

## Pisum Genetics Association Notes

The Pisum Genetics Association (PGA) is a non-profit, unincorporated organization established to foster genetic study of the pea, to facilitate the exchange of information and to ensure preservation of valuable genetic stocks. The journal, **Pisum Genetics**, is the principal means of meeting these aims. Published annually in one issue, **Pisum Genetics** contains reports of research findings and other information of interest to researchers studying the genus *Pisum*.

### Membership and Dues

Membership in the PGA is open to all interested persons and organizations. Dues are US \$15.00 per year. These dues are used to help defray the costs of publishing and mailing **Pisum Genetics**. Members are requested to send checks or bank drafts in US currency only. Such efforts avoid bank charges, which can exceed \$10.00 per check in some currencies. Starting in January, 2007, financial transactions of the Association will be handled by Dr. Kevin McPhee at Pullman, Washington USA. Please make checks payable to Pisum Genetics Association and send to Dr. K.E. McPhee, USDA, Department of Agronomy, 303 Johnson Hall, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164-6434 USA. **Pisum Genetics** will be sent upon receipt of dues. Electronic payment is also a possibility. Contact the current editor ([nweeden@montana.edu](mailto:nweeden@montana.edu)) for instructions.

All members of the PGA are welcome to submit manuscripts on topics appropriate for **Pisum Genetics**. The deadline for such submittals is usually September 1 of the year of publication, allowing for sufficient time for review and revision of manuscripts. The journal provides opportunities for both refereed and non-refereed manuscripts, publication is within 3 to 6 months of submittal, and there are no page charges. The editor is pleased to announce that **Pisum Genetics** will now also be indexed in CAB International. As has been the case for the last decade, a web-based version is available shortly after publication of the hard copy (<http://hermes.bionet.nsc.ru/pg/>).

### Submission of Manuscripts

When submitting an electronic copy of a manuscript, please use Microsoft Word when possible. Other formats can be handled, but these will usually be converted to Word for processing. It is also helpful if authors avoid the use of extra formatting in their submissions (headers, sections, automatic indentation) as these generally have to be eliminated when preparing the manuscript for final printing. Tables created in Word using the table function are most likely to survive the formatting process intact. We have severe limitations on support staff, and the removal of interfering formatting can occasionally be quite time-consuming. Graphics reproduce best at 300 dpi.

### Format of Manuscripts

Manuscripts are generally separated into two types, research papers and brief communications. Manuscripts submitted as research papers will be subjected to peer review. Research papers should be written concisely, with a short introduction presenting the purpose for the study, a materials and methods section with essential details and references to techniques, a results section and discussion section interpreting the results and integrating findings with those of other workers. Section headings are not obligatory. The length of manuscripts is flexible. Manuscripts under five journal pages are encouraged. Longer papers will be considered on their merits and space availability in the volume. All research papers must be treated similarly to submissions to other refereed journals in that they should contain original work not currently submitted to any other journal.

### Brief Communications

Brief communications are to encourage a rapid sharing of new results that may not meet the standards of a research paper (i.e. allelism tests not completed, map locations only approximate). Brief communications can also be used to describe the availability of new germplasm. Brief communications will not be subjected to peer review,

although the editor reserves the right to screen papers for appropriateness and to review submissions for clarity and brevity. Such submissions will be limited to approximately one page and should be narrowly focused. Otherwise, the format of brief communications (tables, references, etc.) should correspond to that of a research paper. Publication of a brief communication in **Pisum Genetics** does not preclude publication of a full paper on the same subject in a later issue or in another journal.

### Member News

In addition to performing his usual excellent job of placing the most recent issue of **Pisum Genetics** on to the PGA website, Dr. Serge Rozov has also been working on making older issues of the journal available on the site. Although extra copies of some volumes are available from the editor, copies of volumes 1 through 9 and 21 through 29 are no longer available. Volumes 21 through 29 in particular contain much information that needs to be generally accessible. Placing this material on the PGA website appears to be the most appropriate method for providing this access. In support of this effort, the Coordinating Committee agreed to provide a \$1,000 grant to Dr. Rozov from the PGA account. Volumes 25, 27, 28 and 29 are now available at the website in both html and pdf format, and the Coordinating Committee would like to congratulate Dr. Rozov on his excellent progress.

This October Dr. F.J. (Fred) Muehlbauer retired from the USDA after 37 years of service as pulse breeder, geneticist and Research Leader of the Grain Legume Genetics and Physiology Research Unit. Under Fred's expert guidance, the unit moved pulse breeding into the molecular age and released many cultivars of pea, lentil and chickpea that have been widely grown in the Pacific Northwest and elsewhere. Fred plans to stay in Pullman and continues to spend time in the office this winter. However, as 2007 progresses the focus of his activities may shift slightly to fishing and family pursuits. We wish Fred the best in all his future endeavors and thank him for his efforts and advice in support of the Association.

Dr. Kevin McPhee, the USDA pea and lentil breeder/geneticist at Pullman has agreed to serve as associate editor and chief financial officer for the Association. Dr. McPhee will also take Dr. Muehlbauer's place on the PGA Coordinating Committee. As detailed below, the bulk of the PGA funds will be transferred to Pullman once the certificate of deposit matures. Dr. McPhee will assume the editorship of **Pisum Genetics** for volume 40 in 2008. For volume 39, manuscripts can be submitted to either the associate editor or the editor before the September 1, 2007 deadline.

### Financial Report

The Association continues to be on sound financial footing. Except for the grant to place additional volumes of **Pisum Genetics** on the website, the income from dues and subscriptions was very close to the expenditures. For at least the next year, the PGA accounts will be split between Pullman and Bozeman. When the certificate of deposit matures, those funds will be transferred to Pullman to set up the major account for the PGA. New dues will be deposited primarily to this account. I will continue to access the funds in the savings account at Bozeman to pay printing and mailing expenses for volumes 38 and 39.

<b>Account balances as of October 1, 2005</b>	
Account balance (savings and time deposit)	8349.37
Cash on hand	23.02
Total assets	8372.39
<b>Income</b>	
Subscriptions	600.00
Bank interest (savings)	6.65
Bank interest (certificate of deposit through maturity (January 11, 2007)	118.00
Total income	724.65
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Printing costs	478.40
Mailing expenses	240.40
Supplies	161.51
Grant for web posting of <i>Pisum Genetics</i>	1000.00
Electronic transfer of funds	40.00
Total expenditures	1920.31
<b>Account balances</b>	
Savings (Sept. 30, 2006)	1500.80
Certificate of deposit at maturity (Jan. 11, 2007)	6020.97
Cash on hand at end of fiscal year	(20.27)
<b>Net balance for Pisum Genetics Association</b>	<b>7501.50</b>

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