

2006 Annual Report BSA Systematics Section

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During the 2006 fiscal year, the BSA Systematics Section supported three symposia with funds and sponsored four symposia without funds for the Botany 2006 conference.

Financial Support of three symposia. The Systematics section supported three symposia for the Botany 2006 conference:

- 1) \$500 for “*Botanical Cyberinfrastructure: Issues, Challenges, Opportunities, and Initiatives.*” Organizers: L. Alan Prather and Nico Cellinese.
- 2) \$500 for “*The Evolution of Ericales: Recent Insights using both Morphology and Molecules.*” Organizers: Erik Smets and Frederic Lens.
- 3) \$500 for “*Bringing together the living and dead: integrating extant and fossil biodiversity in evolutionary studies.*” Organizers: Nathalie Nagalingum and Hervé Sauquet.

Sponsorship (without financial support) of four symposia. The Systematics section sponsored four symposia for the Botany 2006 conference:

- 1) “*The comparative - phylogenetic method of reconstructing evolutionary history.*” Organizer: Ned Friedman.
- 2) “*Evolution, Ecology, and Floristics in Northern California: Current Knowledge and Unexplored Realms.*” Organizer: Kristina Schierenbeck.
- 3) “*Flora of North America: Synergy with other botanical projects.*” Organizer: Nancy Morin.
- 4) “*New insights into the biogeography of Australian plants.*” Organizers: Barbara Whitlock and Austin Mast.

Respectfully submitted,
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