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Department of Plant Pathology



The Pennsylvania State University

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Kudos

To **Marsha Tate**, who passed her thesis defense for the Ph.D. in Mass Communications on February 28, 2007. In addition, Marsha is author of a book just published by the McFarland Co., entitled Canadian Television Programming Made for the United States Market: A History with Production and Broadcasts Data.

To **Philip Northover**, who passed his Ph.D. thesis defense on February 9, 2007.

Congratulations

To **Maria Velez Climent**, who has received a Plant Pathology Travel Assistance Award to travel and do research at the USDA-ARS Foreign Disease-Weed Science Unit at Fort Detrick, MD.

Guo Li married Lili Zhang on January 1, 2007 in Xian, China. The ceremony was attended by relatives, neighbors and many classmates from Northwest China Agriculture and Forestry University. Lili will begin graduate studies in the department in the fall '07.

To **Dr. Lee C. Schisler (Ph.D. '57)** who has been named an Outstanding Alumnus of the College of Agricultural Sciences. Dr. Schisler will be honored during special activities in October 2007.

Farewell and Best Wishes

A special coffee hour was held on January 25, 2007 to recognize **Erick DeWolf** and **Mizuho Nita** for their contributions to the department, and to wish them well in their new endeavors at Kansas State University.

News from Alumni & Friends

Congratulations to **Jeff Huether (Ph.D. '73)** who received the 2006 Award of Merit from the Northeastern Division of APS. The award was presented at the meetings in the fall 2006, in Burlington, VT.

Matt Royer (Ph.D. '82) has been selected to serve as the National Pest Detection Director for the USDA-APHIS-PPQ (Plant Protection and Quarantine) program's Emergency and Domestic Programs (EDP) staff. Matt also serves as Associate Director of EDP and recently served as the National Program Manager on the USDA *Ralstonia (solanacearum* race 3 biovar 2) and Soybean Rust programs.



Awards Ceremony

The Annual Plant Pathology Awards Ceremony was held on January 26, 2007. Service Awards were presented to faculty and staff, and both graduate and undergraduate scholarship recipients were recognized.

Special guest at the ceremony was Dr. Larry Moore. Larry received his Ph.D. from this department in 1965 and recently retired as Professor Emeritus from Virginia Tech, where he had a distinguished career. Larry was on hand to announce establishment of the Laurence D. and Mary Ann Moore Faculty and Staff Award in Plant Pathology at Penn State. The department extends a very special thanks to Larry and Mary Ann for their generous and thoughtful gesture.



Upcoming Events

**March 20—Seminar—2:00pm, location TBA
Julio Molineros**

**March 23—Seminar—12:15pm, 112 Buckhout Lab
Miguel Vega-Sanchez**

**March 26—Seminar—3:30pm, 112 Buckhout Lab
Li Guo**

**April 2—Seminar—3:30pm, 112 Buckhout Lab
Dr. Surinder Chopra**

**April 9—Seminar—3:30pm, 112 Buckhout Lab
Dr. Harvey Hoch**

**April 16—Seminar—3:30pm—112 Buckhout Lab
Dr. Jan Leach, R.R. Nelson Memorial Lecture**

**March 27—Plant Path Staff Meeting
10am, 208A**

**March 28—Celebrate SPRING! Potluck Lunch
11:30-1:00pm, 208A**

**March 30—Faculty meeting
1:30pm, 208A**

