

SporePrints

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Department of Plant Pathology
The Pennsylvania State
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CONGRATULATIONS

to **Katelyn Tilley Willyerd** and **Scott Willyerd** who were married on July 14, 2007 in Washington, PA.

to **Anissa Demers** and **Will Poleatewich** who were married on August 11, 2007 in New Hampshire.

to Summer 2007 graduates **Damitha Wickramasinghe** (advisor, Dr. Barbara Christ) and **Aaron Brown** (advisor, Dr. David Beyer). Damitha and Aaron both received Master's degrees in Plant Pathology.

to **Randy Dreibelbis**, for being elected as the Plant Pathology representative to the Staff Advisory Committee for the Dean.

and Thank You

to **Sara May** for her leadership as the Plant Pathology staff representative for the past several years. Sara served as chair of the Staff Advisory Committee for the Dean during her tenure.

WELCOME!

New and returning Plant Pathology students.

Our new students and their advisors include:

Maria Burgos (Ph.D.)—Dr. Gary Moorman
Steven Conaway (Ph.D.)—Dr. Paul

Backman

Jill Demers (Ph.D.)—Dr. Maria del Mar
Jimenez Gasco

Rebecca Fontenot (Ph.D.)—Dr. Daniel
Royse

Padmini Herath (M.S.)—Dr. David Geiser

Emily Helliwell (Ph.D.)—Dr. Yinong Yang

Matthew Kasson (Ph.D.)—Dr. Donald Davis
Dharmendra Singh (Ph.D. candidate in the
EMPP program)—Dr. Timothy McNellis
Bin Tian (Ph.D.)—Dr. Fred Gildow
Lili Zhang (Ph.D.)—Dr. Maria del
Mar Jimenez Gasco

Also welcome to:

Dr. Yong Chull Jeun, Visiting Scientist with
Dr. Seogchan Kang

Danilo Vero, Visiting Scholar with Dr. Paul
Backman

AES Auction



Dr. David Geiser plied his talents as an auctioneer at this year's AES meeting.

Ag Progress Days

Thank you to all that participated. I do not have all of the names that were involved. We had organizers of tours, guides on general tours, those of you facilitating at the youth activities tent/building. Thanks to the Outreach committee for their great set up for the youth. I have been told that we can not give up on this venture. Roxanne Lease provided substantial leadership and coordination of general and special tours.

Dr. Barbara Christ

APS/SON Wrap-up

Barbara Christ

Members of the department contributed 10 posters, 5 oral presentations in technical sessions and 3 oral presentations in Symposia/special sessions. There were 22 PSU authors/co-authors including faculty, staff, graduate students and post docs. Dr. Jimenez Gasco served as a moderator of a technical session. Five faculty, two students, one post doc serve on APS committees. Gary Moorman serves as Senior Editor of *Plant Health Progress*, on the Advisory Board of Phytopathology News and Councilor-at-large. Barb Christ served as Councilor-at-large and is continuing on as Vice President. Seogchan Kang serves on the board of Office of Electronic Communications. John Halbrendt serves on the executive committee of SON.



L-R: Katelyn Willyerd, Carla Garzon (Ph.D. '04) with daughter Isabella, Damitha Wickramasinghe, Dr. Gary Moorman (Photo by Gretchen Kuldau)

Best Wishes

To **Michelle Kellander**, who left the Department on July 20th.



Ice Cream Social

The Department of Plant Pathology Social Committee hosted an ice cream social on Friday June 1st at Buckhout Lab. Thanks to the members of the Social Committee for organizing the scrumptious event.

Plant Pathology Faculty Serving on College of Ag Sciences Committees for 2007-08

David Beyer - Nominations and Elections

David Beyer - Representative to College of Education Faculty Meetings

Fred Gildow - Graduate Council

Seogchan Kang - Graduate Faculty Review

Gretchen Kuldau - Academic Standards

Maria del Mar Jimenez Gasco - Faculty Development

Timothy McNellis - Faculty Chair

Timothy McNellis - Instruction and Curricular Affairs

Timothy McNellis - College Representative to College Alumni Society Board

Elwin Stewart - Distinguished Professorship Review Panel

Wakar Uddin - Faculty Advisory Committee to the Dean

Coming Events

EndNote for Scientists Seminar Series

In October, the Department of Plant Pathology will once again be offering a series of EndNote seminars designed specifically for individuals conducting research in Plant Pathology and other scientific disciplines. The series of five fall 2007 seminars will cover: (1) the basic features of EndNote; (2) searching and downloading references from library catalogs and other electronic databases to an EndNote library; (3) using Endnote's *Cite While You Write* function (i.e., incorporating EndNote citations while you write a paper in Microsoft Word); and (4) customizing EndNote libraries. Monday morning and Thursday evening sessions will be offered for each seminar. **Pre-registration is required for all seminars.** For more information and to register, please follow the *EndNote for Scientists Seminars* link on the Department's home page (<http://www.ppath.cas.psu.edu/>) or contact Marsha Ann Tate at mat1@psu.edu or 814-865-7736.

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