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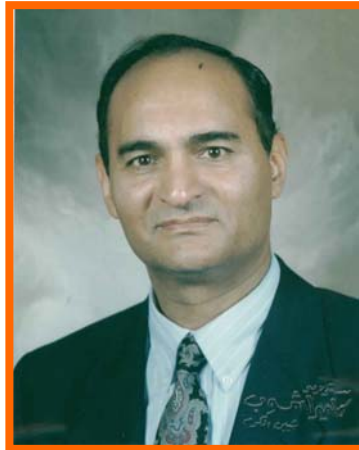
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From President Hafez



I would like to thank Past President Dr. Terry Niblack for representing the Society of Nematologists at the CSREES Stake Holder Workshop in Plant/Pest Biology on November 16, 2005 in Alexandria, Virginia. The purpose of her attending this workshop was to present the national need and priorities in nematology research, extension and teaching.

Specific priority areas that were cited by members and reported by Dr. Niblack include the following:

1. Research support is still needed for efforts to improve our current tactics for controlling losses due to plant-pathogenic nematodes, such as screening germplasm collections for sources of resistance, developing appropriate phenotype- and genotype-based screening techniques, and incorporating resistance into agronomically acceptable backgrounds.

2. Advances in nematode taxonomy are critical for the protection of our food supply and analysis of the biodiversity and environmental impact of nematode communities. The development of innovative and rapid techniques for nematode

identification requires integration of classical taxonomic approaches with new technologies. This is especially critical as traditional nematological training declines. Mistakes in identification can have devastating consequences.

3. There is a great and immediate need to fund sequencing initiatives for the most economically important species in three major clades (I, II, and IV) of the phylum Nematoda in order to take advantage of advances in comparative genomics. There is currently only one funded genome sequencing project involving a plant-pathogenic nematode, the root-knot nematode *Meloidogyne hapla*.

4. A new *Meloidogyne* initiative is needed. The original International *Meloidogyne* Project, funded through USAID, ended two decades ago. *Meloidogyne* is the single most economically important plant-pathogenic genus in the world. A focused initiative would provide the framework for national and international cooperation and synergy to provide solutions to an agricultural problem from which we all suffer in common.

5. Develop an interrelationship with the scientists from different fields by the collaborative projects of national and international interest will be a viable option to expose the importance of nematology to the world.

I wish every body a happy and safe holiday.

Saad Hafez

New Editor-in-Chief

Journal of Nematology



DAVID BIRD

I am pleased to announce that, effective January 1, 2006, I will be assuming the position of Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Nematology*. From that time, all manuscripts should be submitted to me, ideally in electronic format, as an e-mail attachment, to: david_bird@ncsu.edu. I plan to explore methods that might make the submission and manuscript handling process easier, but for now, the preferred format is as a Microsoft Word document. For review purposes, as long as the quality is "publication quality," figures can be embedded into the text document, or submitted as separate files in any common format (e.g., PowerPoint), with the understanding that the final version of the figures may need to be in TIF, JPEG or EPS format. I will work with the printers to see if this list of file types might be expanded. Of course, paper submissions also remain welcome, and may be desirable for images with fine detail (such as micrographs).

No doubt, all Editors-in-Chief (EIC) begin their terms with great plans to improve the journal, and I look forward to working with the Editors and SON membership to this end. I consider any (or all) of the following changes to be improvements: 1) less work for authors, editors, reviewers, and the EIC; 2) greater access of the journal to a wider readership; 3) higher impact factor; 4) an easier and more rapid submission/review process; and 5) lower cost to publish in JON. I believe that progress can be made in points 1-4, which may lead to improvements in #5. To this end, I have begun the process to have JON searchable by PubMed (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Literature/) and hope to have the citations and abstracts available electronically

ahead of print publication. To improve the impact factor, I need your help. Please cite papers that have been published in JON when you are writing manuscripts either for JON or any other journal. This simple act is all that is needed to raise the journal's impact factor. In particular, some of the classic methods (for example, for isolating or staining nematodes) are appropriate to cite in many nematology papers. Other papers are appropriate to cite as primary literature or thematic reviews. An added benefit is that these historical contributions will continue to be recognized.

