

STUDENT AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN ECOLOGY

Murray F. Buell Award and E. Lucy Braun Award

Murray F. Buell had a long and distinguished record of service and accomplishment in the Ecological Society of America. Among other things, he ascribed great importance to the participation of students in meetings and to excellence in the presentation of papers. To honor his selfless dedication to the younger generation of ecologists, the Murray F. Buell Award for Excellence in Ecology is given to a student for the outstanding oral paper presented at the ESA Annual Meeting.

E. Lucy Braun, an eminent plant ecologist and one of the charter members of the Society, studied and mapped the deciduous forest regions of eastern North America and described them in her classic book, *The Deciduous Forests of Eastern North America*. To honor her, the E. Lucy Braun Award for Excellence in Ecology is given to a student for the outstanding poster presentation at the ESA Annual Meeting.

A candidate for these awards must be an undergraduate, a graduate student, or a recent doctorate not more than 9 months past graduation at the time of the meeting. The paper or poster must be presented as part of the program sponsored by the Ecological Society of America, but the student need not be an ESA member. To be eligible for these awards the student must be the sole or senior author of the oral paper (Note: symposium talks are ineligible) or poster. Papers and posters will be judged on the significance of ideas, creativity, quality of methodology, validity of conclusions drawn from results, and clarity of presentation. While all students are encouraged to participate, winning papers and posters typically describe fully completed projects. The students selected for these awards will be announced in the *ESA Bulletin* following the Annual Meeting. A certificate and a check for \$500 will be presented to each recipient at the next ESA Annual Meeting.

If you wish to be considered for either of these awards at the 2006 Annual Meeting, you must send the following to the Chair of the Student Awards Subcommittee: (1) the application form below, (2) a copy of your abstract, and (3) a 250-word or less description of why/how the research presented will advance the field of ecology. Because of the large number of applications for the Buell and Braun awards in recent years, applicants may be pre-screened prior to the meeting, based on the quality of the abstract and this description of the significance of their research. The application form, abstract, and research justification must be sent by mail, fax, or e-mail (e-mail is preferred; send e-mail to davelos@utpa.edu) to the Chair of the Student Awards Subcommittee: Dr. Anita L. Davelos Baines, Dept. of Biology, The University of Texas–Pan American, 1201 W. University Drive, Edinburg, TX 78541-2999 USA. If you have questions, write, call (956) 380-8732, fax (956) 381-3657, or e-mail: davelos@utpa.edu. You will be provided with suggestions for enhancing a paper or poster. The deadline for submission of form and abstract is 1 March 2007; applications sent after 1 March 2007 will not be considered. **This submission is in addition to the regular abstract submission.** Buell/Braun participants who fail to notify the B/B Chair by 1 May of withdrawal from the meeting will be ineligible, barring exceptional circumstances, for consideration in the future. Electronic versions of the Application Form are available on the ESA web site, or you can send an e-mail to davelos@utpa.edu and request that an electronic version be sent to you as an attachment.

Application Form for Buell or Braun Award

Name _____

Current Mailing Address _____

Current Telephone _____

E-mail _____

College/University Affiliation _____

Title of Presentation _____

Presentation: Paper (Buell Award) _____ Poster (Braun Award) _____

At the time of presentation I will be (check one):

_____ an undergraduate student _____ a graduate student _____ a recent doctorate not more than 9 months past graduation

I will be the sole _____ /senior _____ author (check one) of the paper/poster.

Signed (electronic signatures are OK)

Please attach a copy of your abstract and 250-word or less description of why/how the research presented will advance the field of ecology.