

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PTERIDOLOGICAL SECTION**

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At the Botany 2002 meetings in Madison , WI, the Pteridological Section of the BSA co-sponsored with the American Fern Society a symposium titled "'Werthwhile' Passions: exploring the plants and research themes that fascinated Dr. Charles Werth". The symposium was organized by Christopher H. Haulfer and featured eight presentations commemorating the contributions of Charlie Werth to pteridology and the wider botanical community. In addition, the Pteridological Section had fourteen contributed papers and four posters.

The Edgar T. Wherry Award, for best paper presented as part of the contributed papers sessions was given to David S. Barrington, Yoko Yatabe, and Wu Sugong for their presentation entitled, "New insights into the phylogeny of Asian *Polystichum* (Dryopteridaceae) from expanded *rbcL* data."

Two well attended field trips were sponsored: one titled "Ferns of Wisconsin's Driftless Area" and a second titled "Ferns of the Baraboo Hills."

The Pteridological section contributed \$400 to the publication of the Annual Review of Pteridological Literature, Volume 15, 2001.

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