

## **Developmental and Structural Section Report**

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At the sectional business meeting held in Chico, California, at Botany 2006 we conducted the following business:

- 1) Students who received Cheadle and Developmental and Structural Section travel awards were introduced.
- 2) Frank Ewers (California State University, Pomona) was elected as the new program director for the section.
- 3) Symposium proposals for Botany 2006 were discussed.

At Botany 2006, 44 papers and 12 posters were presented to the Development and Structure Section. Seventeen of the papers and three of the posters were presented by students.

Symposia sponsored at least in part by the section at the 2006 meeting included the following:

- (1) The Evolution of Ericales: Recent Insights using both Morphology and Molecules.
- (2) A Century Of Wood Anatomy and 75 Years Of IAWA.
- (3) Bringing Together the Living and Dead: Integrating Extant and Fossil Biodiversity in Evolutionary Studies.
- (4) The Comparative - Phylogenetic Method of Reconstructing Evolutionary History

The Katherine Esau Award for the most outstanding student presentation on plant development or structure was given to Brigitte Marazzi, University of Zurich, for her paper "Evolution of floral diversity in the buzz-pollinated genus *Senna* (Leguminosae, Cassiinae)."

The executive committee evaluated applications from students for travel awards to Botany 2007. Five students were given travel awards, including Tatiana Arias, University of Tennessee; Natalia Pabon Mora, CUNY/New York Botanical Garden; Maria Aurineide Rodrigues, Universidade de Sao Paulo; Yannick Staedler, University of Zurich; and Renate Wuersig, Purdue University.

Executive committee members also participated in the selection of the BSA's Cheadle Awards. The following students were selected to receive Cheadle Awards to facilitate travel to Botany 2007: Madelaine Bartlett, University of California, Berkeley; Patricia Ryberg, University of Kansas; Julia Nowak, University of Guelph; and John Mossberg, University of Central Arkansas

The section will have its next business meeting in Chicago, Illinois, at Botany 2007.