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FROM THE CHAIR



The ASEV-Eastern Section is an organization that serves the needs of the research and winery community in Eastern North America, by organizing an annual scientific meeting and award-

ing over \$10,000 in scholarships annually. It helps develop capacity for addressing industry research and information needs in the east, and also provides a venue for bringing together professionals from industry and academia for networking.

This summer we have planned an excellent meeting and symposium on aromatic white varieties, along with a pre-conference tour of the East's largest winegrowing area, the Niagara Peninsula of Ontario.

We are also excited about our new partnership with Vineyard and Winery Management, which has provided a new funding stream for scholarships awarded to graduate and undergraduate students in Eastern Universities. Past scholarship recipients have assumed many influential and important positions in the Eastern wine industry.

Our organization is supported through memberships from industry and academic researchers, and is the only organization devoted to the East.

Please join today by filling out the membership form in this newsletter. I hope to see all of you in Canada on July 14-16.

Terry Bates
ASEV-ES Chair



*\$15,750 was raised at the auction at Wineries Unlimited last March, sponsored by Vineyard and Winery Management. Shown are **Bruce Bordelon**, ASEV-ES Chair-elect **Terry Bates**, **Mark Basel**, **Art Carmichael**, and ASEV-ES Chair **Murli Darmadhikari**.*

AUCTION AT WINERIES UNLIMITED RAISES \$15,750 FOR THE ASEV EASTERN SECTION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Thanks to the creative talents of **Rob Merletti**, President and Publisher of Vineyard & Winery Management and **Leda Wagner**, VWM West Coast Events Coordinator, nearly \$16,000 was raised during auctions held at **Wineries Unlimited** in King of Prussia, PA last March. Generous trade show exhibitors donated items ranging from software for wine production management from the Winemaker's Database, Inc. to wine themed jewelry for the silent auction which took place on the trade show floor, and the live auction held during the Best of the East event. Auctioneers Mark Basel and Art Carmichael demonstrated their flawless and irresistible talents during the hilarious evening while ASEV Eastern Section board members strutted the stage with the various offerings.

The fundraiser was so successful and enjoyable that VWM will be hosting it again this spring at the 2008 Wineries Unlimited conference. The society is grateful for the support from VWM and generous contributions from industry suppliers and welcomes the opportunity to develop this event into an even more significant source of funding for scholarships and eventually an enology and viticulture research fund. If you plan to attend Wineries Unlimited, March 4-7, 2008, check out their website at www.wineriesunlimited.com for more details about the conference and auctions.

Six Students ASEV-ES Scholarship Recipients in 2007

The 2007-2008 ASEV-ES Scholarships were awarded to six students from five universities. The scholarship program was made possible by a renewed relationship between Vineyard and Winery Management and the ASEV-ES through the student scholarship auction at Wineries Unlimited. This year's scholarship recipients were:

Amy Bowen (Brock University).
Denise Gardner (Virginia Tech University)
Dena Fiacchino (Purdue University)
Derrick Hammons (University of Kentucky)
Nicolas Terrade (University of Guelph)
Jim Willwerth (Brock University)

Our congratulations to the scholarship recipients!

Davenport Receives Outstanding Achievement Award



Photo: Linda McKee, L&M Photojournalism

Terry Bates presented the ASEV Eastern Section *Outstanding Achievement Award* to **Tom Davenport**, Director of Research at National Grape Cooperative, Westfield, New York, at the Monday Awards Banquet.

The Outstanding Achievement Award was previously awarded to such notables as Philip Wagner, Nelson

Shaulis, Garth Cahoon, Stan Howell, and Hudson Cattell. Davenport's award was inscribed:

"The American Society of Enology and Viticulture Eastern Section presents the Outstanding Achievement Award to Mr. Tom Davenport for his dedication and service to the Eastern grape and wine industry throughout his 40 year career. Tom has been dedicated to the betterment of agriculture through research and leadership development. He has championed the efforts for federal support of viticulture and enology research in North America through his involvement in the National Grape and Wine Initiative and Viticulture Consortium."

New ASEV-ES Directors and Officers

The newly-elected 2007-2008 slate of officers and board members includes:

Terry Bates, Cornell, Chair
Tim Martinson, Cornell, Chair-Elect
Joe Fiola, Univ. Maryland, Director
Imed Dami, Ohio State, Director
Nancy Irelan, Red Tail Ridge Winery, NY, Director
Debra Inglis, Brock University, Director

32ND ANNUAL ASEV- EASTERN SECTION ANNUAL MEETING A SUCCESS

Terry Bates

The 32nd Annual American Society for Enology and Viticulture – Eastern Section Annual Conference and Symposium was held on July 15-17th at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania. **Mark Chien** and **Steve Menke** served as the hosts for the conference and organized the pre-conference tour which visited four Lehigh Valley wineries: **Pinnacle Ridge**, **Galen Glen**, **Vynecrest Vineyards**, and **Clover Hill Vineyards and Winery**.

The Monday technical program was comprised of three sessions:

- Root Biology and Vineyard Floor Management
- Canopy Management and Vine Balance,
- Midwest Viticulture.

The traditional student paper competition was also held on Monday with nine student presentations from five universities. **Taryn Bauerle** from Penn State took the **National Grape Cooperative**-sponsored best viticulture paper award for her presentation on "*Root foraging in response to water stress in fast- and slow-growing rootstocks.*" **Vinay Pagay** from Cornell University took the **Lallemond**-sponsored best paper with his presentation on "*Enhancing and synchronizing grape berry ripening.*"

The information packed Monday technical session was followed on Tuesday by a symposium on *Soil Moisture and Vine Vigor*. **Harold van Es** from Cornell's Crop and Soil Sciences kicked off the symposium with an informative look into the chemical, biological, and physical aspects of vineyard soil health. **Hugh Fraser** (OMAFRA) talked about the detrimental effects of excess soil moisture on grapevines and his experience with vineyard drainage in Canada. Plant Physiologist **Alan Lakso** from Cornell's Horticultural Sciences presented data on vine water requirements and how to meet those requirements through floor management and irrigation. **Russell Smithyman**, Director of Viticulture Research for **Chateau St. Michelle Wine Estates**, talked about regulated deficit irrigation (RDI) in Eastern Washington and illustrated his message with a Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon wine tasting from standard irrigation and RDI vineyards. **Andy Reynolds** from Brock University wrapped up the symposium by discussing his research on the effects of vine water status on fruit composition and final wine quality.



33rd ASEV Eastern Section Annual Meeting and Seminar

July 14-16 2008

St. Catharines, Ontario

Join us for the preconference tour, technical program, and 'Aromatic Whites' Symposium.

Sheraton Four Points Hotel

Adjacent to Brock University, St. Catharines

Conference Information at www.nysaes.cornell.edu/fst/asev/



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