

The students came from seven countries: USA (7), China (1), India (1), Mexico (1), Bangladesh (1), Venezuela (1), and Lybia (1).

The winners were:

- 1st. Place– Sridhar, Radhakrishnan, PhD, Colorado State University, ‘Uncooked and Baked Purple Potatoes Suppress Oxidative Stress and Inflammatory Markers in High-Fat Diet Consuming Pigs’.
- 2nd Place– Katie, Larson, M.S., Colorado State University, ‘Characterization of carotenoid content in potato germplasm utilized by the Colorado Breeding and Selection Program’.
- 3rd Place– Arturo, Quintero Ferrer, M.S., University of Idaho, ‘Molecular and Biological Characterization of a recombinant isolate of potato virus Y from Mexico’.
- 4th Place– Buhrig, William, University of Idaho, ‘Influence of Ethylene on skin color and appearance of specialty potatoes’.

Respectfully submitted,  
Samuel Y.C. Essah (Chair)

#### **North Carolina LAC 2011**

##### Financial Recap - 95th Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America

The final registration total for PAA2011 tallied 185 guests with an attendance breakdown as follows: 124 members, 30 non-members, 30 accompanying persons, and 9 graduate students and 6 one-day registrants; representing 21 states, 9 countries (Australia, Canada, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Netherlands, Nigeria, Peru, United Kingdom, USA), and 7 Canadian provinces (Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Ontario, Alberta, Quebec).

We sold 146 BBQ tickets and 104 banquet tickets, and 80 people attended the agricultural tour/luncheon.

The LAC Committee raised \$43,300 in support from 28 sponsors. The breakdown of sponsorship was as follows: Ruby (\$500 to \$ 1,499) – 15; Emerald (\$1,500 to \$2,999) – 10; Sapphire (\$3,000 to \$4,999) – 0; Diamond (\$5,000 and greater) – 3. Registration income totaled \$57,613.00.

The following is a detailed list of expenditure by category:

Food and refreshments- \$54,873.32  
Administrative fee - \$16,480.62  
Travel - \$4,510.77  
Bus/Trans/Park pass - \$3,789.32  
Space rental - \$4,258.40

Equipment rental - \$4,983.36  
Printing, name tags, receipts - \$1,578.70  
Supplies - \$1,855.12

After all expenses were accounted for PAA2011 generated an excess of \$7,383.39.

The PAA2011 LAC decided to donate \$3,500 to PAA with \$1,000 going to the Frank Haynes Graduate Student Endowment, and \$2,500 to the PAA Endowment from the excess funds. The balance of funds remaining (\$3,883.39) was retained to cover miscellaneous personnel and equipment expenses associated with the meeting and expended by Dr. Yencho’s program during the course of the meetings.

Respectfully submitted,  
G. Craig Yencho  
LAC Chair, PAA2011

#### **Quebec LAC 2013**

André Gagnon and Réal Brière (Quebec Potato Board) are the co-chairs for the 2013 meeting. The meeting will be at the Chateau Laurier Hotel, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada on July 28-August 1, 2013. A conference coordinator is in place.

#### **Washington LAC 2014**

Mark Pavek reported the 2014 meeting will be held at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane, WA (not Hawaii) on July 27–31, 2014. They will follow the traditional four-day format.

#### **Springer Contract Review Committee**

Larry Hiller indicated the current contract expires at the end of 2012. This ad-hoc committee, Larry Hiller (Chair), John Bamberg, Nora Olsen, Joe Guenther, Mike Thornton, Leigh Morrow, Alexander Pavlista and Lori Wing, was set up to review the contract and its financial aspects. Larry mentioned that TOC (Table of Contents) alerts will be new to the contract, as an opt-out option. Members are encouraged to send their views and comments to any committee member. The next contract will take effect January 1, 2013 for 5 years if so negotiated.

#### **Section Reports**

##### **Breeding and Genetics Section**

Monday, August 13, 2012

Chair: Dennis Halterman  
Vice-Chair: David Douches  
Secretary: Helen Tai  
24 others in attendance.

John Bamberg presented the Genebank report:

Administration of NRSP-6 is directed by appointees from four regions of the US. Creighton Miller has finished

25 years as director of the Southern region. A presentation of a plaque was made to Creighton congratulating him on this achievement. Photos were taken. John commented on the insight and thoughtful guidance provided to the Gene bank by Creighton and thanked him for his contributions.

Creighton commented on the privilege he had being on the committee and pleasure and appreciation he has had in getting to know everyone involved in the Gene bank. Chuck Brown also commented on Creighton's dedication to the program.



**Photo caption:** John Bamberg, left, presents J. Creighton Miller, Jr. with a plaque of appreciation for 25 years of service as director of the Southern region for the NRSP-6 United States Potato Genebank.

Susie Thompson pointed out an article in the Fargo Forum on the gene bank. The NPR interview with Chuck Brown was also mentioned.

Jiwan Palta announced a position opening at U. Wis Madison in potato breeding. It will be advertised as

breeder of asexually propagated crops sometime next year.

Discussion on unfinished business:

David Holm brought up TGA testing. Holm indicated that the Potato Board had a discussion on documentation of TGA testing. Several breeders indicated that TGA testing is routinely done prior to variety release and the information is readily provided by breeders.

Discussion on new business: