

Pacific Division and CPS Hold Joint Meeting in Vancouver



The Pacific Division met jointly with the Canadian Phytopathological Society (CPS) from June 21 to June 23, 2010, in Vancouver, British Columbia. There were more than 180 attendees at the joint meeting, with symposia covering climate change, genomics, and biological control.

During the evening of June 22, 2010, while enjoying a cruise on the Vancouver Harbor, **Ebrahiem M. Babiker**, **Jeremiah K. Dung**, **Jessica A. Gigot**, and **Emily W. Gatch** (Washington State University [WSU]) each received a \$500 travel award to attend the meeting. Additionally, the following members were recipients of Student Paper Competition awards: **Dung** (first place), **Gigot** (second



The Pacific Division travel awardees with Division President Jay Pscheidt. From left to right: Emily W. Gatch, Jeremiah K. Dung, Pschiedt, and Ebrahiem M. Babiker.

place), and **Alejandro Ortega-Beltran** (third place, University of Arizona). Each member received cash awards of \$500, \$300, and \$200, respectively.

In keeping with the division's constitution, the 2011 division meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2011 APS-IPPC Joint Meeting in Honolulu, HI, in August. For future meetings, the Executive Committee will be looking to reduce travel and registration costs to further increase participation. For the 2012 and 2013 meetings, the division is planning to use university campuses in order to decrease costs. Potential locations include the University of



The winners of the Pacific Division student presentation competition. From left to right: Alejandro Ortega-Beltran (third place), Jeremiah K. Dung (first place), and Jay Pscheidt.

California-Davis and Oregon State University campuses for 2012 and 2013, respectively.

During the business meeting, several items of business were voted on and passed. A Distinguished Service Award will be created to recognize individuals who have made an outstanding commitment to the division and are at the mid-career stage. Since the division continues to increase reserves, the student travel awards will undergo some changes; the number and amount will be dependent on the meeting location and the yearly membership dues. Up to eight travels awards will be made for each division meeting with the amount dependent on the costs to travel to the meeting. There was some discussion to make the awards a percentage of the cost to attend the meeting, thus encouraging students from across the full range of the division to attend the meeting.

During the meeting **Barb Christ** (APS president) and **Jim Adaskaveg** (division councilor) reported on the changes in the APS Council structure and what it will mean for the division (see July 2010 *Phytopathology News* for details). Basically, APS Council is reduced from 22 to 12 members. Division councilors will be members of the Divisional Forum, of which only one member will be a member of APS Council. This reorganization will require some constitutional changes that will be presented in future newsletters and voted on at a future meeting.

At the end of the meeting, Pacific Division President **Walter Mahaffee** handed the gavel to **Jay Pscheidt**. **Debra Inglis** (WSU) became the new president-elect. ■