In the past, the Editor-in-Chief has chosen all the peer reviewers. Beginning in 2006, this responsibility will lie with the Editors, who are Drs. Zafar Handoo, Brian Kerry, Steve Koenning, Jim LaMondia, Ed Lewis, Phil Roberts, Andrea Skantar, and Gregor Yeates. This board represents a considerable breadth of nematological expertise and will ensure fair and prompt treatment of submissions. If any of these editors asks you to review a manuscript, please accept, and review it rapidly. Authors are encouraged to submit a list of up to six potential peer reviewers to assist the editors. Obviously, any suggested reviewers should not have a conflict of interest (such as being a recent or current collaborator, advisor/advisee, a member of the same institution, etc). Authors also are encouraged to look at the Style Guide, which is available on the SON web site (www.nematologists.org/); you do not need to be an SON member to access this. I plan to continue to revise and simplify the Style Guide to make it a more web-friendly guide; please do consult the latest version each time you write a manuscript for JON.

Finally, I would like to introduce Ms Reenah Schaffer, who will be helping with some of the administrative tasks. Reenah has an excellent grasp of English and also an MS in virology (no-one is perfect), and will ensure that JON will be efficiently run over the coming years.

David Bird

New Editor

Nematology Newsletter



BYRON ADAMS

“A good news[letter] is never nearly good enough but a lousy news[letter] is a joy forever.” - Garrison Keillor

Who is Byron Adams? He’s the guy you send your NNL stuff to. Why is he the new editor of the NNL? Let’s just say it’s a gross miscalculation to assume that SON has deep pockets and a short memory ... the price of membership is service!

What’s my vision for the *Nematology Newsletter*? My primary goal is to not screw it up. It’s already the coolest newsletter out there! So my plan is to NOT let it gradually become like the newsletters of other societies, full of dry, crusty narrative and devoid of humor, opinions and debates. Patty Timper, Brent Sipes, and their predecessors have done a fantastic job making the NNL informative, attractive, useful, and fun, and I intend to maintain this trajectory. And if you don’t like where this leads, then tough darts - your only recourse is to get involved in the affairs of the SON and do something about it – I dare you!

What should I submit to the NNL? Since we’ve gone to an electronic format, we are no longer resigned to suffer through space restrictions, blurry line drawings, and grainy black and white photos. We’re talking big text! Fancy fonts! High resolution color images! Multimedia! *Check it out:* Instead of straining to identify the faces of ‘famous’ nematologists seated around a table hoisting a beverage at the International Congress banquet, now you can zoom in to identify the face, name badge, heck, even the label on the bottle! Improved media formats have much to add to current and future

features of the NNL. Below I’d like to highlight some areas I want you to consider:

Media Submissions:

Nematologists generate eye-popping images all the time. Too often (!) editors deem these to be unnecessary, cut them from our manuscripts, and they never see the light of day. If you’ve generated some graphical nematological coolness, pitch them to the NNL! Examples include:

- Nematorama: images of all things nema.
- Scans of drawings from “classic” descriptions.
- Crisp vector graphics, process or mechanical schematics, phylogenetic trees, character maps, biochemical pathways, food webs, etc.
- Figures that you spent hours working up in PowerPoint for the presentation you gave at the SON annual meetings that will never appear in a *real* publication.
- Movies demonstrating field techniques, lab procedures, behavioral observations, molecular processes, instructional videos, etc.
- Sound files (nematodes breathing, plants screaming, etc.).

Don’t want to toot your own horn? I’ll delete the attribution. This isn’t about ego, it’s about the aesthetics of our discipline!

