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## APS Election Coming Soon...Watch Your E-mail for Your Online Ballot



The APS Officer Election will again be conducted online in an effort to increase voter participation and save the society both time and money. APS members who have given their e-mail address to APS headquarters will receive a broadcast e-mail with instructions for voting online on May 3, 2004.

Please check your listing in the APSnet online directory to ensure we have an accurate e-mail address on file for you. To update your record, submit your changes prior to the election at [www.apsnet.org/members/update.asp](http://www.apsnet.org/members/update.asp).

Members will only be able to access the online ballot via the e-mail message. The web interface allows only one vote per individual.

Voting begins May 3, 2004, and will close on May 28, 2004. Watch next month's issue for the slate of candidates and their biographies. Make sure to vote online, your vote counts! ■

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## New Student Travel Fund Initiated by Forest Pathology Committee

The APS Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of the Forest Pathology Student Travel Fund. This fund was instigated by the APS Forest Pathology Committee and was made possible by gifts from many individuals interested in advancing the profession of forest pathology; the first travel award will be made for the 2004 APS Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA.

The Forest Pathology Student Travel Award was established to support and encourage the participation of exceptional forest pathology students at APS annual meetings. Since Robert Hartig's first writings on forest pathology in 1874, the interchange among professionals in multiple disciplines, such as phytopathology, genetics, and forestry, has been indispensable to the study of forest pathology. This award will promote interaction with diverse students of forest pathology, while fostering creative approaches to research and teaching. In addition, this award is designed to encourage oral and poster presentations that will enable defense and discussion of research methods, results, and conclusions. This participation will better prepare forest pathology students for future research, teaching, and practice.

The approaches and perspectives of forest pathology are unique because of the lifespan of the host, the dynamic nature of forest stands, and the complex interactions within diverse forest ecosystems. Long-term growth and production periods promote diverse values, such as wood/fiber production, recreation, and ecosystem sustainability. Strategies for managing forest pathogens under various environments and objectives depend on interaction among basic and applied scientists. Concepts and philosophies exchanged at international meetings enrich participants' understanding of forest pathology principles. Travel to APS annual meetings allows forest pathology students to present their work and interact with other plant pathologists in an international arena, offering substantial long-term benefits to their future careers. ■



## Aah... Anaheim!

Home to world-famous Disneyland and Knott's Theme Park. Restaurants, shops and microbreweries to suit every taste. It's easy to see why Anaheim is such a popular tourist destination, and why it's the site for the 2004 APS Annual Meeting. Don't miss it. Make plans now to join us.



APS 2004 Annual Meeting  
July 31-August 4, 2004  
Anaheim Convention Center  
Anaheim, California