Caribbean Division Heads to Puerto Rico, Brlansky Receives Wellman Award

The XXI Annual Meeting of the APS Caribbean Division was held March 19–22, 2011, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The meeting, held jointly with the Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America, was also in conjunction with the centennial celebration of the founding of the University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez Campus. Caribbean Division President Lydia Rivera from the University of Puerto Rico presided over the meeting. An excellent program was arranged. Papers and posters were presented by researchers from various countries in the Caribbean and some outside. Additionally, many participants took advantage of various tours of Puerto Rico. One particular tour took place in the El Yunque National Forest. Ron Brlansky, University of Florida, Citrus Research and Education Center, Lake Alfred, received the Frederick L. Wellman Award by the Caribbean Division at the meeting. This award recognizes a scientist who has an outstanding career as a plant pathologist. It is the highest distinction bestowed by the division to a distinguished plant pathologist who has worked during his or her career for the betterment of the science and profession in the context of the Caribbean Division. Wellman, for whom the award is named, was the founder and first president of the Caribbean Division.

A beautiful view of San Juan.
Division attendees enjoyed the science and the camaraderie.

Ron Brlansky accepted the Frederick L. Wellman Award from APS President John Sherwood.
Bienvenidos a Puerto Rico!