

**BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA**  
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The Bryological and Lichenological Section participated in the American Bryological and Lichenological Society (ABLS) Meeting at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, 26-28 July 2002. The organizer for the meeting was Bernard Goffinet (University of Connecticut), with assistance from the ABLS President William Buck (New York Botanical Gardens) and President-elect James Lawrey (George Mason University). The meetings included pre and post-meeting forays, a lichen identification workshop by Irwin Brodo (Canadian Museum of Nature), and two social events, the annual ABLS breakfast and a conference banquet. The scientific program included invited presentations by Didier Schaefer and Louise Lewis, 27 contributed presentations and 8 contributed posters. To encourage student participation in the annual meeting, ABLS provided travel awards for graduate students and presented the A. J. Sharp Award for the outstanding student presentation. Twelve students competed for the 2002 award, which was won by Rebecca Yahr (Duke University) for the presentation "The structure of symbiotic communities: Population-level patterns of association between lichen fungi and their algal photobionts." Honorable mention went to Linda Fuselier (University of Kentucky) for the presentation "Growth and reproduction of *Marchantia inflexa* from single-sex and bi-sex populations," and to Frank Bungartz (Arizona State University) for "Biologically-induced mineralization by the endolithic lichen *Verrucaria rubrocincta* Breuss in the Sonoran Desert." The annual Tuckerman and Sullivant Awards (best lichen and bryophyte papers published in *The Bryologist* during the last year) went to Dianne Fahselt, Susan Madzia, and Vagn Alstrup for "Scanning electron microscopy of invasive fungi in lichens" (*Bryologist* 104: 24-39) and to D. Nicholas McLetchie for "Sex-specific germination response in the liverwort *Sphaerocarpos texanus* (Sphaerocarpaceae) (*Bryologist* 104: 69-71), respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

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