

2019 Annual Report of the Tropical Biology Section

A Summary of the Section's Activities in 2018

We only had one abstract submitted, probably because the conference was far from the tropics. We arranged for the Morphology Section to include it.

Business Meeting

A brief report of the Section's finances was presented.

Plans for 2020

The Section voted for three Symposia: Crop wild relatives and land races: the Sky Islands of southwest North American agriculture; Parasitic plants as playgrounds for genome evolution and genetic extremism at the 50th anniversary of Job Kuijt's seminal book "The biology of parasitic flowering plants"; and At the intersection of applied and academic botany: fertile ground for an interdisciplinary botanical renaissance. We selected one colloquium: Dynamics and Demography of Alpine Islands.

We will have contributed paper session this year and associated posters, scheduled right before our business meeting. We hope that all members of the Section will try to attend the Section business meeting and/or plan to submit a symposium proposal for our Section for Botany 2020.

With our best wishes for a productive year, and looking forward to seeing you in Tucson,

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