

**Report to the**  
**CROP, PLANT PROTECTION AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**To the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the**  
**CANADIAN HORTICULTURAL COUNCIL**  
**Fairmont Château Frontenac, Québec City, Québec**  
**March 4, 2010**

**To the President and Members of the**  
**Canadian Horticultural Council**

I would like to start by saying this was a year of positive change, beginning with the introduction of Dr. Manjeet Sethi as the new Director of the Pest Management Centre.

He has made it very obvious that he wants change and has worked closely with the CHC to implement change. Dr. Sethi and his staff have worked diligently to reduce the Centre's backlog and we are seeing results.

He has also made changes to the Pest Management Advisory Committee to ensure a greater and focused grower involvement, beginning with the Chair. Dean Thomson is well known to CHC and was, in fact, a previous Chair of this very Committee. He will continue to be involved in our issues and challenges in a new role as the newly named Chair of the (PMC) Advisory Committee.

The CHC's Crop Protection Advisory Committee met twice this year in Ottawa. In addition to regular committee business, we are also able to meet with both the PMRA and PMC to discuss current problems and be secure updates on product registrations and a number of other ongoing and timely issues.

Your appointed representatives on this committee are doing a great job and bring your concerns to Ottawa and want and get answers. This is good, needs to be done and be supported from the grassroots.

Your job as a producer is to get your concerns to these members so that as a committee we can address with the proper government officials.

Progress has been made, but there is still a lot of work to be done. We still do not have the products registered that that are registered in the US. We continue to have way too many emergency registrations each year. A number of these are repeats; this not acceptable. We will continue to raise this at our meetings and I ask you to continue to bring this up at the CHC annual meeting.

We have to continue to be very vigilant on what products are going forward for registration. When you look at the numbers of actives that are being removed in Europe, the impact on our exports will be very serious. We must continue to actively support global registrations.

I don't think we appreciate the work that goes on behind the scene at CHC. I want to thank Craig, Anne, Amy and the staff, without you it just would not get done.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary L. Brown".

Gary Brown  
Chair, Crop, Plant Protection and Environment Committee  
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