Division News

APS North Central Division Gathers in South Dakota for 62nd Annual Meeting

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Oral and poster competition winners at the APS North Central Division meeting.

The 62nd Annual Meeting of the APS North Central Division, hosted by South Dakota State University (SDSU), met at the Grand Gateway Hotel in Rapid City, SD, June 6-8, 2010. Meeting attendees were provided a very thorough symposium, entitled "Safety and security of our agricultural systems." This was followed by a poster session, student presentations, and an evening banquet. Thirteen students within the North Central Division received travel awards to offset costs in attending the meeting this year. Students were nominated

by their department to attend the meeting. Student travel awardees included **Kim Chapman** and **Adam Leonberger** (Purdue University); **Jafe Weems** (University of Illinois); **Anna Seidl** (University

of Wisconsin); Somwattie Pooran DeSouza, Suraj Gurung, Andrew Friskop, and Yen Wi Chang (North Dakota State University [NDSU]); Vivek Gupta, Yuba Kandel, and Prabin Tamang (SDSU); Qingxiao Meng (Michigan State University); and Nathan Bestor (Iowa State University).

The prestigious North Central Division Distinguished Service Award was presented to **William Bockus**, Kansas State University, at the evening banquet. Bockus was honored for his significant



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contributions to the region in wheat pathology research. Six graduate students received either an award for their poster or oral presentations. Oral presentation winners were Chapman, Purdue University, first place (\$300); Friskop (NDSU), second place (\$175); and Weems, University of

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APS past President Barb Christ presents the award to William Bockus.

Illinois, third place (\$125). Winners of the poster competition were Chang, NDSU, first place (\$300); and Seidl, University of Wisconsin, and **Somwattie Pooran DeSouza**, NDSU, second place (\$150 each).

The 2011 meeting of the North Central Division will be hosted by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and will be held in Omaha, NE, June 15–17, 2011.

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