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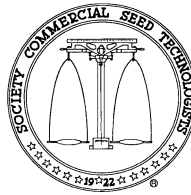
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EDITORIAL

I AM PLEASED THAT this volume of Seed Technology contains six full manuscripts and a Seed Tech Note. Three of these papers apply contemporary computer technology and chemical procedures as substitutes for more traditional approaches to seed analysis. An image processing computer application is presented that collects physical characteristics from seeds. This software utilizes a machine learning technique to acquire data applicable to a wide variety of species to distinguish seed kinds for purity analysis. In another paper, the innovative Seed Vigor Imaging System developed at The Ohio State University is utilized to evaluate the effects of moisture and temperature on corn and soybean seedlings. An additional paper reports on using high pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC) as a means to separate closely related species for seed identification. The remaining four full manuscripts report valuable information on more traditional seed biology and technology, including temperature stress during soybean seed development, seed viability and metabolism of paclobutrazol treated verbena and marigold seeds, the effects of temperature and pH on switchgrass germination, and corn pollen DNA extraction and detection of the CaMV35S promoter in corn pollen and seed.

Two papers contained in this volume are from the Native Species Symposium and Workshop sponsored by the Seed Testing Research Foundation in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association of Official Seed Analysts (AOSA) and the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists (SCST) in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (SK), Canada, on June 15, 2005. There is an evaluation of the pure seed unit in the Asteraceae and a proposal to more accurately describe the fruit morphology within this family as it relates to seed analysis. There is also a discussion on breaking seed dormancy in the laboratory and its potential impact on labeling and the consumer.

There are two research papers presented at the AOSA/SCST meetings held in Saskatoon, SK, Canada from June 14–22, 2005. They include reports of mapping a single nucleotide polymorphism linked to soybean cyst nematode resistance, which is valuable information for plant breeders and quality assurance managers, and there is a report on vigor tests utilized to evaluate the performance of Argentine canola under various growing conditions.

Wayne Guerke
Editor

COVER ILLUSTRATION: SEM images of tall fescue (*Festuca arundinacea* Schreb.) florets and caryopsis (center) provided by Larry Copeland, Michigan State University.

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Seed Technology is an international journal which publishes original papers, review articles and notes in all areas of seed science and technology. This includes information from applied and basic seed research in physiology, pathology and biology for all plant species. The journal relates to individuals interested in seed production, sampling, testing, conditioning, distribution and storage of horticultural, agronomic and forest seed crops. Papers are accepted on the understanding that they have not been published or submitted to any other scientific journal.

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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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