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Record Number of Presenters at 29th Annual Central California Research Symposium

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FRESNO (April 28, 2008) – There were a record number of presenters at the 29th Annual Central California Research Symposium, held April 16 at the University Business Center on the campus of California State University, Fresno. 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 59 oral and 59 poster presentations were made at the event, which attracted students from throughout the Central Valley and as far as San Jose.

One student from California State University, Fresno and another from Fresno City College captured first-place honors for their oral presentations. David Lewis from Fresno State received graduate honors for his project, “The Effects of Lawful Multi-Sensory Concordance on Visuo-Spatial Adaptation,” while Stephanie Calloway received first-place honors for best undergraduate oral presentation for her project, “Comparison between Urban and Rural Tardigrade Communities.” In the poster competition, the two first-place winners were Swapna Medichetti (“Does Challenging Convict Cichlids with ACTH Manipulate the Stress Axis?”) and Michael Romano (“Perceptual Similarity, Difference and Identity”). In addition, Lucia Rubio was honored for the best sciences presentation, an award sponsored by the American Chemical Society.

This year the Symposium also inaugurated the Davin Youngclarke Memorial Award named in honor of Davin Youngclarke, who served on the coordinating committee since 2000 and passed away unexpectedly last year. The basis for this award was research that demonstrated sound methodology and statistical information to address a social problem in the community. The first-place honors went to Leepao Khang for his oral presentation, “Prevalence of Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) Infection among Hmongs in the San Joaquin Valley.”

A complete list of winners follows. For more information, please contact Maral Cingoz at (559) 278-0856.

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

1st place: David Lewis – The Effects of Lawful Multi-Sensory Concordance on Visuo-Spatial Adaptation

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

1st place: Stephanie Calloway – Comparison between Urban and Rural Tardigrade Communities

Honorable Mention: Antonio Toribio – Propargyl Bromide as an Alternate Fumigant

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

Lucia Rubio (Oral) – Bacterial and Fungal Communities Composition in Aerated Soil

Awards for Best Poster Presentation:

1st place-Session I (\$250): Swapna Medichetti - Does Challenging Convict Cichlids with ACTH Manipulate the Stress Axis?

Honorable mention (Session I): Charles Grove -
Ruthenium (II)-Catalyzed Asymmetric Transfer Hydrogenation of Aromatic Ketones Using a New Planar Chiral, Diferrocenyl Diaminodiphosphine Ligand

Honorable mention (Session I): Lizbeth Duran -
Parental Mental State Talk and the Development of Theory of Mind

Graduate Award for Best Poster Presentation:

1st place-Session II (\$250): Michael Romano - Perceptual Similarity, Difference and Identity

Honorable mention (Session II) - Hasan Alhaddad
A Comparative Study of the Nematocidal Activity of Phenyl and Ferrocenyl Chalcones

Honorable mention (Session II): Diganta Adhikari –
Assessment of Freeze Damage in California and Possible Remedial Solution

The Davin Youngclarke Memorial Award:

1st place (\$250): Leepao Khang (Oral) - Prevalence of Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) Infection among Hmongs in the San Joaquin Valley

Honorable mention (Oral) – Hmong students in Higher Education and Academic Support Programs

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