

# 2017 APS Pacific Division Meeting Highlights

## Riverside, California



Incoming APS-Pacific Division President Kendra Baumgartner (right ) and outgoing President, Soum Sanogo (left).

### President Sanogo!!



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## Thanks to the Local Arrangements Committee!

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## Graduate Student Oral and Poster Competition

### Student Oral Competition Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> place: Andrea Garfinkel (WSU) “Multiple new pathogens revealed in a survey of peony diseases in the United States”

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Stacey Haack (UCR) “Pre- and post-harvest management of *Xanthomonas fragariae* to overcome trade barriers of California strawberries”

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Joseph Carrillo (UCR) “Probe-based multiplex real-time PCR as a diagnostic tool to distinguish two distinct *Fusarium* spp. associated with *Euwallaceae* spp. in California”

### Student Poster Competition

#### Winner:

Scott Cosseboom (Cal Poly)  
“Growers fungicide use patterns for control of gray mold and powdery mildew of strawberry in California”



Congratulations!!



From left to right: Stacey Haack, Andrea Garfinkel, Joseph Carrillo, and Soum Sanogo. Not shown: Scott Cosseboom

## Student Travel Awards

Joseph Carrillo, University of California, Riverside  
Lu Liu, Washington State University  
Joey Mayorquin, University of California, Riverside  
Chongijing Xia, Washington State University  
Yi Zhu, New Mexico State University



From left to right: Joseph Carrillo, Joey Mayorquin,  
Chonglijing Xia, Yi Zhu, and Lu Liu

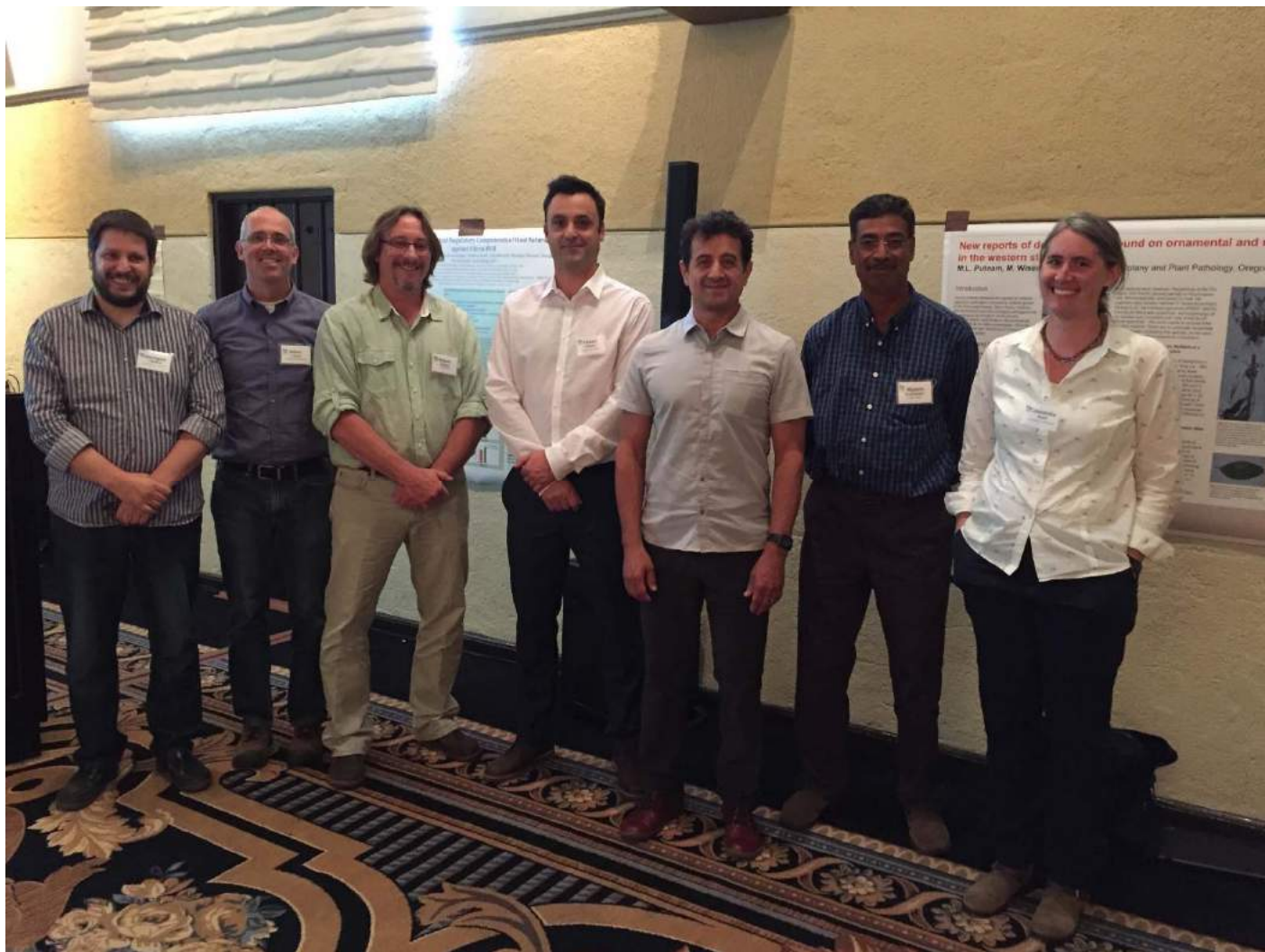
## Distinguished Service Award

Congratulations to Jay Pscheidt (Oregon State University) on your award. Thank you for your service to the APS Pacific Division.