News from the Field:

Some of us work in the field every day, others rarely, but fieldwork is usually one of the things we enjoy most about our work. Help spread the love! Take a few action shots, jot down some explanations, and share your field adventures with the NNL readership.

Historical Tidbits:

I’d like to see some “*Boy, when I was your age ...*” type stories about what nematology was like back in the good old days. Imagine something akin to hanging out around the campfire with Charlie Tarjan, Vernon Perry and Virginia Ferris, listening to them tell stories about Steiner and Thorne, and about how they had to walk to school everyday in the snow, uphill, barefoot, both ways.

Society Committee Columns:

Only a small fraction of the society attends your annual committee meetings – use the NNL to let everyone else know what you’re up against, how you’re dealing with it, and how they can help.

Project Announcements, Updates and Promotional Materials:

Making headway on state or regional projects? Just developed some slick departmental or nematological promotional materials? Did you just get a collaborative project funded? Congratulations! Let the NNL readers

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know what you're up to. I'm not going to crawl through the web sites of funding agencies and University departments to find out what projects are current, so be forthcoming! Current information about what's hot is particularly helpful for prospective students and post-docs, and invites further synergism amongst our diverse research programs.

Member Profiles:

This is a fun way to learn about some of our more notorious members, and is especially helpful to students, newcomers, and those who aren't able to meet with us as frequently as we'd like. If there is someone you'd like to know more about, drop me a line and I'll send out a team of investigative reporters to dig up the straight dope on them.

Spotlight on Students and Postdocs:

Previous editors have emphasized submissions to this category, and I would like to expand on this. Apparently, students and post-docs are a bit hesitant to blow their own horns, so please encourage those working in your labs to submit a short piece about their background and interests so we can get to know who the future hot shots of the society are and promote them to potential employers.

Op-Ed:

Need a soapbox to push your agenda? Looking for an outlet for your manifesto? What's the raspberry seed under your wisdom tooth? Use the NNL Op-Ed section to air your opinions and start a dialogue on any topic relevant to nematology.

News from the Membership:

Every year or so you ought to send in a paragraph describing some of the year's highlights and a picture of the folks in your lab so we can keep track of what you're up to. This is the perfect opportunity to introduce us to the new students, post-docs and visiting scientists in your lab, and the projects they are working on.

Finally, let's give Patty Timper high fives all around for the fine job she's done editing the NNL the last 3 years. I plan to carry on the tradition, but without your submissions, ideas and support, the NNL will surely become lousy!

Byron Adams
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Incoming *Nematology Newsletter* Editor

News from the Membership

University of Arizona, Tucson

Yolanda Flores-Lara completed her Ph.D. in Plant Pathology in Mike McClure's lab in September, 2005. Her dissertation title was "Characterization of the Early Host-Nematode Relationship of *Meloidogyne incognita* Race 3 Infecting Resistant and Susceptible Alfalfa Cultivars." Yolanda is now a postdoctoral associate in **Patricia Stock's** lab (Dept. Entomology). She is carrying out research on the ultrastructure and development of the bacterial colonization site (vesicle) in steinernematid nematodes. This project is funded by the National Science Foundation.

Ph.D. candidate **Judith Hueso-Guerreo** visited **Patricia Stock's** lab to work on evolutionary relationships and ecology of steinernematid nematodes from agave weevils in Mexico. Judith is a graduate student from Universidad de Colima and she is planning to obtain her Ph.D. degree in Spring, 2007.

Two new students **Eunhee Kwon** and **Roy Yim**, both from Korea, have joined the **Stock** lab. They will be studying phylogenetics and population genetics of entomopathogenic nematodes.

