

# THE BEAN IMPROVEMENT COOPERATIVE



The Madison Concourse Hotel  
and Governor's Club  
Madison, Wisconsin  
October 28-31, 2007



# THE BEAN IMPROVEMENT COOPERATIVE

- Established 1957
- Founding members were :
- Tex Frazier (BIC Coordinator/President), Bill Dean, Bill Enzie, John McCabe, Bill Zaumeyer
- “Purpose of the BIC to act as an informal organization which will facilitate exchange of information and breeding stocks among all workers interested in improvement of dry, snap and lima beans”.
- Annual Report: Research notes, Membership List, Bean Stocks, & Bibliography



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- Coordinating Committee
- Local Organizing Committee – BIC Meeting (24)
- Awards Committee – Chair: Howard Schwartz
- Meritorious Service Award – 1970 (70)
- Distinguished Achievement Award – 1989 (13)
- Frazier-Zaumeyer Lectureship – 2001 (4)
- Germplasm/Genetics – Chair: Tim Porch
- Purpose: organizes and coordinates activities that deal with *Phaseolus* genetics.



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- Current members – Coordinating Committee:  
Jim Kelly (President) – Michigan State University  
Jim Beaver – University of Puerto Rico  
Phil Miklas – USDA-ARS, Prosser WA  
Ken Kmiecik – Seminis Vegetable Seeds, Wisconsin  
Jim Myers- Oregon State University  
Soon Jai Park – Ag Canada, Harrow, Ontario  
Ron Riley – Basin Seed, Idaho  
Antonio de Ron – Biological Station, Pontevedra, Spain  
Ron Shellenberger – ProVita Seed, Idaho  
Howard F. Schwartz – Colorado State University  
Bert Vandenberg – University of Saskatchewan



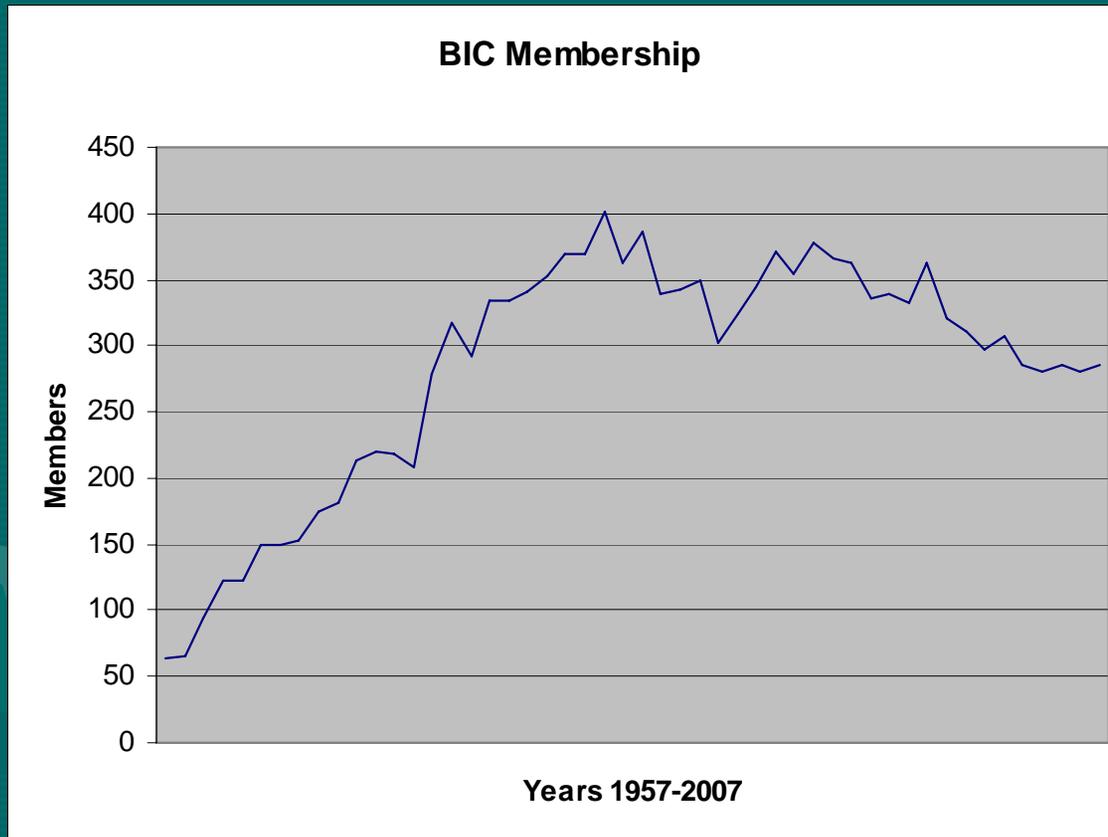
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## Past & Current Presidents

