Mario Gallo (ASA), Luke Milliron (CSSA), and Sanatan Das Gupta (SSSA) were the first-place winners in the first Annual Meeting Photography Contest held this year.

First-, second-, and third-place winners were selected for each Society, as well as three honorable mentions. Photos were judged on how well they supported the tag line as well as their photographic merit. Camera Company, Madison, WI, helped with final judging.

The themes for each Society were the Society tag line:

ASA: Agronomy Feeds the World
CSSA: Plant Science for a Better World
SSSA: Soils Sustain Life

Second- and third-place winners were Terry Tindall and Jagroop Kahlon, respectively, for ASA; Hannah Monier and Larry Stowell, respectively, for CSSA; and Ed Gregorich and Deepak Joshi, respectively, for SSSA. Look for next year’s Annual Meeting Photography Contest starting next summer!

1st place, ASA: “Hawaiian Taro Fields.” Taro (kalo) is an ancient, sacred native Hawaiian crop and an important food staple grown in the tropics. In Hawaii, taro is primarily used for making poi, a starch paste, from its corm. Poi is low fat, nutritious, hypoallergenic, and easily digestible. It is considered a “modern” superfood. Photo by Mario Gallo.

1st place, CSSA: “Crimson Clover and Almond.” Plant science for a better world is represented by this photo of an inter-row cover crop trial. In order to manage weeds, provide organic matter, fix nitrogen, and provide other perennial cropping system benefits, cover crop research is one way that plant science creates a better world. Photo by Luke Milliron.

1st place, SSSA: “Back to Life.” Disturbance is a ubiquitous ecological phenomenon that shuffles resources and resets the successional clock. Without soil’s ability to give life back to nature, the ecological resurrection would never happen. The picture conveys a concrete message that soils not only sustain life but also reincarnate it. Photo by Sanatan Das Gupta.

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