

2016 APS Pacific Division Meeting Highlights

La Conner, Washington



Incoming APS-Pacific Division President Soum Sanogo (*right*) and outgoing President, David Gent (*left*).

Meeting by the Numbers

- 148 participants
- 5 symposium speakers
- 22 student oral presentations
- 22 member oral presentations
- 6 student poster presentations
- 31 member poster presentations
- 9 student travel award winners
- 1 Early Career award winner
- 2 Lifetime Achievement award winners

The Audience



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British Columbia
Saskatchewan
Alaska
Arizona
California
Colorado
Hawaii
Idaho
Montana
Nevada
New Mexico
Oregon
Utah
Washington
Wyoming



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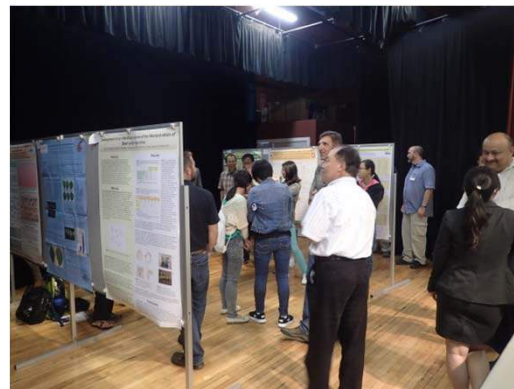
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Thanks to the Local Arrangements Committee!



Lindsey DuToit, Debbie Inglis, Tobin Peever and their staff from Washington State University



The Poster Session

Graduate Student Oral Competition Awards and Travel Awards



Pictured from left to right: David Gent, Sowmya Ramachandran, Leslie Holland, John Weber, Swarnalatha Moparthy, and David Wheeler.

Student Oral Competition Winners:

1st place (tie): Leslie Holland (UC Davis) “Diversity of *Cytospora* species associated with fruit and nut crop canker in California” and Sowmya Ramachandran (WSU) “Effectors from *Puccinia* suppress plant host defense response”

2nd place: David Wheeler (WSU) “Evidence that specific rotation crops infected by *Verticillium dahliae* in Washington State do not serve as reservoirs for the mating type, MAT1-1”

Student Poster Competition Winners

1st place: John Weber (WSU) “Clonality within disease foci and field populations of *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum* causing basal stalk rot in sunflower seed crops in central Washington ”

2nd place: Swarnalatha Moparthy (WSU) “Chokecherry and sweet cherry are infected by two host-specific *Podosphaera* species ”

Student Travel Award Winners:

Daniel Farber, Oregon State University
Zachary Frederick, Washington State University
Leslie Holland, University of California-Davis
Lauri Lutes, Oregon State University
Lindani Moyo, Washington State University
Cristian Olaya, Washington State University
Sowmya Ramachandran, Washington State University
Hannah Rivedal, Oregon State University
Xuefei Wang, Washington State University



Lifetime Achievement Award



Congratulations to Jim Adakaveg (University of California Riverside) and Debbie Inglis (Washington State University) on their awards. Thank you for your service to the APS Pacific Division.

Early Career Award



Jeremiah Dung (Oregon State University) received the APS-Pacific Division Early Career Award.

Participants of Symposia



Speakers in the symposium “The future climate of the Western U.S.: Implications for forest health and disease management”. *From left to right:* Sanford Eigenbrode, David Peterson, Susan Frankel, Kendra Baumgartner, Gabrielle Roesch-McNally.

APS President Tim Murray – Science to Practice



Field Tour of Skagit Valley Agriculture



Graduate Student Presenter Montage



Business and Executive Meetings

The agenda for the business meeting was sent out to the APS-PD membership prior to the meeting. Among other things, the meeting included the following items: Retiree and Necrology report; Reading of minutes of 2015 business meeting; Reports from Secretary/Treasurer and Division Forum Representative; Acknowledgements of volunteers; Invitation for nominations and identification of future meeting sites; and Discussions on issues pertaining to financial stability of divisions, student sessions, and future of plant pathology. A more detailed description of the issues will be presented in the minutes of the meeting that is forthcoming to the APS-PD website.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

- Balance as of 4/30/2016: **\$13,755**
- Communications to APS-Pacific Division membership through E-messages including Meeting Highlights, Newsletters, Meeting Digest, Calls for abstracts and nominations, Reminders on all events, and submission of divisional information to Phytopathology News.

2017 Pacific Division Meeting



California

Stay Tuned!!

APS – PD Divisional Forum Report July 2016

Natalie Goldberg, Divisional Forum Representative

Greetings! This year's Divisional Forum Meeting took place in conjunction with the Potomac Division Meeting held in Richmond, Virginia in March. This was my first meeting as the Divisional Forum Rep for the Pacific Division. I learned a lot about the mission of the forum and their current work efforts. This year's meeting focused primarily on evaluation of the Divisional Forum Engagement Plan and Implementation of the Plan (copies of these documents can be found at: <http://www.apsnet.org/members/apsleadership/comm/Pages/DivisionalResources.aspx>). The Pacific Division is actively engaged in several activities which have a direct impact on achieving the goals of the Plan. For example, the division has been effective in increasing student participation in the division meeting. This has been accomplished by providing a significant number of student travel grants, providing a competitive graduate student paper competition and (this year) including a poster competition for both undergraduate and graduate students. At the meeting in La Conner, we had very strong student participation with 35 student attendees. The Division supported 9 student travel grants we had 22 students competing in the oral paper competition. The poster competition had 8 participants including 2 undergraduates! Other activities of our Divisional meeting which help reach the goals and objectives of the engagement plan include, the APS Career Advancement Professional Development Workshop for students and early career professionals, leadership opportunities for early career professionals and the field tour which allowed divisional members an opportunity to interact with local industry representatives.

One of the most visible accomplishments of the Divisional Forum has been the establishment of the **Graduate Student Award Symposium** at the National Meeting. At this symposium, the first place winner from each Division is invited to present their winning paper during the next annual meeting. In addition to their first place prize money, the students are provided with financial support from the Division to help cover the travel expenses. This symposium has been held each year since 2012 and attendance at the session has been good each year. This year in Tampa, Javier Tabima will present his winning paper from last year's meeting in Pasadena. Everyone attending the National Meeting is encouraged to attend this session and support the students. In addition to receiving an invitation to speak at the National Meeting, the students are rewarded with an Industry supported luncheon to help foster networking between the students and industry representatives. This symposium has been approved for the 2017 National Meeting in San Antonio, TX. We are working on confirming the symposium for the 2018 Meeting in Boston when we will host the 11th International Congress on Plant Pathology. If we are unable to secure a symposium slot at this meeting, the Divisional Forum will look for other opportunities to highlight our student award winners.

When we meet in Tampa, the Forum will be discussing ways to strengthen the divisions, foster divisional collaborations, and provide continued support the Graduate Student Award Symposium. We will also be focusing on the APS 2026 Professional Development Forum. The mission of this forum is to coordinate activities related to engagement, membership, and professional development of students and early- to mid-career professionals in APS.

Thanks for attending the 2016 APS-PD meeting!

