



Student presentation prizes at the fifth annual meeting of the Society at Laval University, Quebec City

Students are a central part of the present and the future of Ecology and Evolution research in Canada. The CSEEE annual meeting is an important opportunity to emphasize their contribution. The fifth annual meeting of the Society in Quebec City was the first at which we had the chance to announce the winners of the competition for the best student oral presentations and best posters during the meeting.

Prizes from the Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution.

Three prizes were given for best talks and three prizes for best posters. There is a first prize of 500\$, a second prize of 300\$ and a third prize of 200\$.

In the best poster presentation category, the winners are

1st: “Influence de la sévérité des feux récents sur la régénération de l’épinette noire dans la pessière noire à mousses du Québec”

Mélanie Veilleux-Nolin
Université Laval

2nd: “Évolution spatio-temporelle de la mortalité de l’épinette noire dans une forêt nordique ancienne”

Corinne Vézeau
Université Laval

3rd: “Patterns in spatial and temporal changes in muscid flies from Churchill”

Anaïs Renaud
University of Manitoba

For the best oral presentation, the winners are

1st: we had a tie between two speakers. We thus exceptionally have two first prize winners this year.
“The role of predators and aposematic variability in Mullerian mimicry”

Mathieu Chouteau
Université de Montréal

and

“Untangling intrinsic and extrinsic signals as sources of pure epigenetic variation”

Rachel Massicotte
Université de Montréal

2nd: “Analyse biogéographique de la répartition et de la colonisation des gélinasques en fonction de la latitude”

Catherine Plasse
Université Laval

3rd: “Hypoxia, sex steroids, and cichlids”

Caitlin Friesen
McGill University

Prizes from Springer and the Journal Evolutionary Ecology.

Book vouchers from Springer were offered to the oral and poster presentation that were ranked fourth in the competition.

For posters, the winner is:

“Simulation of drift and effective number of breeders in an age-structured population and a potential field study”

David Hunt

University of Guelph

For oral presentations, the winner is:

“Interactive effects of climate change and fragmentation on Cyanobacteria and associated rates of N-fixation in boreal forest moss of northern Quebec”

Jonathan Whiteley

McGill University

Prize from Annals of Botany

The Journal “Annals of Botany” offered a prize to a student who exhibits an outstanding contribution in the field of botany. Oral presentations and posters were judged together and the winner is :

« Defining the shape of flower deployment »

Emily Austen

University of Toronto

We would like to thank all the members who volunteered to judge these talks and posters:

Bernard Angers, Céline Audet, Louis Bernatchez, Stéphane Boudreau, Elizabeth Boulding, Nathalie Brodeur, Gabriel Colbeck, Caroline Côté, Steeve Côté, Catherine Cullingham, Carole Di-Poi, Guillaume Diss, Marco Festa-Bianchet, Dany Garant, Ladd Johnson, Julie Jeukens, Justine Karst, Kathryn Morton, Sally Otto, Fanie Pelletier, Denis Réale, Miriam Richards, Bill Shipley, Astrid Vik Stronen

Special thanks to Nathalie Brodeur, who worked very hard and did everything to make sure that this idea of giving out prizes during the meeting could be possible.

Finally, books were randomly given by the exhibitors to students who participated in this competition. Special thanks to University of Chicago Press, Oxford University Press and Roberts and Company Publishers for making this possible.