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**U. of Wisconsin Professor Amasino Voted President-Elect of
American Society of Plant Biologists**

ROCKVILLE, MD – University of Wisconsin Professor Richard Amasino has been elected by his peers to lead the American Society of Plant Biologists (ASPB). Amasino became President-Elect of ASPB October 1, 2005. ASPB is a non-profit science society of nearly 6,000 members from the U.S. and nearly 60 other nations.

“Obviously, I am honored to have been chosen by my colleagues to serve as President-Elect of the society,” Amasino said. “ASPB is one of the most active scientific societies with two top journals in our field, active involvement in education, and other activities. I look forward to helping the society continue to play an important role in science in general and plant biology in particular.”

Amasino has received a number of awards including the 2005 Hildale Award in Biological Sciences; 1999 Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Award; 1998 Wisconsin Distinguished Professorship; 1989 Presidential Young Investigator Award.



His professional service includes serving on the: Editorial Board of Plant Physiology since 1997; Editorial Board of Science since 2004; Advisory Board of The Plant Journal since 2001; Editorial Board of Plant, Cell and Environment since 1999; Board of Directors, International Society for Plant Molecular Biology from 1997-2000, and the North American Arabidopsis Steering Committee from 1996-1999.

Amasino's term as President-Elect is for one year. After that he will become President of ASPB for one year.

ASPB publishes two of the most frequently cited plant science journals: *The Plant Cell* and *Plant Physiology*. ASPB's membership spans the United States and nearly 60 other nations. The Society, founded in 1924, is headquartered in Rockville, Maryland.

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