Patricia Stock taught a course in "Diagnostics and Phylogenetics of Major Groups of Nematodes

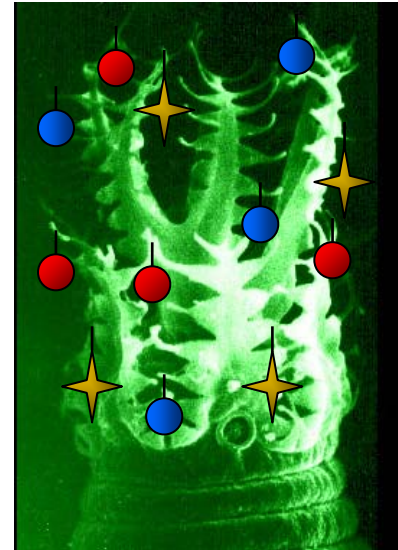
Considered in Biological Control" at the 10th European IOBC Meeting in Locorotondo, Italy last June, 2005.



Back row: Roy Yim, Joanna Gress, Chan Maketon, and Patricia Stock. Front row: Eunhee Kwon, Pavla Senkyrikova, Judith Hueso-Guerrero, and Yolanda Flores-Lara.

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

Dr. Young Ho Kim, a professor from the School of Agricultural Biotechnology, Seoul National University in Korea spent the month of July, 2005 in the laboratory of **Dr. Bob Riggs** at the University of Arkansas. Dr. Kim brought with him **Sang Gyu Kim**, Ph.D. candidate in Dr. Kim's lab to help him with the research project in which he was involved. Dr. Kim has a biological control agent for *Meloidogyne incognita* and was in Arkansas to test it against *Heterodera glycines*. Dr. Kim returned to Korea in early August but Sang Gyu remained to continue the tests until September 28, 2005. They were checking for reduction in population levels in treated plants, but were also checking for any ultrastructural changes in the plant tissue or the nematode and any reduction in root penetration.



Acrobeles jinglebellii

New Zealand

New Zealand workshop held in November

Eight New Zealand nematologists from five agencies and institutes, together with **Dieter Sturhan** (Germany), held a workshop in Palmerston North on 14 November (see photo). It was the biggest gathering of New Zealand plant nematologists ever held. The workshop was initiated by **Nigel Bell** to coordinate diverse databases and map the national distribution of *Meloidogyne* species. Morphological and/or biochemical methods for differentiating taxa known to be present were addressed. Pasture records for *M. hapla* before the 1997 discrimination of *M. trifoliophila* will be included as 'galled clover roots'.

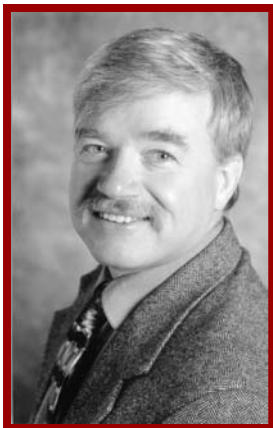
The facilities used by **Chris Mercer** for his nematological input to AgResearch's white clover breeding programme were visited. Species of *Pratylenchus*, Longidoridae and Trichodoridae in New Zealand were discussed. Dieter discussed numerous records of longidorids and trichodorids from non-agricultural sites.

The following day, five of the group sampled the sand dune site under marram grass that was the focus of **Gregor Yeates'** sampling around 1966.

Gregor Yeates & Chris Mercer



Nematologists at AgResearch Grasslands on 14 November 2005. Dieter Sturhan (Germany), Richard Watson (AgResearch) (at back), Graeme Page (AgriQuality) (at back), Chris Mercer (AgResearch), Lee Aalders (AgResearch) (at back), Gregor Yeates (Landcare Research), Nigel Bell (AgResearch), Karen Knight (Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry), Farhat Shah (Crop & Food Research)



Rutgers Entomologist Honored by Chinese Academy of Sciences

September 12, 2005

New Brunswick, NJ – Randy Gaugler, a distinguished professor of entomology at Rutgers' Cook College, has been named as a recipient of the 2006 Albert Einstein Professorship by the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Gaugler said he was pleasantly surprised to have been selected for the prestigious award. "The recipients are some of the biggest names in science, giants in their field," he said. "I've received awards in my area, but this transcends the traditional agricultural disciplines."

