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Friends and colleagues, I would like to take the opportunity of this newsletter to thank you for each of your contributions to the Phytochemical Society of North America, science in general, and society at large. The ranks of the PSNA are composed of a diverse group of talented and dedicated individuals, ranging from young scientists just beginning their research career to senior researchers continuing to forge ahead in academic, governmental and private institutions. However the PSNA is in many ways more than just the sum total contributions of its individual members, serving the further essential functions of uniting us and advocating for the importance of phytochemistry.

I have been delighted to have been a part of the PSNA for many years. The relatively small, intimate size of the annual meetings seems to very much lead to an atmosphere reminiscent of a family reunion. That same feeling was pervasive at last year's meeting in Raleigh. Dr. Xie's efforts paid off in a big way for our members and beyond, and I was very impressed by the great presentations, wonderful food and pleasant collegial environment. It was good to see all of you there. I am very pleased to report that the financial aspects of this meeting were extremely well handled. I thank Dr. Xie's outstanding efforts in securing outside funding, the society not only recouped the $5,000 seed money that was advanced by our treasurer Dr. Owens to the organizers, but also in the meeting netted an additional $10,000. This money will be returned to the society general funds to use in future endeavors. Please make an effort to thank Dr. Xie for this amazing accomplishment.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the next meeting in Champaign IL in August. Dr. Berhow and the organizing committee have already assembled a world-class series of speakers. Please read the rest of the newsletter for more details.

Having acted as the society's treasurer for many years and currently as the president, I have served on several committees and I can testify to the critical role that these volunteers play in promoting the well-being of the society. Needless to say, I am very thankful for the time and effort that members are setting aside to advance the work and mission of the PSNA. Without their commitment, the society would not be able to function. Therefore, I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to be more involved in the success of the PSNA to volunteer as a committee member. Please contact me or any other officer and we can guide you into areas where we could use your help.

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The Phytochemical Society of North America (PSNA) is a nonprofit scientific organization whose membership is open to anyone with an interest in phytochemistry and the role of plant substances in related fields. Annual membership dues are U.S. $60 for regular members and $30 for student members. Annual meetings featuring symposium topics of current interest and contributed papers by conference participants are held throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico. PSNA meetings provide participants with exposure to the cutting-edge research of prominent international scientists, but are still small enough to offer informality and intimacy that are conducive to the exchange of ideas. This newsletter is circulated to members to keep them informed of upcoming meetings and developments within the society, and to provide a forum for the exchange of information and ideas. If you would like additional information about the PSNA, or if you have material that you would like included in the newsletter, please contact the PSNA Secretary or visit our website at www.psna-online.org. Annual dues and changes of address should be sent to the PSNA Treasurer. Also check the PSNA website for regular updates.

The PSNA is an all volunteer organization which depends on its membership to run the organization. We appreciate the time and effort these volunteers are putting in to keep the organization up and running. As a member, please consider volunteering to serve on one of these committees. The PSNA can always use more help!

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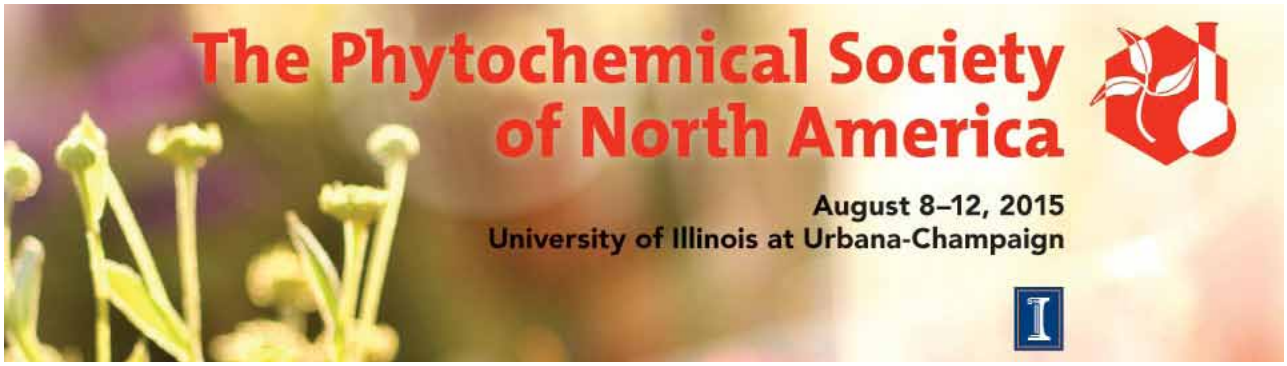

The 54th Annual Meeting of the Phytochemical Society of North America will be held at the University of Illinois August 8 – 12, 2015. Please make your plans to attend! Registration and abstract submission is now open at the meeting website. We have an exciting slate of invited speakers lined up, but the meeting will only get better if YOU attend and participate! Please mark your calendars and make your plans to come to Champaign in 2015.

Registration and Abstract submission is now open!

http://conferences.illinois.edu/psna/index.html

Important Dates & Deadlines

Abstract deadline.....June 26, 2015
registration deadline...June 26, 2015

Symposium Invited Speakers

Phytochemical and Plant "omics"

- Miroslava Cuperlovic-Culf, National Research Council Canada, Moucton, New Brunswick.
- Dean DellaPenna, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Michigan State University.

Phytochemical Lipids

- Kent Chapman, Department of Biological Sciences, University of North Texas
- Jyoti Shah, Department of Biological Sciences, University of North Texas.

Phytochemical Biosynthesis

- Xiao-Ya Chen, Institute of Plant Physiology and Ecology, Shanghai Institutes for Biological Sciences, Chinese Academy of Science.
- Joe Chappell, Department of Plant & Soil Science, University of Kentucky.
- Cecelia McIntosh, mcintosc@etsu.edu, Department of Biological Sciences, East Tennessee State University

Plant Insect Ecology

- May Berenbaum, Department of Entomology, University of Illinois
- Walter S. Leal, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, University of California at Davis

Chemical Ecology

- Jonathan Gershenzon, Department of Biochemistry, Max Plank Institute for Chemical Ecology
- Eric Schmelz, Department of Biological Sciences, University of California at San Diego
- Pradeep Kachroo, Department of Plant Pathology, University of Kentucky

Botanical Medicines

- Richard van Breemen, Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Ehab Abourashed, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Chicago State University

Plant Natural Products

- Jack Juvick, Department of Crop Sciences, University of Illinois

Nutritional Phytochemistry

- Mary Ann Lila, Plants for Human Health Institute, North Carolina State University

Elsevier Award Speaker

- Nicole Clay, Department of Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Biology, Yale University

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