
Society Section and Chapter News

Southeastern Chapter Newsletter

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2005 ASB Meeting

The 2005 meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists was held 13–16 April 2005 in Florence, Alabama, hosted by the University of North Alabama.

SE-ESA Chapter luncheon

We gathered for our annual luncheon and business meeting on Friday, 15 April 2005, at the Holiday Inn, Sheffield, Alabama. Twenty-five members attended. Neil Billington was elected Vice Chair. Howard Neufeld and Jake Weltzin, Chairs of the Quarterman-Keever and Odum Award Committees, respectively, thanked their committee members and judges. Members were encouraged to donate to the Quarterman-Keever and Odum Award funds when renewing their ESA membership. Formal fundraising to reach the sustainable level of \$10,000 for the Quarterman-Keever Award will take place in the near future with the help of ESA. Scott Franklin invited members to volunteer to lead field trips and submit symposia proposals for the 2006 ESA Meeting in Memphis, Tennessee. Members also were asked to submit symposia

proposals for the 2006 ASB Meeting, to be held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Complete minutes of the business meeting are available on the Chapter home page.

Elsie Quarterman-Catherine Keever Award for best student poster

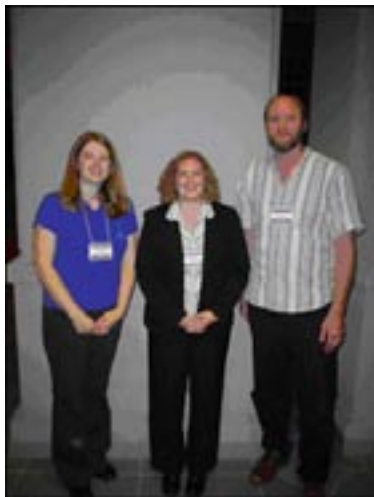
This award was presented for the first time at the 2005 ASB Meeting. Undergraduate and graduate students were eligible, and the student had to be the sole or senior author on a poster clearly dealing with an ecological topic and representing a completed research project. Two students shared the inaugural Quarterman-Keever Award. Joy Hester from Davidson College presented a poster on “Effects of relocation on movements and home ranges of eastern box turtles (*Terrapene carolina*),” co-authored by Steven J. Price and Michael E. Dorcas. Melinda D. Roberts from Appalachian State University presented a poster on “The influence of water relations on the response of cutleaf coneflower to ozone,” co-authored by Howard Neufeld, Alan Davison, and Arthur Chappelka.



2005 Quarterman-Keever Award recipients Joy Hester (left) and Melinda Roberts (right) at the Association of Southeastern Biologists Banquet. Howard Neufeld (center) chaired the 2005 Quarterman-Keever Award Committee.

Eugene P. Odum Award for best student paper

Undergraduate and graduate students were eligible, and the student had to be the sole or senior author on a paper presentation clearly dealing with an ecological topic and representing a completed research project. There were two recipients of the 2005 Odum Award. Krista Noel, University of Southern Mississippi, presented her paper on “Intrinsic versus extrinsic causes



2005 Odum Award recipients Sarah Johnson (left) and Krista Noel (center) at the Association of Southeastern Biologists Banquet. Jake Weltzin (right) chaired the 2005 Odum Award Committee.

of low hatching success of gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) eggs in south Mississippi,” co-authored by Carl Qualls. Sarah Johnson, East Carolina University, presented her paper on “The effects of competition on the threatened dune annual, *Amaranthus pumilus* Raf. (Amaranthaceae),” co-authored by Claudia Jolls.

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