

SDB Awards

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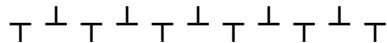
The SDB Board of Directors approved special award for the two best posters on developmental biology presented at the last Annual Biomedical Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS), held in New Orleans, November 13-16, 2002. Karen Bennett, SDB Board Midwest representative, and five SDB members, Judy Venuti, Richard Kessin, Ken Kempheus and Steve Johnson, who were attending the meeting judged 57 posters with themes related to our field (out of a total of 911 of all subject areas) and had a very hard time picking the winners.

The first prize, roundtrip ticket, meeting registration and housing at the upcoming SDB 62nd Annual Meeting in Boston, went to Thanh Dinh of UC Davis. She has worked for three years on RNA localization in tobacco in the lab of Minsung Kim.

The runner-up prize, meeting registration at the Boston meeting, was given to Anthea Aikins of Delaware State, who did a fantastic job of her poster. She did a summer project on the role of fibrillin in frog embryonic development at UVA.

A merit certificate was awarded to Caroline Anyanwu of San Francisco State, whose three year project on *Xenopus* transplants was also excellent.

Our congratulations to the winners and we look forward to meeting them in Boston. Our whole-hearted thanks to the judges for the hard work!



SDB Prizes for Poster Winners of the First Meeting of the Latin American Society of Developmental Biology

A cadre of high caliber judges led by SDB President Ruth Lehmann and SDB Director Judith Eisen chose the winners of the poster competition at the First Meeting of the Latin American Society of Developmental Biology (Sociedad Latino Americana de Biología del Desarrollo), held in Valle Nevado, Chile, January 15-18, 2003. The other members of the jury were: Marianne Bronner-Fraser, Steve Burden, Eddy de Robertis, Scott Fraser, John Gurdon, David Kimelman, Ariel Ruiz i Altaba and Claudio Stern.

The first two places were awarded each an SDB Latin American Scholarship to attend the upcoming SDB 62nd Annual Meeting in Boston:

- Lazaro Centanin, from Pablo Wappner's lab, Fundacion Campomar in Argentina: "fatiga encodes a *Drosophila* prolyl-4-hydroxylase that functions as an oxygen sensor controlling the transcriptional response to hypoxia"
- Francisca Silva, from Roberto Mayor's lab, Univ. de Chile: "Notch signaling and the homeoprotein Xiro1 induce neural crest by repressing BMP4 in *Xenopus* embryos"

- The next two places were awarded an online 2003 subscription to *Developmental Biology*:
- Maria Soledad Benitez, from Eugenia del Pino's lab, Pontifica Univ. Catolica del Ecuador: "Lamina associated polypeptides 2 (LAP2) and Brachyury (T) expression patterns during early development of *Colostethus machalilla* (Anura: *Dendrobatidae*)"
 - Ximena Soto, from Juan Olate's lab, Univ. Concepcion in Chile "Effect of Gq (alpha) in the early embryonic development of *Xenopus laevis*"