



Botany 2018 Wrap up

Botany 2018 in Rochester Minnesota was a resounding success! Slightly under \$50,000 profit was made. ½ the profit retained by the conference – the other half split among the participating societies.

Just under 1100 attendees

982 Abstracts including:

- 8 Special lectures
- 18 Symposia and Colloquia
- 478 Oral Presentations
- 289 Posters
- 6 Discussion sessions
- 14 Workshops

A diverse selection of field trips including an overnight fern foray. 44 Graduate and Undergraduate students took advantage of field trip reimbursements - split with ASPT. BSA paid \$1800.00 to BSA member students taking trips. I would like to repeat this program for Botany 2019. (\$4000.00 was budgeted.)

Some comments from the survey:

- I have been to BOTANY since 2012 and this was the best one in terms of presentations and content that I have been to!
- I think it was a great conference! I was surprised to see people from many countries presenting their best research results.
- You guys do a wonderful job every year. Congratulations, all your hard work and dedication continues to pay off!
- Botany is my fav conference. Everyone is so nice and supportive

- I was extremely impressed with Botany 2018. Rochester was a great venue and should be considered again for the future. It was so easy to get around in (although the Skywalks were a little strange, but quite useful). And all was organized so well. Congratulations. You (Johanne and others) did a fantastic job.
- Botany 2018 was my first conference and I absolutely loved it. Everything was very organized, there was a lot of diversity within the presentations, and there were lots of social and networking opportunities. I don't really have any complaints and I can't wait to come back to Botany in the future!
- I love the atmosphere of this conference. Everybody is friendly and it is a nice and inspiring environment. I am looking forward for the next one
- Botany conferences have the most friendly people, I really enjoy attending these conferences.
- I am very happy with the recent trend of Botany in small to medium-sized cities! These cities always seem to appreciate our presence more than when we have had the conference in large cities.

Between the comments from the survey and the financial outcome – I would say it was a successful conference!

Other highlights:

- Instituted a code of conduct policy and procedure...(unfortunately it was tested!)
- Created statements of privacy and etc. to conform to GDPR requirements
- Had the first Exhibitor Raffle...Aurora Storage gave away a herbarium cabinet. They plan to do this again for Botany 2019 – raised just under \$500.00.