications such as bulletins, laboratory manuals, extension publications, etc. The publication list must be single-spaced.

3. Letters of endorsement.

Besides a cover letter, each nomination should also include two letter of endorsement. The letters should be addressed to Billy Crow, Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee.

Electronic submissions are preferred. Send Word, WordPerfect, or PDF documents to Billy Crow at wtcrc@ufl.edu.

**Nominations must be
received by May 31, 2012.**

News from Auburn, AL

Scott Moore will be completing his Ph.D. at Auburn University this summer semester under the direction of Dr. Kathy Lawrence. In January, he was recognized by the Alabama Cotton Commission for his research. He has just accepted a position with Syngenta as a Research and Development field scientist. He will be located in northern Louisiana.



Scott Moore (left) is congratulated by **Walt Cochran (right)** from the Alabama Cotton Commission for winning the graduate student award.

News from St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec

In May 2011, **Benjamin Mimee** was hired by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec as a research scientist in nematology. Benjamin grew up in Mont-St-Hilaire, QC before moving to Quebec City for his post-secondary education at Laval University. He completed his bachelor's degree in Microbiology in 2002 and received a Ph.D. in Plant Pathology in 2008. During his graduate studies, he devoted himself to research on biological control and the fungus *Pseudozyma flocculosa*. Then, he conducted research on alternative control methods, soil microbiology and the development of molecular biology tools in plant pathology as a post-doctoral fellow at the Horticulture Research

Center in Quebec City. The golden cyst nematode *Globodera rostochiensis* was found in Quebec in 2006 and his research efforts will focus on potato cyst nematodes (PCN). One of his research projects will be the study of molecular mechanisms involved in the hatching of PCN after exposure to potato root exudates by measuring gene expression (RNA-Seq). Ultimately, this knowledge could generate a new approach for controlling PCN by artificially stimulating hatching without the use of complex exudates. Also, Benjamin was asked to lead the molecular biology laboratory for the research center. Phone number: 450-515-2136; e-mail:

benjamin.mimee@agr.gc.ca

From September 2011 to January 2012, **Annie-Christine Boucher** was in Dr Eric Grenier's lab INRA, Rennes, France, as a part of her master's degree on the study of the genetics of *G. rostochiensis* populations from Quebec. Molecular tools such as microsatellites were developed and successfully used to characterize the genetics and provenances of various *G. rostochiensis* populations from North America and Europe. Phone number: 450-515-2083; e-mail: anniechristine.boucher@agr.gc.ca



Benjamin Mimee (left) and **Annie-Christine Boucher (right)** are contributing to our understanding of the potato cyst nematode.

In Memoriam

Jan van Bezooijen

On Tuesday 17 January 2012 Jan van Bezooijen passed away. Within the chair group Nematology we are sad to lose a man with a remarkable personality, a highly appreciated colleague with a warm and vibrant personality. Jan devoted his whole career to nematological research and education. He started as a technician in 1960 and he developed himself as an independent scientific researcher who always sought practical applications for scientific knowledge. Through his extraordinary capacity to pass on knowledge he fulfilled a prominent role in the nematological community. Also because of this capacity, the Queen of The Netherlands awarded him a medal of honour.

Teaching was his passion, and even after his retirement in 2001, he trained numerous students during the many practical courses nematology in Wageningen and at many other places all over the world. During the 50 years that he was connected to our chair group he

inspired hundreds of students for the small world of the microscopic worms. In South Africa, one of the last conferences Jan attended, he concluded with satisfaction that most delegates participated in one of his courses. These people will undoubtedly remember Jan as the inspiring expert lecturer with the 'nematode-fishing' needle behind his ear. That was typically Jan, always busy with students and always ready to help someone else.

Jan was the person you visited for small talk or to relieve one's feelings. On these occasions he served you freshly brewed coffee and he always cheered you up. After a day of hard work stress was relieved by working in his vegetable garden or in one of the orchards that surrounded the village he lived in. Jan was nematology, he had an open heart for everyone, he loved people, and we will miss a person always looking at the bright side of life. We wish his wife Aaltje, his children and everyone that has been in close contact with him the strength to get over this loss.

Prepared by Lisette Groeneveld-Vervloed

Postdoctoral Position Available

Use genomics approaches to determine interspecific and intraspecific variability in entomopathogenic nematodes, to explore the relationship between biodiversity and pest suppression in sustainable farming systems (e.g., Science 321:1488-1490; Nature 466:109-112). Applicants are expected to have outstanding molecular biology skills and experience in analyzing large-scale next-generation sequencing data sets; experience with entomology or nematology is not required. The holder

of this exciting position will provide genomics data to complement large-scale, ecological field experiments, as one part of an interdisciplinary team. Start date is flexible, but ideally by summer 2012. Submit CV and cover letter to Bill Snyder, Department of Entomology, Washington State University, wesnyder@wsu.edu, or Axel Eling, Department of Plant Pathology, elling@wsu.edu.

Editor's Corner

The Nematology Newsletter is what you make it!

Please keep those contributions coming. The deadline for submissions for the June 2012 issue is May 31, 2012. Submissions received after that deadline will be included in the September 2012 issue.

If possible, prepare your articles using Word and send any images as jpg files. I will do my best to acknowledge all submissions that I receive, so if you send something and do not hear back from me, please do follow up to be sure that I received it. Please send your submissions to: nemanews@gmail.com.