



Asian Association of Societies for Plant Pathology  
House of Delegates Meeting  
Room 311A, Beijing International Convention Centre  
12:00-13:30, Wednesday 28 August 2013

### **President's Report**

At the 4<sup>th</sup> House of Delegate's meeting in Darwin (26 April 2011) we identified a number of priorities for the development of the Association. I will present a brief report on our progress.

#### 1. AASPP Web page

With the assistance of Peter Williamson, the Business Manager of the Australasian Plant Pathology Society, a web page has been constructed: <http://www.isppweb.org/AASPP/>  
Feedback has been sought from Delegates about the content of the site, and any suggestions are welcome.

#### 2. Conferences

The joint APPS/ACPP conference in Darwin was very successful for AASPP, both scientifically and financially.  
The next ACPP is to be held in Thailand in 2014.

#### 3. Exchanges

A successful student exchange program has been established between Australia and Japan.

#### 4. Journals

A proposal has been received and circulated from the OMICS Group Incorporation to affiliate the Asian Association of Societies for Plant Pathology with the Journal: Plant Pathology & Microbiology. Under

this proposal the aforementioned journal would be the official journal of your prestigious society and we would be working together for the benefit of this field through Open Access Publishing and Organizing Conferences.

5. Student sponsorship

AASPP has a small surplus from the 4<sup>th</sup> ACPP being held in trust by APPS. One possibility is to use this to sponsor student participation in future ACPPs, and I have asked the Treasurer to investigate how this might work.

David Guest

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