

## Early History (from the Presidential address, Rob Magarey 2007)

### Pathology meetings

- With Australian disease epidemics came meetings of plant pathologists
- At the end of the 19th century –There were a number of cereal rust meetings
- Melbourne 1890, Sydney 1891, Adelaide 1892, Brisbane 1894 and Melbourne 1896
- Early 20th century, meetings were sporadic, until 1949, when 5-yearly meetings were convened by CSIRO

### Pioneer Plant Pathologists



Daniel McAlpine



David North



Nathan Cobb



Noel Flentje

### First 5 year meetings 23-27 May 1949

- Included –State Departments of Agriculture –CSIRO –Commonwealth Departments of Health, Commerce and Agriculture –Universities, Sydney, Queensland and Adelaide

### Subsequent conferences

- Held every 5 years
- Richmond NSW (1955)
- Waite SA (1961)
- Toowoomba Qld (1966)
- Hobart, Tas (1971)
- In Toowoomba - 1966 - Noel Flentje proposed that the Australian Plant Pathology Society be formed

### APPS formation (1966)

- Steering committee formed
- Noel Flentje (convenor)
- J.W. Meagher
- C.J. Shepherd
- L.L. Stubbs
- Draft constitution – based on
  - Australian Society of Microbiology and Australian Entomological Society –
  - President's term: 1-2 years
  - Executive term: 2-3 years

### APPS development

- Started with: AGMs held in association with other scientific meetings
- Ended with: initiating the Biennial conference
- Initiating a newsletter

### First AGM (1969)

- Held at the ANZAAS conference in Adelaide 18 August 1969
- Draft constitution adopted by 60 'foundation' members

### Second AGM (1971)

- Held at the last of the 5-yearly plant pathologists meetings
- Hobart 1971
- A number of significant motions passed Motions (1971)
- Quarterly newsletter: 'APPS News'
- Directory of members

- A list of post-graduates and their research topics
- APPS to join ISPP
- Regions to receive 10% annual subscriptions
- Agreed not to hold meetings with ANZAAS
- Memorial Lecture be given at least every 5 years –[Daniel McAlpine Memorial Lecture](#)

First newsletter (March 1972) [View Cover](#)

- Contained
- Society news
- Personal news
- Scientific notes –as letters to the editor

Third AGM

- Sydney 1973
- In association with APPS Workshop on plant pathogenic bacteria
- Plans made by Sydney Executive for the future of APPS
- Changes to the Constitution were voted on and made!
- Including 'Australasian' Society [APPS Constitution:](#)

First Biennial Conference: 1974

- Sydney
- 100 members plus visitors attended
- Abstracts of papers placed in APPS News
- Motion passed to hold 2-yearly national conferences –With a workshop in the intervening period