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History:

On September 19, 1974, some researchers and professors working in the field of Phytopathology and meeting periodically had the initiative to create the *Grupo Paulista de Fitopatologia* [Phytopathology Group of São Paulo State – GPF]. The decisive meeting was held at the Agronomic Institute of Campinas (IAC), and the first GPF board of directors was formed, including the following members: Jaciro Soave (IAC) – Director, Armando Bergamin Filho (ESALQ/USP) – Vice-Director, Eduardo Feichtenberger (IB-SP) – 1st Secretary, Chukichi Kurozawa (FCA/UNESP) – 2nd Secretary, and Laudelino Carneiro – Treasurer.

The need for a means to disseminate their research led the GPF members to create the journal *Summa Phytopathologica*. The following professors were elected to compose the editorial committee of the journal: Caio Otávio Nogueira Cardoso, Paulo de Campos Torres de Carvalho, and Ferdinando Galli.

In 2002, the GPF was renamed *Associação Paulista de Fitopatologia* [Phytopathology Association of São Paulo State – APF]. In 1975, the first issue of *Summa Phytopathologica* was published. The headquarters of both the journal and the APF are currently located in the municipality of Botucatu.

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3. Salinari, F.; Giosue, S.; Tubiello, F.N.; Rettori, A.; Rossi, V.; Spana, F.; Rosenzweig, C.; Gullino, M.L. Downy mildew (*Plasmopora viticola*) epidemics on grapevine under climate change. **Global Change Biology**, New York, v.12, n.7, p.1299-1307, 2006.

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