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Thursday, 12 Feb. 2009

SRM HONOR AWARDS

Frederic G. Renner Award

Dr. Jerry W. Stuth (Posthumous)

W.R. Chapline Research Award

Dr. Steven G. Whisenant

W.R. Chapline Stewardship Award

Leonard N. 'Bud' Purdy

Fellow Award

Dr. Kris M. Havstad

Outstanding Achievement (Academic/Research)

Dr. John Bates

Dr. Brandon Bestelmeyer

Dr. Ed L. Fredrickson

Dr. Edmundo Garcia-Moya

Dr. Neil R. Rimby

Dr. Tony J. Svejcar

Outstanding Achievement (Stewardship)

Dan M. Caudle

Philbert M. Gonzales

John David Graham

Stephen A. Nelle

Mary B. Reece

Outstanding Young Range Professional

Dr. Tracey K. Brewer

Dr. Jeremy J. James

Dr. Jane Mangold

Sustained Lifetime Achievement

Dr. Durant McArthur

Service Citation-Rangeland Ecology and Management

Dr. Stuart Hardegree

Dr. Robert Novak

Dr. Michael Smith

Dr. Marcelo Sternberg

Dr. Linda Wallace

Distinguished Service

Dr. John Tanaka

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

2009 Undergraduate Range Management Exam (URME) Results

171 individuals representing 23 schools/universities competed

Top 5 Teams:

School	Team score	Placing
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY	636	1
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY	630	2
UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA	624	3
UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN	612	4
UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING	610	5

Top 5 students:

Name	School	Score	%	Placing
Sarah Hanlon	University of Wyoming	230.0	76.7	1
Teressa Van Diest	University of Arizona	228.0	76.0	2
Daniel Zvirzdin	Brigham Young University	226.0	75.3	3
Christiane Catellier	University of Saskatchewan	224.0	74.7	4
Jessica Humes	Brigham Young University	222.0	74.0	5

2009 Undergraduate Plant Identification Contest Results

102 individuals representing 18 schools/universities competed

Top 5 Teams:

School	Team score	Placing
UNIVERSIDAD AUTONAMA AGRARIA ANTONIO NARRO	2781	1
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY	2747	2
UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA	2460	3
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY	2436	4
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	2172	5

Top 5 students:

Name	School	Score	Placing
Steven Goertz	Texas A&M University	939	1
Jose Luis Garcia F.	Antonio Narro	937	2
Humberto Garcia Angel	Antonio Narro	928	3
Antonio Garcia Villa	Antonio Narro	916	4
Kelly Haile	Texas A&M University	913	5

2009 Student Combined Award

1	Daniel Zvirzdin	BYU
2	Tisa Bevan	Alberta
3	Andy James	Texas A&M
4	Jamin Johanson	Utah State
5	Jessica Milby	University of Nebraska-Lincoln

2009 Undergraduate Speaking Contest Winners

Laura Snell	University of Nebraska
Michelle Miller	CSC
Jacie Fasselin	Utah State University



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MEMORABLE ANNUAL MEETING MOMENTS

Probably my first national level meeting, held in Spokane, was my most memorable. Having never been approved by my agency to attend an annual meeting until reaching the state office level of SCS, I was swimming in an ocean of unfamiliar people who were both busy and seemingly knew one another. I also made the neophyte mistake of making my hotel reservation an uncomfortably long distance from the Spokane meeting location. I vividly recall my excitement and dismay as the symposium on state and transition ecology contrasted with the traditional range condition concept in which SCS (and other agencies) were so heavily invested. Excitement was communicated from a relatively new concept (S&T) presented very effectively, but emotions of dismay and foreboding erupted as my agency wrestled with how much of this 'porcupine' to embrace.

SRM proved the appropriate venue within which our diverse membership could cuss, discuss, and work through new ideas. No doubt it will serve that purpose again. Like all of you who may have attended multiple SRM annual meetings, my perceptions of those meetings have evolved over the years. In addition to leafing through the program to highlight the sessions that looked intriguing, there was the draw of agency "family" meetings and the pearls of wisdom – make that clots of jargon and bureaucratic announcements – that balanced an increasingly important social component for agency attendance.

Thanks SRM for all of these experiences and all of the individuals who contribute to making the Society run and meetings succeed ... Leonard Jolley, CPRM – USDA NRCS, Beltsville, MD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be one **NRCS Technical Workshop**, Thursday, 1:00-5:00 pm in ACC Santo Domingo

Rangeland Management Specialist vacancy, Gila National Forest, closes March 6, # ADS09-R3-GIL-1130G (P-CL)
Application information at www.usa.jobs.opm.gov. Federal employees with current or past status may apply.

ROOM CHANGES FOR TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Thursday Morning **February 12, 2009**

Economics, Sociology and Policy **now in Dona Ana**

Grazing Systems Research: Focusing on the Managers **now in Brazos**

Invasive Species/Weed Management I **now in Cimarron**

(see page 15 of the Program Guide for ACC map with room locations)

CANCELLATIONS

- Lessons From a Decade of Rangeland Monitoring..., Hardesty, et al., Thursday, Assessment & Monitoring, 8:20 am
- Mapping Medusa Head Coverage..., Cherr and Laca, Thursday, Invasive Species and Weed Management, 10:20 am
- Physiological Effects of the North Kaibab Winter ..., Acton, et al., Thursday, Wildlife II, 2:00 pm
- Invasive Species/Weed Management II, Thursday, 1:00-5:00 pm, Santa Ana

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Agency On the Spot Hiring Program a Huge Draw!!

The BLM and USFS have enjoyed a tremendous response this year for the On-the-Spot Hiring Program. Over 70 applications were received by both agencies, double from previous years. Both agencies have been conducting interviews for a combined total of 30 Federal Career Internship Program (FCIP) positions with nine Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) positions. The job series offered within the FCIP programs has included Rangeland Management Specialist, Wildlife Biologist, Natural Resource Specialist, and Range Technician.

Interviews started on Monday morning and are scheduled to be completed by Wednesday afternoon. The quality of candidates has been very strong-representative of the quality of students and young professionals within the membership ranks of SRM. Both agencies are hopeful that tentative offers will be made to qualified applicants Wednesday afternoon. The BLM and USFS are very appreciative of the opportunity to conduct this program at the SRM annual meeting and look forward to Denver in 2010.

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