

Paleobotanical Section

Brian Axsmith served as Chair at the 2003 Mobile meeting, Willy Taylor as Editor of the Bibliography, and Chuck Daghlian as Web Manager.

At the 2003 meeting in Mobile the Section sponsored an active program that included 28 papers contributed, 2 posters, 1 new research poster, and 8 participants in the "Dating in the 21st century" symposium organized by Pat Herendeen and Peter Crane and co-sponsored by the Paleobotanical and Systematics sections.

The 2003 Isabel Cookson Student Award was presented to Michael Dunn, Ohio University, for his presentation entitled: "The Fayetteville Flora of Arkansas, USA: An Upper Mississippian (middle Chesterian/ lower Namurian A) Plant Fossil Assemblage with Permineralized and Compression Remains." The 2003 Maynard Moseley Award went to Stefan Little, University of Alberta for his presentation "Permineralized fruits of Lauraceae from the Middle Eocene Princeton chert, British Columbia." The paper was coauthored by Ruth Stockey.

For the 2004 Snowbird meeting, the Paleobotanical Section is hosting a total of presentations, posters, and several "new research" posters as well as sponsoring one symposium: "A century of seed ferns: A symposium to celebrate paradigm shifts in the understanding of seed plants", organized by Michael T. Dunn and Gar Rothwell, and cosponsoring with the Developmental and Structural Section a second symposium entitled: "Discerning homologies: gene expression, development and morphology", organized by Larry Hufford and Ned Friedman. Lisa Boucher along with Steve Manchester and are leading a 2-day postmeeting field trip to the Lower Cretaceous Blackhawk and Eocene Green River floras.

Respectfully submitted,

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