Among the 15 recipients of the award are six Nobel Prize laureates in fields ranging from economics to physics, and one Turing Award winner. Recipients are chosen yearly from a pool of nominees by a panel chaired by Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) President Lu Yongxiang. The award winners are invited to visit the CAS, give academic lectures in their respective fields and to host postdoctoral-level researchers as part of an academic exchange.

"Randy has long been recognized as a leader in his field, so it is highly gratifying to see his hard work and dedication recognized in this way," said Philip Furmanski, executive vice president for Academic Affairs at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

That the CAS recognized Gaugler's contributions to entomology speaks volumes of his international reputation, said Robert Goodman, dean of Rutgers' Cook College. "This award is a fitting recognition of Randy's career achievements, and I am extremely pleased and proud that he has been chosen."

Gaugler is an expert and leader in insect pathology, particularly in the area of insect control by biological means, also known as entomopathology. He has pioneered the use of nematodes (a phylum of microscopic worms that are parasitic in animals or plants) as a replacement for chemical insecticides. Laboratory or field applications of nematodes have been effective against more than 400 pest species. In addition, Gaugler was a key player in securing U.S. Environmental Protection Agency exemption of entomopathogenic nematodes for use as insecticides, which means that the agency considers insect nematodes to be of minimal risk to the environment.

Gaugler also is well known for his work to develop molecular methods for the genetic improvement of entomopathogenic nematodes. This work, considered by many to be groundbreaking, provided new molecular tools and resulted in the first reported field release of a nonmicrobial, transgenic "natural enemy."

The author of more than 180 refereed journal articles, as well as three books that are considered to be the seminal texts in his field, Gaugler frequently is asked to lecture abroad. He has presented invited lectures in 40 countries spanning six continents. Gaugler's research has led to six patents, six licensing agreements and nine bioinsecticidal products that currently are used in six countries spanning three continents. He has been elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science as well as of the Entomological Society of America (ESA). Gaugler is the past recipient of numerous awards, including the Rutgers Board of Trustee's Excellence in Research Award, the ESA Recognition in Entomology Award, and the ESA Excellence in Integrated Pest Management Award.

Most recently, Gaugler was awarded a 2005 Research Fulbright, which will take him to Egypt to develop low-cost alternatives to the mass production of nematodes for biological control in agriculture.

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Gaugler continued

Gaugler has worked extensively to aid scientists in developing nations by way of helping to secure funding or by organizing symposia in these areas. In the past, he has obtained Lindbergh funding for entomologists in Ethiopia, organized a workshop in Israel and led a symposium in Egypt. In addition, he has served on dissertation committees in Cuba, Egypt, India and Thailand.

In nominating Gaugler for the ESA Fellowship, Karl Maramorosch, Robert L. Starkey Professor of microbiology at Rutgers, wrote, "Professor Gaugler displays a passion for excellence in research, teaching and outreach. He has had real-world impact and [has] been a visionary leader for his discipline."

Gaugler earned his B.S. in entomology from North Dakota State University and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in entomology from North Carolina State University and the University of Wisconsin, respectively. He has been a professor at Rutgers University since 1982.

Nematode Biological Control Images Competition



The Biological Control Committee is organizing an image competition during the upcoming SON annual meeting on 18-21 June 2006 in Kauai, HI. Qualified images include natural enemies or biocontrol agents of nematodes. Digital images are preferred. Please mail in advance to Koon-Hui Wang (koonhui@ufl.edu) by **31 May 2006**. Information needed along with your image(s): 1) your name and e-mail address, 2) description of your image(s), 3) digital format of image(s). Three awards (products from the society) will be given to best three presenters selected by the committee. All submitted images may be included in the biocontrol image collection located on the committee website (<http://www.cpes.peachnet.edu/nemabc/>).

