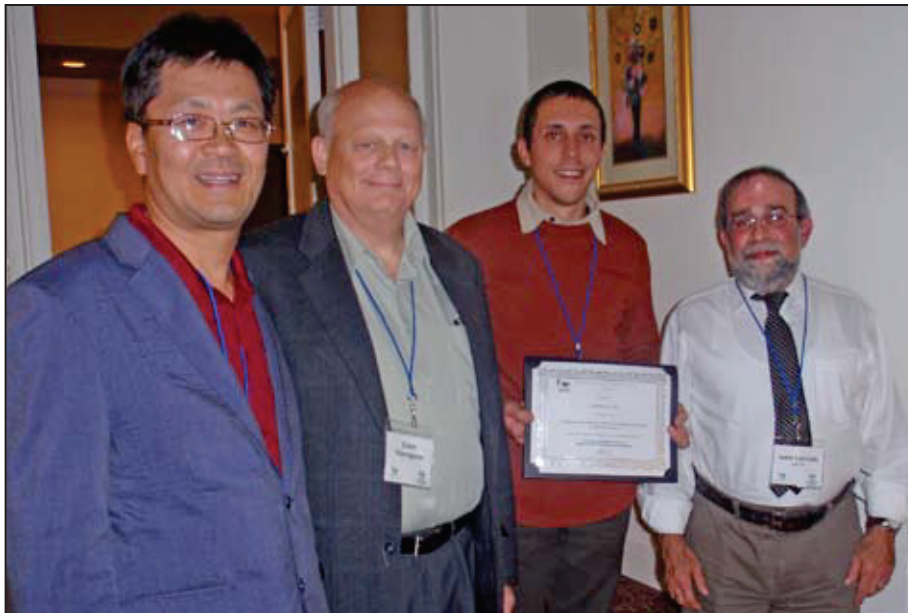


Seventy-Third Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Division



The 73rd Annual Meeting of the APS Northeastern Division was held at the Heritage Resort in Southbury, CT, November 23–25, 2013. APS President **George Abawi** was in attendance and kicked off the meeting by announcing his half century of membership in the division. Abawi then presented a short slide show outlining the structure and purpose of APS Council and its major priorities: science, education, industry, internationalization, strategic investments, and innovation. He stressed the importance of international collaborations and the introduction of new students to foster membership growth. The meeting included a forward-looking symposium entitled “Plant diseases under changing climate.” **Karen Garrett**, (Kansas State University), **Joe Russo** (ZedX, Inc., PA), and **Kishan Sambaraju** (Natural Resources Canada) were the invited speakers, and **Philippe Tanguay** was the session moderator.

This year’s well-attended meeting began with two tours, one to the USDA Forest Service Quarantine Facility in Ansonia, CT, and the other to White Flower Farm in Litchfield, CT. Overall, there were 29 presenters at the meeting; nine competed for the division’s Graduate Student Award. The award consists of an inscribed plaque, \$1,000 for travel to a scientific meeting in 2013–2014, a one-year online or print subscription to one APS journal, as well as complimentary membership to both APS and the Northeastern Division. The judges had great difficulty in choosing a recipient, but after extensive deliberation, the award was given to **Jonathan Cale** (State University of New York [SUNY], College of Environmental Science and Forestry) for his presentation “A proposed new model for beech bark disease development in aftermath forests.” Also, as part of the division’s outreach efforts, a half-day seminar entitled “Disease and pest management in the landscape” was organized by **Wade Elmer** and offered to stakeholders in the region. In addition, five 45-minute presentations were made by local experts. ■



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Geunhwa Jung (chair, Graduate Award Committee, University of Massachusetts), David Thompson (Northeast Division president), awardee Jonathan Cale (SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry [ESF]), and John Castello (Cale’s advisor, SUNY ESF)

OPRO Releases New Video Series: Watch and Share Them Today!



This year, the APS Office of Public Relations and Outreach (OPRO) created a series of 10 short, fun videos that seek to explain to a younger student audience the important role that “plant doctors” play in our society. Using the taglines, “Plant doctors make the world better” and “Make a difference. Become a plant doctor,” the videos depict cultural traditions that students have come to love like carving pumpkins at Halloween, eating sweet corn in the summer, or picking apples at an orchard in the fall. The videos make the connection that we enjoy these traditions because plant doctors work to keep our food and natural resources healthy. Please take a moment to watch this new series, and share them with your students! The video series can be downloaded at www.apsnet.org/members/outreach/opro. ■