From left to right: Melodie Putnam,  
Soum Sanogo, and Jay Pscheidt

## Symposium: “Emerging Diseases in California’s Agricultural and Natural Ecosystems”



Symposium speakers from left to right: Georgios Vidalakis (UC Riverside), Johan Leveu (UC Davis), Robert Shatters (USDA-ARS), Florent Trouillas (UC Davis), Akif Eskalen (UC Riverside), Mysore Sudarshana (USDA-ARS), and Cassandra Swett (UC Davis). Missing: Gitta Coaker (UC Davis), Richard Bostock (UC Davis), and Gerald Holmes (Cal Poly).



# Field Tour



## The Real Reasons Everyone Came to the Meeting



## Business and Executive Meetings

The agenda for the business meeting was sent out to the APS-PD membership prior to the meeting. Among other things, the meeting included the following items: Retiree and Necrology report; Reading of minutes of 2016 business meeting; Reports from Secretary/Treasurer and Division Forum Representative; Acknowledgements of volunteers; Invitation for nominations and identification of future meeting sites; and Discussions on issues pertaining to financial stability of divisions, abstract quality, and future of plant pathology. A more detailed description of the issues will be presented in the minutes of the meeting that is forthcoming to the APS-PD website.

The Pacific Division had a balance of \$25,120 as of March 207.

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## 2018 Pacific Division Meeting

The next APS Pacific Division Meeting will be held in Oregon

More info to come!



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### APS – PD Divisional Forum Report – June 29, 2017 Natalie Goldberg, Divisional Forum Representative

This year's Divisional Forum meeting took place in conjunction with the Northeast Division Meeting held at Cornell University. The forum has been focusing on three primary projects this year: "Plant Pathologists of the Future" oral paper session at the 2018 ICPP Meeting, evaluating the progress of the Divisional Forum Engagement Plan, and evaluating the health of the divisions.

**"Plant Pathologists of the Future" Oral Paper Session** – As a quick reminder, for several years, the winners of the student paper competitions at the Divisional Meetings have been invited to present their paper at the National Meeting. We will have this session in 2017 in San Antonio – it will be held on Tuesday, August 8 at 1:00 PM. Leslie Holland won the student competition at last year's meeting in La Conner, WA and she will be representing the Pacific Division in San Antonio. Please come to this session to see these exceptional students present their research (attendance matters to APS – good attendance helps us to secure this session at future APS meetings). We proposed this session for the 2018 ICPP meeting in Boston and expanded it to include student award winners from international countries. Unfortunately, because this is the International Congress on Plant Pathology (and not just a National APS Meeting), there was a lot of competition for oral sessions and this proposal was not selected. On a positive note, the Divisional Forum decided to invite all of the award winners for this year to a Divisional Meeting next year and the Pacific Division was selected!

**Summary of the Divisional Forum Engagement Plan and Implementation** - By this year's National Meeting, all Divisions will provide an update on their progress toward implementing the Engagement Plan. The Engagement Plan was developed to help link the Divisions, help the Divisions to effectively coordinate activities related to disciplinary area and membership issues, and to help report impacts to APS Leadership. It has allowed the divisions an opportunity to share their efforts to engage the membership, particularly with respect to:

1. Education of students at all levels from high school to graduate school
2. Engage Extension and Industry professionals in the Divisions
  - a. Fostering participation by Extension Professionals –
  - b. Fostering Extension and Industry Interaction and networking opportunities
3. Fostering Leadership and Engagement of early career professionals in Divisions (graduate students, post-docs)

In the next couple of weeks, I will be reporting on our activities from the past couple of Pacific Division Meetings meeting which have direct impact on the goals and objectives of the plan. If you have anything that you would like me to report for our Division, please speak with me.

- Number of participants; number of student participants
- Number of student travel awards; student oral paper competition awards; student poster competition
- Early career award
- Extension and Industry involvement

**Evaluating the Health of the Divisions** – The Division Forum is looking at data provided by APS to help determine the health of the Division. Data has been provided in the following areas:

- **History of division membership** – a little over half of all APS members are members of a division. The Pacific Division is the largest division with 737 members. In the past 10 years, our highest membership was in 2009 with 742 members and the lowest membership was 2013 and 2014 with 644 members. We have been steadily increasing membership since then and are approaching our high record. Membership in the division is very inexpensive - \$10.00 for regular members and \$2.00 for post-docs and students! If you have colleagues and students who are not members of the division, please encourage them to join and participate.
- **Attendance at division meetings** – Over the last 10 years, we have averaged 78 participants (the 2016 meeting in La Conner, Washington, was our high with 140 attendees; a joint meeting with the Canadian's in Vancouver in 2010 was our lowest with 11 attendees). It is kind of interesting to note that while we have the largest division, we rank 4<sup>th</sup> out of 6 divisions in attendance.
- **Number of abstracts at division meetings** – we are averaging 40 abstracts per meeting over the past 10 years. The past two years, the number of abstracts submitted for our meeting is significantly over the average – this may be related to the fact that we are now including a poster session at the meeting which allows for more abstracts to be submitted.
- **Year-end fund balance** – APS would like to see division carry forward at least \$10,000 annually. The year-end balance for the Pacific Division at the end of FY 16 was approximately \$25,000.00 – so we are in good shape financially.

The Divisional Forum is asking if these are the right criteria to use to determine division health? What other ways can we determine division health? For example, the number of students attending and giving presentations at division meeting are statistics that should be tracked and may be a good indicator of division health. The ability of students to give oral presentations at the divisional meeting is a great opportunity for public speaking experience that is not available at the national meeting. If you have other ideas on ways to measure division health that have not been presented here, please let me know.



# Thanks for attending the 2017 APS-PD meeting!

