

SPOREPRINTS

Department of Plant Pathology

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THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Congratulations...

- **Dr. Bin Tian**, PhD in Plant Pathology (Advisor: Dr. Fred Gildow)
Understanding the mechanisms and evolution of vector transmission, and host specificity for Soybean Dwarf Virus ...passed his defense on February 22nd.



- **2012 AgSci Research Expo Awards**



Six graduate students from the Department of Plant Pathology participated in the 2012 College of Agricultural Sciences Research Exposition sponsored by the Gamma Sigma Delta Ag. Science Honor Society that was held on March 14-15. Student participants included Brian Aynardi, Emily Helliwell, Anna Testen, Yinfei Li, Vasileios Bitas, Sarah Bardsley. Posters and student presentations were judged by faculty from 10 departments based on presentation and poster content, poster design, and quality of presentations. Representing Plant Pathology as judges were Judy Sinn, Paul Backman, and

Fred Gildow. There were approximately 18 undergraduate student posters and 50 graduate posters describing research projects entered. Approximately \$3,800 was awarded in awards to 13 students representing 6 science divisions. Congratulations go to Anna Testen who placed first in the Biological Sciences division, Sarah Bardsley who placed second in the Environmental and Natural Resources division, and Emily Helliwell who placed fourth in the Biological Sciences division. Comments from judges indicated that all the Plant Pathology posters were very well presented and deserving of recognition and were indicative of the high quality of the Plant Pathology graduate program.

- **A Special Thank-you to Grace O’Keefe** for being so quick in “pulling the fire alarm” on Wednesday, February 29th – alerting everyone to the ornamental grass fire in the attached greenhouse. She even made the CDT news on March 1st and 2nd!



- **Dept. of Plant Pathology’s Annual International Cookie Bake-Off Contest**

The proud winners were Sarah Bardsley (most unique – Bacon Chocolate Chip Cookies), Gretchen Kuldau (best all around – Raspberry Heart Cookies) and Kim Paley (most delicious – Clothespin Cookies).



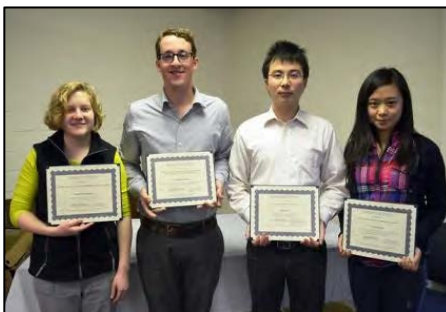
2011/2012 DEPARTMENT AWARDS

On Tuesday, February 28th the Plant Pathology Department Awards were presented, at a reception, to the following individuals! Congratulations to all the award winners!

2011-12 Graduate & Undergraduate Student Scholarship



L, R. – A. Testen, B. Aynardi, H. Cheesman



L, R. – E. Warnstrom, M. Kasson, J. Xiao, Y. Chen



S. Slack

2012 Service Awards



L,R – Q. Wang, D. Clemmer, N. Wenner, D. Davis, Y. Wang

2011-12 Excellence in Teaching Award & Staff Excellence



L,R – G. Moorman, V. Wilkinson

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Dual-title degree program in International Agriculture and Development (INTAD)

PPATH graduate students (both M.S. and Ph.D.) who are interested in strengthening their plant pathology degree by incorporating international experiences and credentials should consider applying to this dual-title degree program in the College of Agricultural Sciences. Students must apply and be accepted into INTAD. Please note that Ph.D. students wishing to enroll in this Program must do so prior to taking the Candidacy Exam as a representative from INTAD is required for the exam. To learn more about INTAD and admission requirements and process, please visit the program web site:

<http://agsci.psu.edu/international/graduatestudents/intad>

Additional updates to Tammen Conference Room – Buckhout Lab...

A projector has been placed in the conference room – along with new carpeting.

***** Reminder...News/Info for SPOREPRINTS** – Please provide information or news for SPOREPRINTS by sending to S. Beck. SPOREPRINTS will be issued monthly.

CALENDAR/UPCOMING EVENTS

Faculty Meetings

- 4/3 – Faculty Retreat – 8:00am – 4:30pm at Celebration Hall (off-campus)
- 4/11 – Faculty Meeting – 2:30pm – 4:00pm Tammen Conference Room

Seminars (PPATH)

- 4/2 – 3:35pm (Gautam Shirsekar – Ohio State)
- 4/9 – 3:35pm (Betsy Arnold – University of Arizona)
- 4/16 – 3:35pm (Venkatesh Muktali – Penn State)
- 4/20 – 3:35pm (Yinfei Li – Penn State)
- 4/23 – 3:35pm (Matt Kasson – Penn State)

Staff Meetings

- 4/12 – 3:00pm – 4:00pm Tammen Conference Room

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- STAP (Summer Tuition Assistance Program) – Applications being accepted thru 6/30/12... visit website <http://www.gradsch.psu.edu/current/funding/programs/summer.html>
- 4/1 —applications for the Academic Computing Fellowship and the AT&T Graduate Fellowship due in 209 Kern Bldg. For more information visit <http://gradsch.psu.edu/fellowships/programs.html>
- 4/5—last date for a spring graduate to pass final doctoral defense (department must return report form to Graduate Enrollment Services immediately)

NAME THIS DISEASE AND ITS CAUSAL AGENT



This contest will appear in each issue of Spore Prints. If you are interested in competing, send both the common name of this disease and its causal agent to Sandy in an email with “Spore Prints Contest” on the Subject line. Only contestants who submit entries with both answers correct will be considered winners. Winners will be determined and their names posted on the Mail Room bulletin board one week after Spore Prints is distributed. At the Department Award Ceremony next year (winter 2013), the individual with the most wins, will receive recognition and a travel award.

Host: snap bean