

Paleobotanical Section

The Paleobotanical Section saw a change in officers at the 2001 Albuquerque meeting: we thank Steve Manchester for his 3 years of excellent service as Secretary -Treasurer as I began my term. Bonnie Jacobs will serve as Chair at the 2002 Madison meeting, Willy Taylor as Editor of the Bibliography, and a to-be-elected individual as Web Manager.

At the Albuquerque meeting the Isabel Cookson Award was presented to Aude Soria for her presentation on "Development and architecture of a Gondwanan representative of the late Devonian genus *Pietzchia* (Cladoxylopsida)", coauthored by Brigitte Meyer-Berthaud and Stephen E. Scheckler. The Moseley award was presented to two individuals: from the Developmental and Structural Section Maria Von Balthazar for her paper "Floral structure and phylogeny of Buxaceae" co-authored by Peter Endress and from the Paleobotanical Section Genero Hernandez-Castillo for "Evidence from compound pollen cones in Paleozoic conifers" coauthored by Gar Rothwell and Gene Mapes.

For this year's meeting in Madison the Paleobotanical Section will host a total of 42 presentations, 2 posters, and several additional "new research" posters as well as having two of our Section members, Past President of the Botanical Society of America Patricia Gensel and Gar Rothwell, participating in the Plenary Symposium on Monday morning. We will have our annual Paleobotanical Mixer, Banquet and Auction on Monday evening at the Essen Haus.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary-Treasurer