

**MINUTES OF THE 2000 COTTON DISEASE  
COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING,  
JANUARY 12, 2001  
ANAHEIM, CA  
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The 61<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Cotton Disease Council was called to order by chairperson Patrick D. Colyer at 4:10 p.m. Thirty members were in attendance.

A motion was made and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2000 business meeting.

**Old Business**

Terry Kirkpatrick reported that the Cotton Compendium has been sent to A.P.S. by he and Craig Rothrock. He stressed that it is a rewrite, not a revision. One aspect of the compendium which has been greatly enhanced is that the number of pictures had increased from 56 to 115. He noted that it is still possible to be a financial contributor to the publication of the new Cotton Compendium. Current contributors include The Cotton Foundation, Aventis CropScience, Gustafson LLC, Helena, Delta and Pine Land Company, and Stoneville Pedigreed Seed Company.

**Committee Reports**

Copies of the Cotton Disease Loss Estimate Committee Report compiled by Don Blasingame and Mukund V. Patel were available. Sixteen states reported. Blasingame reported that the Disease Loss Estimate Committee is now breaking out the losses due to nematodes by species. This is making it difficult to keep the table in a one page format.

Gabe Sciumbato reported that the Soilborne Pathogen Committee has received 2 reports this year.

Peggy Thaxton was serving as chair of Cotton Improvement and was unavailable to report for the Vascular Wilt Committee.

Richard Davis of the Nematode Management committee had no report at the present time but was preparing one.

Bill Batson of the Regional Disease Problems Committee stated that only Alabama had submitted a report.

Copies of the Report of the Cottonseed Treatment Committee for 2000 compiled by Craig Rothrock were available. A total of 16 trials were conducted in 10 states. Rothrock also presented a preliminary list of treatments for the 2001 National Cottonseed Treatment Nominations.

Pat Colyer reported that the Journal of Cotton Science is continuing to grow. He is on the policy Board and they are working hard to improve the journal and make it an excellent place to publish cotton papers. Submissions in the Plant Disease section are relatively low. We all need to consider submitting to this section to enhance awareness of our science among our colleagues and industry. Bayer is now a financial sponsor of the journal.

**New Business**

John Mueller succeeded Patrick Colyer as Chairman of the Council.

Bill Gazaway made a resolution thanking Patrick Colyer for his four years of outstanding service as Secretary and Chair of the Cotton Disease Council. This resolution was unanimously approved. The floor was opened for nominations for a new Secretary. Terry Kirkpatrick nominated Craig Rothrock. The nomination was seconded by Richard Davis and unanimously approved.

Robert Nichols was thanked for organizing and chairing the sessions on Seed Rot and Bronze Wilt.

Richard Davis and Lloyd May were thanked for organizing the 2001 symposium on Nematode management.

A workshop for the 2002 meeting in Atlanta was discussed at length. It was agreed upon that Richard Davis and Kathy MacLean would co-chair this workshop on Nematode Management. It was agreed that the workshop should be "hands on" and include regional experts to assist growers and other visitors. Everyone was encouraged to contact Richard or Kathy with ideas and to volunteer to help.

Extensive discussion of possible symposium titles took place. Terry Wheeler proposed a session under the general heading "Enzymes for disease resistance". Bob Stipanovic proposed a session on "Diseases, nematodes and yield stagnation in cotton". Neither proposal included a firm list of speakers or titles. It was agreed upon that both would contact John Mueller when they had looked further into their proposals. He and the organizers will decide if either of the proposals should be developed into symposia or colloquia for 2002. The possibility of the Cotton Disease Council not having a symposium in 2002 was discussed and if neither of the current topics is developed there will be no symposium.

Terry Wheeler brought up the problem of a lack of uniform terminology in relation to susceptibility and resistance to wilts and nematodes. It was proposed that the Verticillium Wilt and Fusarium Wilt Committee address this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Mueller  
Secretary, Cotton Disease Council