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27th Annual Central California Research Symposium Award List

Judges Face Difficult Decisions at 27th Annual Central California Research Symposium

FRESNO (APRIL 24, 2006) – The quality of presentations reached a new high at the 27th Annual Central California Research Symposium, held April 21 at the University Business Center on the campus of California State University, Fresno. In one category, judges decided on two first-place awards after being unable to select just one winner.

Hosted by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at California State University, Fresno, the Symposium serves to bring together investigators, students, and faculty from a variety of disciplines to share the results of their scholarly work. Co-sponsors of the event include the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Fresno Medical Education Program, and Alliant International University.

A total of 48 oral and 43 poster presentations were made at the event, which attracted students from San Jose, Pomona, Santa Cruz, and throughout the Central Valley.

Three students from California State University, Fresno captured first-place honors for their oral presentations. Marcel Garcia received undergraduate honors for his project, “Effects of Lexical Competition on Audiovisual Integration in Speech Perception,” while Ammon Rice and Enrique Lopez shared first-place honors for best graduate oral presentation.

In the poster competition, the two first-place winners were Dora Rendulic (“Investigation of a Simple Chemical Assay as an Indicator of the Toxicity of Ambient Particulate Matter”) and Saben Kane (“Studying Embryogenesis of the Endoparasitic Root Knot Nematode *Meloidogyne Incognita*”). In addition, Felix Perez was honored for the best sciences presentation, an award sponsored by the American Chemical Society.

A complete list of winners follows. For copies of the abstracts or any questions, please contact Douglas Carey at (559) 278-0840.

Doctoral Award for Best Oral Presentation (\$250):

Nick Tolchin – Can Cognistat Differentiate Between Alzheimer’s Disease and the Lewy Body Variant of Alzheimer’s Disease?

Graduate Award for Best Oral Presentation (\$125 each)

1st place (Tie): Ammon Rice – The Influence of Environmental Parameters on Zoeae Recruitment Dynamics of the Chinese Mitten Crab, *Eriocheir Sinensis* in San Francisco Bay, California

1st place (Tie): Enrique Lopez – Field measurements of Toxic Particles in the San Joaquin Valley

Undergraduate Award for Best Oral Presentation (\$250):

Marcel Garcia – Effects of Lexical Competition on Audiovisual Integration in Speech Perception

Award for Best Sciences Presentation: (\$250):

Felix Perez – Ruthenium(II)-Catalyzed Transfer Deuteration of Acetophenone and Derivatives

Awards for Best Poster Presentation: (\$250 for each first-place winner):

1st place (Session I): Dora Rendulic - Investigation of a Simple Chemical Assay as an Indicator of the Toxicity of Ambient Particulate Matter

Honorable mention (Session I): Satinderpal Dahl - The Benefits of Enhanced Photosynthetic Rate in Reproductive Leaves is Constrained under Low Illumination Conditions

1st place: (Session II): Saben Kane

Studying Embryogenesis of the Endoparasitic Root Knot Nematode *Meloidogyne Incognita*

Honorable mention (Session II): Vanessa Kadiz

Characterization of Two *M. Smegmatis* Mutants: 56E2 and 9056

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