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

This is a final report for 2002

General Report

The C1 Division had 138 volunteered papers of which 107 (78%) were posters and 31 (32%) were oral presentations at the 2002 annual meetings at Indianapolis, IN. One symposium was organized “New Crops for a Global Economy” which had five invited presentations. Currently there are 137 volunteered papers of which 105 (77%) are posters for the meetings at Denver in November of 2003.

Unfinished Business

None.

Recommendations

These recommendations were all presented at the CSSA final Board Meeting at Indianapolis, IN, and presented in the minutes, which were submitted in May of 2003. Division C1 recommends that an additional Crop Science technical editor be added to the editorial staff, and that that person be an international technical editor. Division C1 also recommended that a change be made to the by-laws which would allow student membership to be increased from the current 5-yr limit to 7 yr, and allowing one of these years to be in a post doc or a transition into a new job.

Remarks

Discussions were held on the information presented on the proposed publication charge changes, and on the meeting paradigm. We encouraged all of our members to have their graduate students become members.

Committee Replacements

None.

Members of Society Activity

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C014 SEED PHYSIOLOGY, PRODUCTION, & TECHNOLOGY, DIV. C-4

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General Report

The primary activity of the Division during 2002 was to plan the Division’s program for the Denver meetings. Activities at the meetings included a pre-meeting seminar on intellectual property rights and the seed industry, a symposium on technological advances in seed science, five invited presentations, two poster sessions, a student paper/poster contest, a divisional business meeting, and a tour of the National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation. The pre-meeting seminar, which was largely underwritten by the Farm Foundation, was quite successful judging from the reports of the workshop organizers and participants. The symposium, which was achieved through the self-paid participation of speakers, featured seven presenters from industry, including Europe. The student paper/poster contest garnered only five entrants, but it was deemed a good first effort; and it was agreed at our business meeting that the activity should become permanent. The Division served as a “β-tester” for the program scheduler used for the first time in connection with the Denver meetings.

In addition to meeting-related efforts, the Division responded and inputs to the Tri-Societies as inputs included developing a knowledge database schema for categorizing expertise within the Division. We provided suggestions to CSSA’s president on policy issues for the CSSP Survey, on new members for the Seed Science Award Committee, and other queries received during the year. We put forward the name of one of our divisional members as a CSSA presidential nominee. Two motions were unanimously approved at the at the divisional business meeting and are reported here for societal notice. Division C1 recommends that the Board the option of raising dues by 20% in 2005. It was further suggested that consideration be given to making smaller, more frequent adjustments in the future. The Division also discussed the possibility of federation of the Tri-Societies with other organizations. Those present unanimously agreed that federation of the Tri-Societies may have great merit and the idea should be pursued. Several sister societies and organizations were mentioned as likely candidates as federated partners.

Unfinished Business

Four items arising in the divisional business meetings need to be carried forward to 2003–04 (and beyond). One has to do with formalizing and institutionalizing a student paper/poster award program such that it is an annual event. The Division approved a motion that $1000 be set aside annually from its program development funds for student presentation awards. The new Chair will convene an ad hoc committee to establish the mechanism and procedures for such an activity.

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