

Distinctions and Awards

Feb 2006

Prof John Raven was awarded Honorary Life membership of the British Phycological Society.

Dr Paul Birch was made 'Extra-ordinary Professor' of the University of Pretoria, South Africa.

April 2006

Prof Frank Gunstone, honorary research fellow at SCRI and a consultant to MRS, received the Chang Award of the American Oil Chemists' Society in St Louis. This is one of their premium awards and is given to those that assist the Oils and Fats Industry. It carries a substantial cash prize and a jade statue.

June 2006

Paul Baird from Glasshouse & Field Services was awarded the NFU (Ingliston) Prize for the Best Part-time Student (SVQ Level 3) from Oatridge College at the Annual Award Ceremony. The prize was presented by George Anderson, former Head of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh's School of Horticulture.

Birthday Honours 17th June Mike De,Maine MBE.

August 2006

Dr Alison Lees won the Peter Massalski prize for meritorious research conducted by an SCRI scientist under 36 years of age. Dr Stuart Wale, the chairman of the Scottish Society for Crop Research, presented the prize at Potatoes in Practice.

The 25th Mylnefield Shield Golf tournament was won by Bob Lowe.



George Anderson presents Paul Baird with his prize.



Alison Lees receives the Massalski prize from Stuart Wale.



Ronnie Forbes and Peter Gregory as an artwork.

September 2006

Peter Gregory, Howard Davies, Robbie Waugh and John Brown were awarded Honorary Professorships at Glasgow University.

The Leverhulme Trust awarded a grant to SCRI for Professor Ronnie Forbes to be Artist-in-Residence for 18 months. Ronnie is a painter and film-maker with more than 30 solo exhibitions.

Higher Degrees

Mohamed Adam. PhD University of Dundee. Molecular variation in root knot nematodes (*Meloidogyne* spp.) from the Mediterranean region.

Yousuf Akhond. PhD University of Dundee. Biolistic DNA delivery into tobacco male gametophytes and its consequences.

Laurence Ducreux. PhD University of Dundee. Manipulation of carotenoid metabolism in tubers of *Solanum tuberosum* and *S. phureja* using an antisense approach.

Luca Mazzitelli. PhD University of Dundee. Physiological, biochemical and molecular characterization of bud dormancy in woody perennial species.

Wayne Morris. PhD University of Dundee. Characterisation and manipulation of gene expression during carotenogenesis in potato tubers.

Sanjeev Kumar Sharma. PhD University of Dundee. Development of an efficient somatic embryogenesis system for developing synthetic seeds in potato

Konstantina Stamatii. PhD University of Dundee. A study of the population genetics of *Salix lanata*, *S. lapponum* and *S. herbacea* across Scotland.

Noelani van den Berg. PhD University of Pretoria, South Africa. Identification of genes associated with tolerance in the Cavendish banana selection GCTCV-218 against *Fusarium oxysporum* F.sp. *cubense* 'subtropical' race 4'.