



Society for Invertebrate Pathology

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40th Annual Meeting of the Society for Invertebrate Pathology and First International Forum on Entomopathogenic Nematodes and Symbiotic Bacteria, August 12 – 16, 2007, Quebec City, Canada.



The Annual Meeting of the Society was held in Quebec City at the Université Laval Campus in August 2007.

This was the 40th annual meeting of the Society and the 4th to be held in Canada, the others having been in Kingston (1976), Sault Ste Marie (1985) and Banff (1997).

A total of 386 registrants, 80 of whom were students, attended the conference and 32 different countries were represented. In addition, approximately 50 companions accompanied the registrants.

The meeting organizing committee was co-chaired by Conrad Cloutier and Jean-Louis Schwartz and the scientific program committee by Basil Arif and Roland Brousseau.

In addition, the 1st International Forum on Entomopathogenic Nematodes and Symbiotic Bacteria, organized by Harry Kaya, Parwinder Grewal, Steve Forst and David Shapiro-Ilan and a satellite workshop, organized by Michele Cusson were held in conjunction with the SIP Meeting.

Registration, local arrangements and meeting logistics were supplied by Hospitalité Québec. Mark Goettel and Peter Krell,

members of the scientific program committee, assisted with a variety of tasks during the meeting along with Chris Lucarotti and Peg Rotstein.

Scientific Program

President Wendy Gelernter and Jean-Louis Schwartz opened the meeting on Monday morning, with a welcome given by Dr Guy Gendron, Dean of the Science & Engineering Faculty of Université Laval.

The Founder's Lecture entitled "Dr. Albert K. Sparks: A Pioneer and Visionary in Non-Insect Invertebrate Pathology" was presented by Dr. Frank Morado. We were fortunate that Dr. Frank Morado was able to join us at the Banquet, at which time he addressed the attendees and presented a joke or two.



Frank Morado (left) with Albert Sparks

Two plenary sessions followed the Founders' Lecture. They were "Looking back: 40 years of SIP" presented by past president and chair of the history committee, Dr. Elizabeth Davidson and "Chemical ecology and invertebrate pathology: do sub-lethal pathogenic infections affect chemically mediated behaviours" presented by Dr. Jeremy McNeil from the University of Western Ontario.

During the following four days, there were 52 presentations within 10 symposia, 16 presentations within 4 sessions of the Forum on

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