

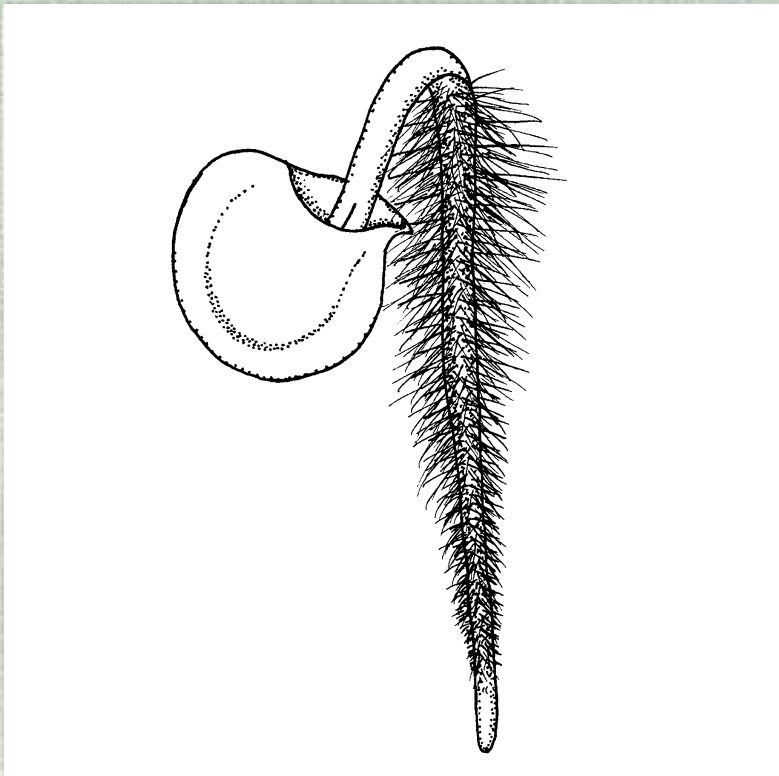
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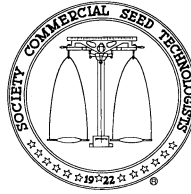
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EDITORIAL

I AM PLEASED THAT this volume of Seed Technology includes a special section entitled 'Final Seed Research Report' of a project funded by the American Seed Research Foundation (ASRF). This is a report of an innovative seed vigor imaging system for soybean and corn seedlings developed at The Ohio State University. The foundation funds projects over a wide range of agronomic and horticultural crop species. These studies have ranged from fundamental to applied seed research that often has a direct impact on the seed industry and seed technology.

There are nine full manuscripts and four Seed Tech Notes covering a broad range of topics in seed biology and technology. The full manuscripts include such topics as DNA extraction from soybean, enhancement of germination in tomato, antioxidant capacity in tomato genotypes, harvest maturity and drying of okra seed, breeding strategy for a Chinese cotton cultivar, fruit and seed development in cowpea and identification of seeds from landscape soils. The Seed Tech Notes include a report of Phomopsis detection and pathogenicity in soybean, a chromosome squash technique to determine mitotic activity, the utility of phenotypic traits in coconut palm for seed production, and accelerated aging of oil palm seed.

There are eight papers presented at the 2004 meeting of the Association of Official Seed Analysts (AOSA) and the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists (SCST). Six of the papers are from the Seed Vigor Symposium and Workshop sponsored by the Seed Testing Research Foundation in conjunction with the annual AOSA/SCST meeting. These papers present the current state of vigor testing for cotton, peanut, rice, sorghum and soybean. Two are research papers on hybrid purity testing of corn and germination and stand establishment of polymer coated canola (rape) seeds subjected to various stress conditions.

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- a. **Full-length papers.** This includes information from applied and basic seed research in physiology, pathology and biology which relates to individuals interested in seed production, sampling, testing, conditioning, distribution and storage. Papers are accepted with the understanding that they have not been published or submitted to any other scientific journal.
- b. **Seed Technology Notes** are appropriate for the reporting of seed laboratory or seed production research which might not justify a full paper, but provide important information of potential practical importance. This may include new techniques or developments, standardization of old techniques or anatomical, pathological or other documentation of seed or seedling development. The requirements for such notes are described below.
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