

Collaborative Agreement between the American Phytopathological Society (APS) and the Chinese Society of Plant Pathology (CSPP)



August 2018

This collaborative agreement between the American Phytopathological Society (APS) and the Chinese Society for Plant Pathology (CSPP) was developed to facilitate mutually beneficial interactions through scientific exchanges and increased sharing of science by joint memberships and publications.

This 3-year collaborative agreement is effective from August 2018 to August 2021, building on the agreement from November 2013 to November 2017 and the one-year extension through July 2018. In 2021, key success criteria will be evaluated to benchmark activities and assess the level of collaborative interactions. To maintain a greater level of continuity for the partnership, primary coordination of activities between the respective societies will be through the APS-CSPP Working Group, who will support and facilitate continued cooperation by identifying potential endeavors with outlined objectives for mutual benefit. The primary linkage of communication between the respective societies will be the standing vice president of APS and the standing president of CSPP as rotations in leadership occur.

The APS and CSPP agree to the following terms:

Cooperative Membership Option:

APS and CSPP will promote a Cooperative Membership Option to their respective members. Under this option, each society will submit a list of members with full contact information, preferred membership type and journal preferences on a yearly basis. Membership dues will be paid by electronic transfer according to the fee structure outlined below. Individuals must be members in good standing with their resident society to receive the reduced rate of cooperative membership. The resident society will confirm membership status before forwarding the names of individuals to the respective society. All standing member benefits will apply under the cooperative membership option but there will be no voting privileges under this collaborative agreement.

Membership Fee Structure: The following membership rate will be provided reciprocally to APS and CSPP members:

- \$20 APS Regular/ Post-doc/Student Members
 - Optional 50% discount for online journal subscriptions for any individual interested
- \$20 CSPP Regular/ Post-doc/Student Members

(This program does not preclude CSPP/APS individuals from opting into a regular membership option directly with APS/CSPP.)

Joint Symposia and Annual Meeting Sessions:

APS and the CSPP have a long-standing relationship of scientific exchanges that have been mutually beneficial to members of both societies. Under this agreement, APS and CSPP will promote and sponsor joint symposia on topics that are broad in focus and mutually appealing to our members. The sessions could take place during the annual meeting, pending approval of the proposed session by the APS Annual Meeting Board, or through an APS-assisted webinar that can be accessible to many members and includes a recording available

for viewing at any time. The session planning will alternate between APS and CSPP. The goal of joint symposia, webinars, and/or special sessions is to leverage expertise and scientific exchanges that will result in collaborations and sharing of relevant information between the Chinese and American scientific communities.

APS Press Translations

APS Press publishes a diverse array of quality publications mainly in English. If members of the CSPP are interested in having any particular APS reference translated into a local language for broader access by CSPP members and other potential stakeholders, the CSPP can engage with the APS Translation Rights Program. This program helps allied societies approach academic publishers in their countries regarding the translation of APS PRESS titles into other languages. Upon approval of an allied society's application for translating a book, APS will provide a translation rights fee quote to the academic/scholarly publisher identified by the allied society. If this quote is accepted by the academic/scholarly publisher, APS will enter into a formal agreement with the academic/scholarly publisher and provide the materials needed to produce the book. If an agreement is arranged between APS and the academic publisher, the allied society, on its own behalf, may negotiate a separate agreement directly with the academic publisher to provide translation services by its members in return for distribution discounts to its members or a royalty or direct payment to the society for its services.

Other Educational Opportunities

APS leaders are investing continually in additional plant pathology educational programming besides annual and division meetings, publications, and the APS website Education Center. The APS Office of Education has initiated a series of webinars on topics of interest to plant pathologists that can be accessed from anywhere in the world, including recordings of webinars that can be viewed asynchronously. CSPP members are encouraged to participate in these webinars and to discuss any other educational opportunities of mutual interest with APS leaders and APS staff.

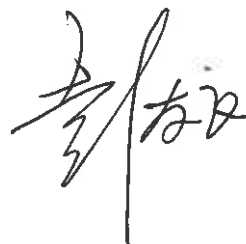
APS-CSPP Leadership Team Meetings

Under this agreement, the presidential leadership teams of APS and CSPP will convene meetings (virtually or by email if needed) prior to conclusion of this agreement to assess progress and consider new initiatives. The APS-CSPP Working Group, will organize a face-to-face meeting at the APS annual meeting in each year under this agreement.

The parties agree to implement this cooperative agreement under the terms and conditions expressed above in good faith and understanding.



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