

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PALEOBOTANICAL SECTION  
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The Paleobotanical Section's program at Botany 2018 in Rochester, MN, consisted of 61 oral presentations and 6 posters, including 8 presentations by students in competition for the Cookson or Moseley awards. The 2018 winner of the Cookson Award was Camila Martinez for her paper "Paleobotanical record from the Descanso-Yauri Basin, Peru: insights into the Neogene paleoclimate and elevation history of the Central Andean Plateau." with coauthors William Crepet, Carlos Jaramillo, Angélica Aliaga, and Federico Moreno. The Moseley Award went to Madison Foster, for her contribution entitled "Unraveling the diversity of mycelial cords from the Lower Devonian Rhynie chert." with coauthors Carla Harper and Michael Krings.

In Rochester, the Section sponsored several colloquia, including: "Plants at the Cretaceous-Paleogene Boundary", organized by Alejandra Gandolfo and Nathan Jud, "A Synthesis of New Palaeontological and Phylogenomic Perspectives on Gymnosperm Evolution", organized by Gordon Burleigh and Nathalie Nagalingum, and "Fossil Plants at the Intersection of Evo-Devo and Phylogeny: Celebrating the Contributions of Gar W. Rothwell to Biodiversity and Evolution", organized by Mihai Tomescu. Together, these colloquia included 29 paleobotanical talks.

The Paleobotanical Section membership looks forward to another exciting meeting at Tucson in 2019. Our contributed Section talks include 26 talks and 5 posters, and 17 talks for the Cookson and Moseley awards. The Paleo Section has also contributed funds for a colloquium "Donald J. Pinkava's Legacy: the ASU herbarium in the Sonoran Desert" organized by Kathleen Pigg.

The Paleobotany Mixer and banquet will be held on Monday (July 29<sup>th</sup>). The Paleobotanical Section Business Meeting will occur on Wednesday (July 31<sup>st</sup>) at 5:30 PM, presided over by our Chairperson Patricia Ryberg.

Submitted by Section Secretary/Treasurer: Andrew Leslie

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