

Developmental and Structural Section Annual Report 2004

At the 2004 BSA meetings the Developmental and Structural Section will sponsor three symposia:

1. "Discerning homologies: Gene expression, development, and morphology", organized by Larry Hufford and William Friedman and supported by MORPH, a research coordination network grant from the National Science Foundation.
2. "Don Kaplan – his legacy: Influencing teaching and research", organized by Ann Hirsch and Darleen DeMason in honor of the retirement of Donald Kaplan, a long time member of the Developmental and Structural Section.
3. "Plant development and evolution: Lessons learned from candidate genes", organized by Alejandra Jaramillo and Elena Kramer.

In addition, members of our section will participate in two contributed paper sessions and in the conference wide poster session.

Our section mixer and business meeting will be held on Monday evening. One of the goals of the section is to increase student participation at the BSA meetings. To this end, the section provides travel awards of \$100 to undergraduate and graduate students. This year's awards will be presented to Mike Heaney (University of Florida) and Athena McKown (University of Toronto).

Two awards for student presentations are given out in the Developmental and Structural Section. At the 2003 meetings the awards were as follows:

The Katherine Esau Award goes to the graduate student who presents the outstanding paper in developmental and structural botany at the annual meeting. The 2003 Award went to **Wanda Kelly** from the University of Maryland, College Park, for her paper "Geometrical relationships specifying the phyllotactic pattern of aquatic plants." Her co-author was Todd Cooke.

The Maynard Moseley Award recognizes a student paper that best advances our understanding of the anatomy and/or morphology of vascular plants within an evolutionary context. The 2003 Maynard Moseley Award went to **Stefan Little** from University of Alberta, Edmonton, for his paper "Permineralized fruits of Lauraceae from the Middle Eocene Princeton chert, British Columbia." Stefan's co-author is Ruth Stockey.