Reports of CSSA Divisions, Branches, and Committees, 2002

C011 CROP BREEDING, GENETICS & CYTOLOGY, DIV. C-1

General Report

The C-1 Division had 187 volunteered papers of which 134 (72%) were posters presented at the 2001 meeting at Charlotte, NC. Three symposia were organized, including “Isoflavones: Plants, Pests, and People,” “Transgenic Pest Resistant Crops: Status and Testing Issues,” and “Application of Molecular Markers to Plant Breeding.” Several symposia are being organized for the Indianapolis meeting in November 2002.

Unfinished Business

None.

Recommendations

1. The size of the posters should remain the same as in the past, which has dimensions of $4 \times 8$ feet.
2. Publication of the journals Crop Management Today should proceed.
3. Peer review of abstract submissions is not supported because the C-1 membership does not believe that there are widespread problems with paper quality at the meetings.
4. Interpretative summaries for all papers should be submitted to the Society.
5. Presenters of papers and first authors of poster papers should be members of the Society.
6. A joint meeting between SSSA and GSSA is supported at the 2008 meetings, but CSSA and ASA should meet before or after the SSSA/GSSA meeting.
7. Old issues of Society journals should be scanned and then be made available electronically to the membership.
8. Society meetings should end at noon on Thursday rather than at 5:00 PM.

Remarks

Discussions were held at the division meeting about the falling membership, especially young scientists in the society. The C-1 membership believes that part of the problem is the low number of graduate students, and an effort needs to be made obtain greater numbers of young members. The decline in Crop Science subscriptions during the past 15 years is also a concern, and the length of time between submission and printing needs to be decreased. Diversity is no longer being published, which leaves a void in distribution of information about plant genetic resources.

Committee Member Replacements

Joseph Burton, the C-1 Board Representative will be replaced by Brett Carver.

Members of Society Activity

Chair: H. Thomas Stalker
Chair-Elect: Karen A. Moldenhauer
Past Chair: Frederic L. Kolb
Div. C-1 Incoming Board Rep.: Brett F. Carver

—H. Thomas Stalker

C012 CROP PHYSIOLOGY AND METABOLISM, DIV. C-2

General Report

The division C-2 business meeting was held on Tuesday, 23 Oct. 2001 between 4:45 and 6:16 PM. There were approximately 20 members in attendance. There were 94 papers presented at the annual meetings with 28 coming from the symposium “Using Imaging and Spectral Methods to Quantify Plant Growth and Stress Responses” organized by Tara VanToai. Division C-2 sponsored one other symposium, “Bridging the Gap between Sequence and Function: The Role of Plant Physiology and Genomics.”

Unfinished Business

None.

Suggestions and Recommendations

Division C-2 members approved moving forward with the new journal Crop Management Today with the stipulation that its format meet the needs of crop advisors and practitioners and that it not be written to other scientists. Also approved creation of “Plant Genomics” and putting back issues of journals on CD and on the website. Two ideas were presented to offset declining membership.

1. Include membership application in packets given to new graduate students by their departments.
2. Offer incentives to members who get others to join.

Division members opposed the SSSA plan to meet with GSA (3 for, 8 opposed). In a discussion of nonmember presentations and posters, a motion was passed to allow a given membership number to be used no more than twice and to allow no more than two presentations per person.

Remarks

None.

Committee Member Replacements

Tim Setter and Greg McMaster were asked to run for chair-elect and Wally Wilhelm and Sara Lingle for ASA Board Representative.

Members of Society Activity

Chair, Howard Skinner
Chair-Elect, Bruce Bugbee
Past-Chair, Thijs Tollenaar
Board Rep., Don Vietor

—R. Howard Skinner

C013 CROP ECOLOGY, MANAGEMENT & QUALITY, DIV. C-3

General Report

The following motions were voted on at the 2001 Annual Business meeting held in Charlotte, NC.