

## Ecological Section Report—2006

At Botany 2005 in Austin, TX, the business meeting of the Ecological Section was attended by 35 people. In addition to other business, we recognized students with awards for their talks and posters.

- Awards for talks were given to:  
Yvonne Davila (co-author Glenda Wardle from the University of Sydney) for “Does geographic, annual and diurnal variation in pollinator visitation define a generalist-pollinated plant?”  
  
John Geiger (Florida International University) for “Breeding system investigation of the endangered vine *Ipomoea microdactyla* Griseb. (Convolvulaceae)”
- An award for a poster was given to:  
Christopher Martine (co-authors Patrick Herron, Andrew Latimer, Stacey Leicht, and Eric Mosher from the University of Connecticut) for “Predicting the next woody invasives in New England: A model-based approach to identifying future threats”
- Judges for these student awards included Tim Bell, Joe Colosi, and Elena Pinto-Torres for posters as well as Katherine Preston, Cynthia Huebner, and William Smith for talks.

During the past year, Margaret Devall began her term as secretary and program director for the Ecological Section. Jeff Walck will begin his term as vice-chair for the Section following the Botany 2006 meetings in Chico, CA.

Also during the past year, Tim Bell and Carl Weekley drafted a plan for the Ecological Section to provide Student Travel Awards. They also served as judges to select the first two students to receive these awards at Botany 2006. Student Travel Awards (\$500 each) from the Ecological Section will be given to Rebecca Anderson (Illinois State University) and Marissa Jernegan (Eastern Illinois University).

For Botany 2006 to be held in Chico, CA, our section has 33 papers and 27 posters scheduled. We also are co-sponsors for one symposium entitled “Human Transformation of California: Botany, History, and Sociology” with \$1,000 support. In addition, Carol Baskin will present an overview of the History of the Ecological Section as part of the Section’s business meeting, since 2006 marks the thirty year anniversary for our section.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Coons  
Chair, BSA Ecological Section