

Division News

2011 APS Pacific Division Meeting

The APS Pacific Division met with both APS and IAPPS in Honolulu, HI, August 6–10, 2011. A business/awards meeting and student paper competition were the primary activities during this busy session. The slate of new officers include Past President **Jay W. Pscheidt**, President **Debra Inglis**, President-Elect **Themis Michailides**, Secretary-Treasurer **Akif Eskalen**, and Forum Representative **Jim Adaskaveg**. Constitutional changes were read and approved by the attending membership, making the Office of Councilor into the Office of Forum Representative.

Future APS Pacific Division meetings were discussed. The 2012 meeting will be held June 27–29 in Sacramento, CA. Local Arrangements Chair **Doug Gubler** will be securing the location at the Embassy Suites in Sacramento for 2012. After that, we will be meeting with the APS Caribbean Division in Tucson, AZ, on June 16–19, 2013. Arrangements Chair **Judy Brown** will be working on this location at the Westward Look Resort (<http://westwardlooktucson.com>) in Tucson, AZ, for 2013.

There were eight Student Travel Awards made (\$800 each) for attending this meeting. Awardees included **Renuka Attanayake** (Washington State University [WSU]), **Deana Baucom** (New Mexico State University), **Kaityn Bissonnette** (University of Idaho), **Stephanie Heckert** (Oregon State University), **Dipak Sharma-Poudual** (WSU), **Stephanie Slinski** (University of California [UC]-Davis), **Cassandra Swett** (UC-Davis), and **Lydia Tymon** (WSU). The student paper competition was spread throughout the meeting and students will be awarded at their individual institutions. Awardees included **Jeremiah Dung** (WSU, \$500)—first place; Swett (\$300)—second place; and Heckert (\$200)—third place. Discussion of future competitions at national APS meetings favored oral presentations if at all possible over poster competitions.

The Pacific Division has several award categories and it is never too early to be thinking of possible nominations for these awards. Although we have an Early Career Award, there were no nominations this year. This year's Lifetime Achievement Award recipient was **Dennis Johnson** of WSU. He is most deserving of this award for his sustained record of working in a unique and demanding crop production system, research productivity, mentorship of many graduate students, and successful integration of research finding into effective and practical plant disease management outreach programs. The first recipient of the new Distinguished Service Award was **Melodie Putnam**. As she was on sabbatical this year, the award will be presented at the next APS Pacific Division meeting.

A special thank you to outgoing Secretary-Treasurer **Juliet Marshall** for all her superior help to the division for the last three years. ■



APS Pacific Division Student Travel Awardees. Back row left to right: Cassandra Swett (UC-Davis), President Debra Inglis, Stephanie Slinski (UC-Davis), Kaityn Bissonnette (UI), Stephanie Heckert (OSU), Dipak Sharma-Poudual (WSU), and Past President Jay Pscheidt. Front row: Lydia Tymon (WSU), Deana Baucom (NMSU), and Renuka Attanayake (WSU).