



**38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the  
Society for Invertebrate Pathology  
Anchorage, Alaska  
August 7-11, 2005**

This year's annual meeting in Anchorage, Alaska was blessed with fantastic, record-breaking warm weather and gorgeous sunshine. A total of 316 people, 65 of whom were students, attended the conference; 29 different countries were represented. The organizing committee was co-chaired by Kelli Hoover and Diana Cox-Foster of Penn State University. Bryony Bonning of Iowa State University did a stellar job as program chair. Local arrangements, registration, the social program and conference organization were flawlessly planned and carried out by Dave Smith of the University of Alaska, Anchorage Conference and Catering Services and his team. The meeting logo and T-shirts were designed by Vince D'Amico, Lee Solter organized the 5-K run/walk, visa support was provided by Liwang Cui, and Jim Slavicek, Suzanne Thiem, Mary Barbercheck, Ruth Plymale, Mike Grove, Jim McNeil, and Lerry Lacey assisted with a variety of tasks before and/or during the meeting.

**Scientific Program.** On Monday, the scientific program began with the Founders' lecture entitled "Expanding Frontiers for Microsporidia: A Tribute to Professor Elizabeth U. Canning" presented by Jimmy Becnel of the USDA-ARS, Gainesville, Florida. We were very fortunate that Dr. Canning was able to attend the conference. The plenary session entitled "Invertebrate Pathogens: Evolution and Impact" featured four speakers. During the four days of scientific meetings, there were 226 talks, including symposia and plenary sessions, and 130 posters presented. There were five workshops including a student workshop, nine Division symposia, and four cross-division symposia. For the first time, we arranged to have oral presentations uploaded prior to the conference and 60% of the speakers took advantage of this service, greatly reducing the number of talks that had to be loaded on computers at the conference. The vast majority of meeting participants stayed in student housing at bargain prices, which also facilitated more interaction among participants.

**Social Program.** The meeting opened with the mixer on Sunday night at the Cuddy Center on campus with live jazz performed by local musicians. Tuesday was a long day for the 5K Fun

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