

## Awards Report

### Sydney Cameron, Chair, SSB Awards Committee

**SSB Council Meeting 2011**  
**Norman, Oklahoma**  
**17 June 2011**

#### Summary

The 2011 budget for awards was \$31,653K, an increase of ~\$6.5K over last year's budget of \$25K. The budget increase allowed us to grant 19 awards (up 4 from last year's 15) ranging from \$1300-\$1700. We are obviously getting back to a good level of funding. We continued to fund only the Graduate Student Research Awards, continuing the moratorium on funding the mini-PEET and International Travel awards. [We will want to revisit this at the 2011 Council meeting.]

The Ernst Mayr award, as usual, will include a separate \$1000 prize, an awards certificate, and a 2-yr subscription to *Systematic Biology* (replacing the set of back issues of the journal we gave in the past).

The \$1000 Publisher's Award will be funded from OUP's "Reception and Editorial Board and Council Meetings" allotment: one-third of their \$3000 donation will go for this. We began this two years ago and may wish to discuss whether this can continue or whether there might be an alternative.

#### Submission Deadlines

The deadline for submission of proposals for the grad student research awards was 31 March 2011. Ernst Mayr abstracts were due by 1 April 2011, two weeks before the deadline for early-bird registration and talk title submission. Due to a poor showing of Mayr abstract submissions we extended the deadline to 27 April, which was several days before the first extended deadline for Evolution 2011 registration (1 May).

#### Applications

Applications for the Grad Student Research Awards increased by 5, from last year's 59 to this year's 64 applicants.

Ernst Mayr applicants are 7 this year, 8 fewer than last year's 15—one pulled out only a week before the meeting. The symposium, set for Mon. 20 June, 10:30am-Noon.

#### Total Awards Funding for 2011.

This year we spent \$31,653 on Graduate Student Research Awards and \$1,000 for the Mayr Award, for a total of \$32,653.

#### *Graduate Student Research Awards*

1. José Arriaza, Colorado State
2. Kayce Bell, Univ. New Mexico
3. Jaret Bilewitch, Univ. Queensland
4. Petra Deane, Cornell Univ.
5. Traci Grzymala, UC Berkeley
6. Kristen Hasenstab-Lehman, Claremont Graduate Univ.
7. Amy Heilman, Duke University
8. Sarah Hird, Louisiana State Univ.
9. Jen-Pan Huang, Univ. of Michigan
10. Robert Jadin, Univ. Colorado Boulder
11. Aron Katz, Univ. Illinois
12. Fay-Wei Li, Duke University
13. Maura Mejia, Texas A & M Univ.

14. Patricia Mullins, North Carolina State Univ.
15. Edward Myers, City Univ. of New York
16. Angela Rein, Oklahoma Univ.
17. Nelson Salinas, City Univ. of New York
18. Gergory Stull, Univ. Florida
19. Joshua Williams, Univ. Kentucky

*Mayr Award*

To be determined

### **Judging**

For the 64 grad student research applicants I used 13 judges representing a wide array of disciplines. I had a great deal of trouble finding plant judges, not sure what was up with that. The judges were: Charles Bell, David Blackburn, Matt Carling, Andy Deans, John Demboski, Jeffrey Good, Sean Graham Heather Hines, Leigh Johnson, John McCormack, Jim McGuire, Thomas Near, and Link Olson.

Student paper awards still to be decided; money comes from the Oxford U Press