Southeastern Chapter Newsletter

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2006 ASB Meeting

The 2006 meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists was held 29 March–1 April 2006, in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, hosted by the University of Tennessee.

SE-ESA Chapter Luncheon

We gathered for our annual luncheon and business meeting on Friday, 31 March 2006, at the Glenstone Lodge, Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Thirty-two members attended. Frank Gilliam was elected Chair and will serve during 2006–2008. Howie Neufeld was elected Secretary/Treasurer and will also serve during 2006–2008. Gary Wein and Diane DeSteven were elected to the Odum Award Committee. Mike Held was elected Chair of the 2007 Quarterman-Keever Committee, and Danny Gustafson will serve as Chair of the 2007 Odum Committee. Frank Gilliam and Nicole Turrill Welch, 2006 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.

and learn the status of formal fundraising for the Quarterman-Keever Award. Scott Franklin gave details on the 2006 ESA Meeting in Memphis, Tennessee (more below). Lastly, members expressed concern for the “outdated” paper categories used to organize the ASB Meeting and Program. Complete minutes of the business meeting are available on the Chapter Homepage.

Elsie Quarterman-Catherine Keever Award for Best Student Poster

Undergraduate and graduate students were eligible for this award and had to be the sole or senior author on a poster clearly dealing with an ecological topic and representing a completed research project. Angela Scarborough, Central Missouri State University, earned the 2006 Quarterman-Keever Award for her poster “Tree canopy myxomycetes: patterns and distributions.”

Angela Scarborough, Central Missouri State University, 2006 Quarterman-Keever Award winner.
Eugene P. Odum Award for Best Student Paper

Daniel Johnson, Wake Forest University, earned the 2006 Odum Award for his paper “Effects of cloud immersion on understory light environment and photosynthesis in the southern Appalachian Mountains” (co-authored with William Smith). Like the Quarterman-Keever Award, undergraduate and graduate students were eligible to compete 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.

2006 ESA Meeting
SE Chapter Brown Bag Lunch

Our chapter’s Brown Bag Lunch at the ESA Meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, will be Wednesday, 9 August 2006, noon –1:00 pm.

Vegetation Section

The Vegetation Section of ESA will have its meeting and mixer Monday, 7 August, 6:30-8:00 pm.

Symposia organized by Chapter members

Cliff Huff organized the symposium, “Exchange between channel and floodplain in large rivers,” with colleague Jack Grubaugh. Scott Franklin, together with Vladimir Douhovnikoff and Paul Gagnon, arranged the symposium, “Plant clonal growth—ecological implications.” Please check the meeting program for times and locations of these symposia.

Daniel Johnson, Wake Forest University, 2006 Odum Award winner.

Keeping in touch

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