Needed Items for the SON Archives

Old *Nematology Newsletters* (NNL), Annual Meeting Programs and Membership Directories.

The NNL issues needed are:

- 1961 NNL Vol. 7, No. 3-4
- 1962 NNL Vol. 8, No. 2
- 1980 NNL Vol. 26, No. 1, 4
- 1990 NNL Vol. 36, No. 1-4
- 1994 NNL Vol. 40, No. 1
- 1999 NNL Vol. 45, No. 1
- 2003 NNL Vol. 49, No. 3

The programs needed from the Annual Meetings are:

- 1963 All Programs
- 1964 Papers and Abstract Program
- 1965 Honors and Banquet Program
- 1966 Honors and Banquet Program
- 1968 Honors and Banquet Program
- 1969 Honors and Banquet Program
- 1973 Papers and Abstract Program
- 1974 Honors and Banquet Program
- 1975 Honors and Banquet Program
- 1977 Honors and Banquet Program



- 1980 Honors and Banquet Program
- 1990 All Programs
- 1993 Papers and Abstract Program
- 1996 Papers and Abstract Program
- 1997 Papers and Abstract Program
- 2003 All Programs

The Membership Directories needed are:

- 1967
- 1990 to 2000

Please send donations to: Donald P. Schmitt, Chair Archive Committee, PO Box 311, Marceline, MO 64658 or contact the SON Business office.

Post-Doctoral Researcher in Nematology and Plant Tissue Culture

Education

The qualified candidate will function in cross-disciplinary research; therefore, a Ph.D. degree either in plant nematology or molecular biology/ plant tissue culture will be acceptable.

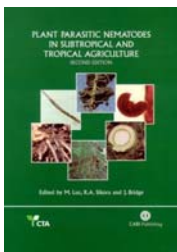
Experience and Position Responsibilities

The Department of Plant and Soil Science and its Center of Molecular Biology is searching for qualified candidates for a post-doctoral position. The successful candidate will have a specialization in one of the three areas: plant nematology, molecular biology or plant tissue culture, and a working knowledge in the remaining two areas. The post-doctoral associate will work in an interdisciplinary program consisting of plant molecular biologists working on mechanisms of reniform nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*) resistance in cotton, and in other on-going research projects in plant sciences. The tissue culture efforts will include development of *in vitro* root culture systems for nematode infection and subsequent analyses of plant and nematode tissues to understand genetic and proteomic basis of such resistance. The candidate will participate in a growing molecular biology program. The position will be for two years with the possibility of extension.

Interested persons should direct their technical questions to Dr. Govind C. Sharma, Department of Plant and Soil Science, Alabama A&M University, P.O. Box 1208, Normal, AL 35762. Phone: 1-256-372-4242; E-mail: govind.sharma@email.aamu.edu. Formal applications must bear a Position Announcement number PA-157 posted at Human Resource webpage at www.aamu.edu. An equal opportunity employer.

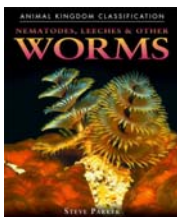
POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT (PA-157)

New Publications



Plant Parasitic Nematodes in Subtropical and Tropical Agriculture, Second Edition. Edited by Michel Luc, Ricard A. Sikora, and John Bridge. CABI Publishing (August 2005).

Bionomics and Identification of the Genus Rotylenchus (Nematoda: Hoplolaimidae). P. Castillo & N. Volvas. Brill Academic Publishers (2005).



Nematodes, Leeches, & Other Worms (Animal Kingdom Classification). By Steve Parker. Compass Point Books (January 2006).

