

2012 APS Pacific Division Meeting Highlights

The APS Pacific Division Meeting in Sacramento proved valuable for the more than 130 attendees (undergraduate and graduate students, extension and research plant pathologists, industry members, and government officials). Participants gathered June 27–29, 2012, at The Embassy Suites in Sacramento, CA. For the first time, undergraduate students were invited to the meeting and introduced to plant pathology as a career during field and laboratory tours, courtesy of the University of California (UC)-Davis Plant Pathology Department. Other meeting highlights included a symposium on Verticillium wilt with invited speakers **Dennis Johnson, Jeremiah Dung, Lindsey du Toit, Steve Koike, Krishna Subbarao, and Tom Gordon**; 34 oral presentations by meeting participants; and two thought-provoking roundtable discussions on emerging plant disease problems in the Pacific Division region, led by extension and industry members.

Winners of the annual Graduate Student Oral Paper Competition were **Mathew Pye** (UC-Davis)—third place; **Kaitlyn Bissonnette** (University of Idaho)—second place; and **Cassandra Swett** and **Brittany Pierce** (UC-Davis)—tied for first place. **Doug Gubler** of UC-Davis received the APS Pacific Division Distinguished Service Award, only the second time it has been given. Key meeting organizers included Gubler (local arrangements chair), **Jim Adaskaveg** (Divisional Forum representative), **Akif Eskalen** (secretary-treasurer), **Themis Michailides** (president), and **Debbie Inglis** (past president). **Judy Brown** will be the next president-elect and **Jay Pscheidt** will become the next Divisional Forum representative in August. The Pacific Division will be meeting jointly with the APS Caribbean Division and the APS Divisional Forum in Tucson, AZ, June 16–19, 2013, and also in Bozeman, MT, sometime during June 2014. To keep informed about the division, please visit www.apsnet.org/members/divisions/pac.



Doug Gubler (left) receives the 2012 Distinguished Service Award from Pacific Division Past President Debbie Inglis and President Themis Michailides at their June meeting in Sacramento.