

2003 Genetics Section Report to the BSA Council

Claude W. dePamphilis received the 2002 Margaret A. Menzel Memorial Award at the BSA banquet in Madison, WI for his paper entitled "Riveting reverses editing in plant mitochondrial sequences." Co-authors on the paper included Lena Landherr, Todd Barkman, Joel McNeal, and Ned Young. The award recognizes the best presentation in the contributed paper session of the Genetic section and includes a certificate, \$200.00, and a ticket to the BSA banquet.

Amanda L. Ingram received the 2002 Genetics section Poster Award for her work entitled "A new family of MITEs (miniature inverted-repeat elements) in *Uniola paniculata* L." Co-author on the poster included Jeff J. Doyle. The award included a certificate, \$100.00, and a ticket to the BSA banquet.

Lena Hileman received the 2001 Graduate Student Research Award of \$500.00. She presented her work in the contributed paper session of the Genetics section at the Botany 2002 meeting. Her paper was entitled "Floral symmetry genes are implicated in the developmental evolution of stamen number in the Antirrhineae (Veronicaceae)." This paper was co-authored by Elena M. Kramer and David M. Baum. As part of this award the Genetics section provided up to \$500 to defray the cost of Lena's trip to Madison, WI.

The Genetic section received four proposals for the 2002 Graduate Student Research Award. The proposal submitted by Christine Edwards, University of Florida, was funded. She will receive \$500.00 for her research, and up to \$500 for reimbursement related to her attending and presenting at a BSA meeting in the next two years.

The Genetic section is one of the co-sponsors of a symposium at the Botany 2003 meeting entitled "Transgenic crops: science, policy, politics." The section committed \$1200 to help sponsor this symposium.

At the Botany 2003 meeting in Mobile, AL, there will be 19 oral presentations and 10 posters given in the Genetics Section.

Don Hauber, Richard Whitkus, and R. C. Jackson served on a Nominating Committee and reported to the Section at the 2002 meeting. The committee nominated Vance Baird as the new Genetics section Secretary/Treasurer. He has agreed to serve and his nomination was approved.

At the end of the 2002 Genetic section business meeting Stephen Novak became Chair and Council Representative, and Randall Small became Vice Chair. The Newsletter Editor position is still vacant.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen J. Novak