Nematodes As Biocontrol Agents. Edited by Parwinder S. Grewal, Ralf-Udo Ehlers, and David I. Shapiro-Ilan. CABI Publishing (January 2006)



*Society of Nematologists
Annual Meeting 2006*

Aloha

Join us on Kauai
June 18-21, 2006

Visit <http://www.nematologists.org/>
and follow the Annual Meeting link for more information



Organization of Nematologists of Tropical America (ONTA)

XXXVIII Annual Meeting

San José, Costa Rica

June 26 – 30th, 2006

Dear Colleagues:

The organizing committee of the **38th** annual meeting welcome you to Costa Rica's capital San José in June 2006. The meeting will be held in the hotel **Tryp Corobicí**, located 5 minutes from downtown San José and 15 minutes from the international airport Juan Santa María.

Program

The scientific program will include symposia, oral presentations and posters. Nematological aspects of tropical crop management, diversity, biological control, bioindicators, genetics, and biotechnology will be discussed. Further announcements on the general and scientific program will be published at www.ontaweb.org

In Memoriam



DAVID RICHARD VIGLIERCHIO

1925 - 2005

David Richard Viglierchio was born November 25, 1925 in Madera, California, and graduated from Madera Union High School in 1943. With his undergraduate training interrupted by military service in France and Germany during 1944-1946, he obtained a B.S. in Chemistry at the California Institute of Technology in 1950. Dr. Viglierchio was awarded his Ph.D. in Bio-organic Chemistry by the same institution in 1955. Prior to obtaining his Ph.D., Dr. Viglierchio's graduate research on plant wound hormones attracted the attention of Dr. Dewey J. Raski, then chair of the Department of Nematology. Dr. Raski had obtained grant funding from the Beet Sugar Development Foundation, which was concerned with the heavy losses caused by the sugar-beet nematode, *Heterodera schachtii*. Dr. Viglierchio was selected to work on the grant as a Junior Research Nematologist until a faculty position became available from state funds in 1958 when he was appointed Assistant Nematologist. He rose through the academic ranks to Lecturer and Nematologist before his retirement in 1990. He served as chair of the then Division of Nematology at UC Davis from 1978-1984.

During the course of his career, Dr. Viglierchio fostered and enjoyed close and productive relationships with several graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and visiting scientists. He conducted research with

colleagues in Italy and Switzerland on Fulbright and Guggenheim awards and lectured in nematology in the former USSR and in China. He accompanied Rev. R.W. Timm on an expedition to Antarctica which was successful in collecting many new nematode species as well as specimens from remote type localities that required more extensive description.

David Viglierchio's major fields of research interest were the biochemical relationships of plant-parasitic nematodes and their host plants, nematode behavior, and the adaptation of nematodes to nematicides and environmental stressors. His interests often expanded into complex, non-traditional areas and he proved very resourceful in developing procedures and techniques. His research added significantly to our knowledge of nematode behavioral responses and patterns, hatching factors, host plant resistance, and nematode physiology and biochemistry. His broad interest in nematodes and nematology is evident in the very readable book that he self published in 1991, *The World of Nematodes*.

David Viglierchio died September 28, 2005 and was buried in Madera, California. He is survived by his wife, Rena Sue Crook, and by his son, David Richard Viglierchio II.

Howard Ferris



Father Timm and Dave Viglierchio,
1970

Scenes from the Annual Meeting in Fort Lauderdale



Call for Award Nominations for 2007

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 2007. One or more candidates are chosen for each award.

The **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.

The **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.

Nomination Instructions

The nomination packet must be submitted by March 3, 2006. 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 letters of endorsement. The letters should be addressed to James LaMondia, Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee.

Electronic submissions are preferred. Send Word, WordPerfect, or PDF documents to:

James.LaMondia@po.state.ct.us

or

Mail 10 complete copies of the nomination to:
James A. LaMondia, Chair, SON Honors and Awards Committee
The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station Valley Laboratory
153 Cook Hill Road, Windsor, CT 06095

Nominations must be sent by March 3, 2006

To ensure that duplicate nominations are not made or if you need further information, contact Jim LaMondia (James.LaMondia@po.state.ct.us Phone: 860-683-4982)

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P. Timper, Editor

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