UF Environmental Horticulture Students Sweep Awards Again!

**International Plant Propagators’ Society**

IPPS is an international association of plant production professionals, including those involved in horticultural research and education. IPPS is a global network of plant production professionals, including those involved in horticultural research and education. IPPS aims to improve the knowledge, skills and professionalism of its members. IPPS members have access to educational conferences, field days, seminars and its vast library of horticultural knowledge, the combined proceedings of all annual conferences since 1951.

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**YOUNG PROPAGATOR EXCHANGE**

IPPS offers exchange programs to encourage and support young members to travel and learn from others.

IPPS will provide $2,000 for travel related expenses. The hosts will provide lodging and most meals.

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**STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION**

**Recognition for Quality Research**

The most highly respected organization of nurserymen in the southern United States of America is offering two awards for original research results pertinent to the production of horticultural crops in the southern USA. Graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in any university, junior, community, or four-year colleges are eligible. Three students will be selected to present oral presentations and four students for poster presentations at the meeting. In past years, the student’s have reported on several aspects of horticulture – macro and micropropagation, rooting hormones, new substrates, herbicide movement in runoff water, and weed control in nursery

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**VIVIAN MUNDAY SCHOLARSHIP**

The Vivian Munday Young Horticulture Professional Scholarship/Work Program was initiated to provide financial assistance to young horticulture professional/students who are interested in attending the IPPS-Southern Region annual meeting. A young horticulture professional is defined as an individual with less than five years of work experience as a professional in the horticultural field. Financial assistance will provide a waiver for registration, tours and hotel accommodations for the annual meeting. In exchange for the financial support to attend, scholarship recipients will perform various hands on work assignments during the annual
meeting. Work assignments are intended to assist the local site chairperson in making sure that the educational program and tours run smoothly. Assignments will be scheduled and delegated so that scholarship recipients have the opportunity to still attend the majority of the meeting events. Examples of work assignments are: assisting with the plant auction, manning the registration desk, and assisting audio/visual technician during the educational program. Scholarship recipients will report to the local site chairperson for their assignments upon arrival to the annual meeting.

The IPPS-Southern Region annual meeting is typically a three and a half day event. This usually involves two full days of bus tours of area nurseries, public gardens, and greenhouse operations. The balance is an educational program consisting of short presentations. Papers presented and tour highlights from the previous meeting are also posted on our website.

**Awards presented at 2016 Conference to ENV HORT Faculty and Students**

**Sidney B. Meadows Award- Dr. Mack Thetford WFREC**

Purpose of the Sidney B. Meadows Award of Merit

- To honor and recognize outstanding individuals for their contributions to the nursery industry and to plant propagation in the Southern Region of North America.
- This is the highest honor bestowed upon a member.

**Criteria**

- Must have been a member of the Southern Region IPPS
- Has made an outstanding contribution to the IPPS and to plant propagation and production
- Dedication to the ideals of the society to “seek and share”
- Award cannot be presented to an individual more than once

**Second Place Oral Presentation**

Impacts of Preemergence Herbicide Formulation on Cost and Weed Control Efficacy for Container Nursery Crop Producers. Authors: Debalina Saha, graduate research assistant, Environmental Horticulture Department, Mid-Florida Research and Education Center, University of Florida; Chris Marble, assistant professor, Environmental Horticulture Department, Mid-Florida Research and Education Center, University of Florida; Nathan S. Boyd, associate
professor, Horticultural Sciences/ Weed Science, Gulf Coast Research and Education Center, University of Florida and Shawn Steed, environmental horticulture production Extension agent, Seffner, FL: UF/IFAS Extension.

**Poster Presentation Award**

In-vitro Propagation of Grape Via Somatic Embryogenesis

Crystal Conner, Dr. Dennis Gray, Dr. Zhijian Li, Annette Chandler and Trudi Grant

Grape Biotechnology Core Laboratory, Mid-Florida Research and Education Center, University of Florida/IFAS

**VIVIAN MUNDAY SCHOLARSHIP** recipients

Shea Kenne- Gainesville

Crystal Connor- MFREC

Cody Stewart-MFREC

Debelina saha- MFREC