

2013 Outstanding Reviewers

It is my pleasure to present the outstanding reviewers for 2013. The following reviewers responded with genuine interest and enthusiasm in reviewing manuscripts. They performed thorough and accurate reviews and responded in a timely manner to improve the quality for both style and content of submitted manuscripts. The quality of the *Canadian Journal of Plant Science* depends on dedicated reviewers such as these, who were selected by me and the Associate Editors.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for their work for the *Canadian Journal of Plant Science* and for accepting this extra task in their already very busy schedules. I cannot thank you enough for your contribution.

Shahrokh Khanizadeh, Editor-in-Chief
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Dr. Dirk U. Bellstedt



Dirk U. Bellstedt is a Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa. Originally trained in Agriculture, he has applied his expertise in Biochemistry and DNA sequencing technologies including next generation sequencing to analyse the phylogenetics of a number

of South African plant groups over the past 15 years. This research has contributed to the systematics and taxonomy of the genera *Disa*, *Erica* and *Oxalis* from the

Cape Floral Region (CFR), the genus *Zygophyllum* from the arid northern Cape and Namibia, and the genus *Streptocarpus* from the eastern parts of South Africa. The application of optimization analyses on these phylogenies has given important insights into the evolution and migration of plants in specific biomes on the African continent. In recent years, this has led to the development of techniques for the direct PCR amplification of viral and plant genes from plant material. More recently he has published on plant virus phylogenetics and also works on the phylogenetics of fish.

Dr. Frank Forcella



Frank Forcella has been employed at a small and relatively isolated USDA–ARS research laboratory in Morris, Minnesota, for 29 years, serving at the rank of GS-15 since 2001. He is also an adjunct full professor in the Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics, University of Minnesota. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma in 1979 and subsequently worked in Australia, California, the Middle East, and

Montana before settling permanently in Minnesota. Frank started working in 1980 with plants invasive to North America, which was the beginning of his career in weed research. The emphasis on weeds assisted in

attracting to his laboratory in Morris 16 long-term visiting scientists (including two Fulbright Fellows), 11 post-doctoral research associates, and 9 graduate students. These collaborations enabled Frank to author or co-author more than 145 peer-reviewed journal articles, and through these garner Outstanding Paper Awards in Weed Technology (1997) and Weed Science (1998), and Outstanding Research Awards by WSSA (2000) and NCWSS (2008). He served as an Associate Editor for Weed Science and Subject Editor for Weed Research, each for several years. International collaborations facilitated an OECD Fellowship to New Zealand as well as study leaves in Australia and Spain. Frank takes pride in his wide-ranging research program, which currently emphasizes the management of specialty oilseeds and the ecosystem services provided by such crops.