

## "2003 Graduate Student Competition"

87th Annual Meeting  
August 10-14, 2003  
Spokane, Washington, USA

The committee consisted of Kathy Haynes, Christian Thill, Mike Thornton, Barb Christ, Nora Olsen, and David De Koeper. A special thanks goes to Barb Christ and David De Koeper 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. Seventeen students participated in the Graduate Student Competition at the 2003 annual PAA meeting.
2. **Geographic origins:** U.S.-10; Canada & Korea: 2; Romania, Bulgaria & Jamaica-1
3. **Institution represented:** Michigan State Univ-1; Virginia Tech-3; Nova Scotia Agricultural College-2; Univ of Minnesota-4; Cornell Univ-1; Univ of Idaho-5, and Washington State Univ-1
4. **Section represented:** Breeding & Genetics-12; Plant Protection-1, and Production & Management-5
5. **The winners were:**
  - a. **First place** - Mark J Pavsek\* & RE Thornton "Economic impact of missing and irregularly spaced potato plants."
  - b. **Second place** - Christina Rea\* and James Lorenzen. "Use of single nucleotide polymorphisms to map resistance gene analogs in potato."
  - c. **Third place** - David L. Esplin\* and CA Thill. "Selection for cold chipping genotypes in populations derived by sexual polyploidization."
  - d. **Tied Fourth Places:** Sandra E. Cantle\* and G Wang-Pruski "Identification of cinnamic acid 4-hydroxylase in potato (*Solanum tuberosum* L.) and its relationship to after-cooking darkening.
  - e. **Fourth Place:** Dimitre S. Mollov\* and CA Thill "Heritability of asymptomatic expression to potato virus Y."

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

### "SPECIAL REPORT" Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

15. **Graduate Student Participation Ad Hoc Committee Report**
  - a. A fair response was received from a recent survey of graduate students. Christian Thill reported that graduate students responding to the survey said they were in a transitional period of their careers and were willing to invest in the PAA for that period in their lives. They felt there was value to membership in the PAA and dues of \$15 per year were appropriate. Students would be willing to participate in Executive Committee meetings if they were scheduled at times other than when concurrent sessions were running. Dr. Thill will poll graduate students if they feel there would be value in establishing a Graduate Student Committee.
  - b. **MOTION** moved and seconded that graduate students entered in the graduate student competition at annual PAA meetings receive complementary banquet tickets at the expense of the PAA.
  - c. **AMENDMENT** to the **MOTION**: replace "at the expense of the PAA" with "at the expense of the Local Arrangements Committee". **MOTION** passed with six voting for, two against and one abstention.
  - d. **MOTION** as **AMENDED**: Motion passed with seven voting for, two against and one abstention.