- 1957 - 1967: Tex Frazier, Oregon State University
- 1968 – 1976: Dermot Coyne, University of Nebraska
- 1977 – 1987: Mike Dickson, Cornell Univ., Geneva
- 1988 – 1997: Howard Schwartz, Colorado State Univ.
- 1998 – Present: Jim Kelly, Michigan State University



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## 2007 BIC Membership by Country (40)

286-Members Total – 113 in US.

- 26 Brazil
- 18 Mexico
- 16 Canada
- 13 Spain
- 8 Bulgaria
- 7 Netherlands, Colombia, Italy
- 5 South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Puerto Rico
- 4 Ethiopia, France
- 3 Rwanda, Australia
- 2 Ecuador, Japan, Uganda, Argentina, Belgium, Malawi
- 1 New Zealand, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Serbia Montenegro, England, Chile, Zimbabwe, China, Sudan, Zambia, Haiti, Taiwan, Mozambique, Costa Rica, Poland, Madagascar, Burundi



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- Annual Reports: 1957 -2007.
- On line at National Agricultural Library - NAL
- <http://naldr.nal.usda.gov/NALWeb/Publications.aspx>
- Two-page research papers, oral/poster presentations, Membership Directory, Financial Statement, Award Recipients, Obituaries, Variety Releases & Mini Reviews
- Gene List - 2004 (24 pages); 5-years, on-line annually
- 2004 -354 pages
- Book, CD version, Fees National \$15; Internationally \$25
- 2007 Cover - Volume 50



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BIC Web site

<http://www.css.msu.edu/bic/>



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## BIC Meetings - 24

- First meeting in 1959 in Madison
- Returned to Madison in 1979, 2007
  - Milwaukee: 1962, 1967 & 1971
  - Canada: Toronto & Calgary
- Awards Established in 1970 –Seattle
  - Celebrated 19<sup>th</sup> Awards Banquet
- Initiated Student Awards in 1989 – Toronto
  - Committee Meetings – Genetics, CC



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2009 BIC Meeting

Location

Denver/ Fort Collins



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## Sponsors – 2007 BIC Meeting

### Platinum

*Seminis Vegetable Seeds*

### Gold

*Harris Moran Seed Company*

*Syngenta Seeds, Inc.*

### Silver

*Del Monte Foods*

### Bronze

*Brotherton Seed Company*

*Central Bean Company*

*Crites Moscow Growers, Inc*

*Hartung Brothers, Inc.*

*Michigan Bean Commission*



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## Local Organizing Committee – 2007 Meeting

- Ken Kmiecik, Chair - Seminis Vegetable Seeds
- Roxanne Mainz, Co-Chair - Syngenta
- Rob Gehin, Co-Chair - Harris Moran
- Alyson Thornton, Co-Chair - Harris Moran
- Michell Sass - UW- Madison



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## Introduction

“Those who helped in the formation of this cooperative hope that it may become truly international in character so that it may serve, through all scientists contributing in any manner to the improvement of beans, the peoples of all countries in the world.

Participation in the BIC is informal and voluntary. The report represents a modest beginning, but it shows the potentialities of a mechanism of approach in which scientists with closely allied interests and goals may fully exchange information for the common good” ..... W. A. Frazier, March 1957