"2002 Graduate Student Competition" 86th Annual Meeting August 11-17, 2002 Toronto, Ontario, Canada

The committee consisted of Kathy Haynes, Christian Thill, Mike Thornton, Barb Christ, Nora Olsen, and David De Koeyer. A special thanks goes to Barb Christ and David De Koeyer who filled in at the last moment when other members could not make the meeting.

Also, special thanks goes to Northern Plains Potato Growers Association for sponsoring the competition this year.

- 1. Ten students participated in the Graduate Student Competition at the 2002 annual PAA meeting, representing two countries: Canada (1); and the United States (9).
- 2. The winners were:
 - a. **First place** Luis Fernando Reyes, Texas A & M University
 - b. **Second place** Ruofang Zhang, Pennsylvania State University
 - c. Third place Ioana Dinu, University of Minnesota
 - d. **Fourth place** Robin Young, University of Manitoba, and
 - e. **Fifth place** Danielle Posch.

All of the students did a fine job with their presentations and should be commended for the quality of their research and their presentation.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Haynes, Chair