Southern Division
American Phytopathological Society
2017 Award Ceremony

College Station, Texas
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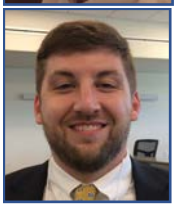
TRAVEL AWARD WINNERS

Rodrigo Borba Onofre
University of Florida

Patricia Soria
University of Florida



Jeffrey Standish
University of Georgia

Chakradhar Mattupalli
Noble Foundation

POSTER RODEO WINNERS

Best in Show: **Katrina Laurel**, University of Georgia, "Fungicide sensitivity of *Corynespora cassiicola* (target spot) isolates"

Reserved Best in Show: **Barry Boney**, University of Arkansas, "Management of plant-parasitic nematodes in soybean using site-specific methods"

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD WINNERS

1st Place: **Patricia Soria**, University of Florida, "A phylogenetic network of the soilborne fungal pathogen *Sclerotium rolfsii* in the Southeastern US"

2nd Place: **Jeffrey Standish**, University of Georgia, "Impact of reduced fungicide sensitivity in *Fusicladium effusum* on fungicide efficacy under field conditions"

3rd Place: **Mason Newark**, University of Florida, "A tale of two regions: comparing genotypic and phenotypic profiles of *Stagonosporopsis* spp. in Florida and China"

Donald M. Ferrin Memorial Service Award
This honor is granted to a member of the Southern Division of the American Phytopathological Society (APS) in recognition of distinguished service to APS. Any Southern Division member who has served APS at the national or divisional level and made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the society's mission is eligible for nomination.

Dr. Katherine Stevenson, professor of plant pathology at the University of Georgia, is a native of New York and received B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees (all in Plant Pathology) from Cornell University. Dr. Stevenson joined the faculty of the Department of Plant Pathology at the University of Georgia in 1992. She was promoted to Associate Professor in 1998, and Professor in 2009, a rank she continues to hold. Her appointment at UGA is largely research, but also includes 20% teaching, a component that she takes very seriously. She is nominated for the multitude of ways she has contributed to our society and our discipline, including teaching and advising students, teaching plant pathologists about epidemiology, writing portions of and editing the second edition of the text *Exercises in Plant Disease Epidemiology,* serving as Associate or Senior Editor for *Phytopathology*, *Plant Disease*, and *The Plant Health Instructor* and Editor-in-Chief of *The Plant Health Instructor*, overseeing the APS Education Center, and chairing the APS Epidemiology and Pathogen Resistance Committees.

Outstanding Plant Pathologist Award
This honor is granted to a member of the Southern Division of the American Phytopathological Society in recognition of distinguished contributions to plant pathology. The contributions may be in research, teaching, extension, or any other aspect of plant pathology in either an academic or non-academic setting.

Dr. Thomas Isakeit was born, raised, and received his early education in Calgary, Canada. He obtained a B.S. in Agriculture at the University of Alberta. He went to Michigan State University for his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in plant pathology under the mentorship of J. L. Lockwood. After graduate school, Dr. Isakeit joined the Plant Pathology Department at University of California -Berkeley as a Post-doc where he worked with A. Weinhold, M. Schroth, and J. Hancock on biological control of soilborne pathogens. Dr. Isakeit then had a short stint as a visiting scientist with the Tully Sugar Experiment Station, in Queensland, Australia, followed by another Post-doc at the University of Arizona with M. E. Stanghellini. In 1993, Dr. Isakeit joined the Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology in the Texas A&M University System as an Assistant Professor and Extension Plant Pathologist at its Weslaco Research and Extension Center in south Texas before transferring to the main campus in College Station in 1998. He was promoted to the rank of Professor in 2005. Dr. Isakeit's career as a Plant Pathologist has been one of identifying problems, evaluating available management options, working with colleagues to develop and evaluate new management tools, and educating growers. His extension and research efforts have benefited growers facing numerous diseases on many crops. His most recent success with cotton root rot is a truly significant achievement, especially when one considers the numerous previous efforts by many scientists that achieved limited success.