



ISU Newsletter



Weekly Announcements for May 6 - 12, 2007

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Faculty/Staff/Other Meetings

There will be a Biological Sciences Faculty meeting Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at noon in the Speech Pathology building, room 315.

Presentations

Dr. Ken Rodnick along with his graduate student, **Pavan Battiprolu** and Mary Hicks, (research assistant, Dept of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Boise, Idaho) presented at the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, April 28-May 2, 2007, in Washington D.C.

Poster 1: "Sex Differences in Calcium Regulatory Proteins in immature rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)." Authors: Dr. **Ken Rodnick***, Mary Hicks, Herve A Gambliel, **Pavan K Battiprolu***, Richard D Olson (*ISU, others VA Medical Center, Boise, Idaho)

Poster 2: "Sex differences in cardiac glucose metabolism and function in immature rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)." Authors: **Pavan K Battiprolu***, **Adam C Goddard**, **Lisa Jaramillo**, **Dr. Ken Rodnick** (ALL from ISU, Biology)

This presentation was selected as "Hot Pick" for a press release and highlighted in April 30th issues of...

1. Postchronicle (www.postchronicle.com/news/science)
2. Science Daily (www.sciencedaily.com/releases)
3. Medical News Today (www.medicalnewstoday.com)
4. United Press International (www.upi.com/news track/science)
5. Todays Science News (www.brightsurf.com/news/headlines)
6. Huliq:Breaking News (www.huliq.com)
7. www.dailyindia.com
8. www.yubanet.com/artman/publish
9. www.stayhealthynews.com/diseasesandconditions
10. www.firstscience.com/home/news/breaking-news-all-topics

And more hits found at google.com.

Awards

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in this year's microscopy display and contest, the students enjoyed the interaction and I really appreciated your participation. I know that this had the anticipation the equivalent of American Idol and you hardly slept this weekend waiting to hear the results. So by popular vote.....

1st place -**Doug Gardner** -- Dictyostelium fruiting body (Dr. Maureen Brandon lab)
2nd place -**John Larkin and Yu Li** -- Immunohistochemistry of CRF neurons (Dan Selvage lab)
3rd place - **Rakesh Mandal** -- multifocal image of neurons (Dr. Curt Anderson lab)

And in the 'most artistic category'

1st place -**Alan Crandal** -- Rat Hair (Dr. Rod Seeley lab)

Travel

Dr. Rick Williams and **Dr. Rosemary Smith** visited the Teton Science School on April 26-27, 2007 with the intention of developing closer ties with their students and faculty and ISU.

Dr. Jeff Meldrum traveled to the Willow Creek - China Flats Museum, in northern California, May 3- May 8, 2007 with Robert Schlader, assistant director of the Idaho Virtualization Laboratory, to create 3D virtual models of specimens housed there. While there he will make a public presentation and hold a book-signing.

Notices

We will be saying our farewells and having a potluck for **Tammy Pruett** on **Wednesday, May 16 from 11 to 1 in the conference room**. She will be moving with her husband Lee to Wyoming. Come join us in wishing her all the best and letting her know she will be greatly missed by all!

The Portneuf Subunit of the American Fisheries Society met on May 1, 2007 to draw winners for the raffle fundraiser, elect officers for 2007-2008, and to watch a video about cutthroat trout conservation entitled 'Rising From the Shadows'.

Raffle Winners:

Winner of the Cutthroat Trout print: Carol Smith, teacher from Taylorview JR HS
Winners of a dozen dry flies: Janet Bala and Mark Gamblin (Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game).
As the very first raffle fundraiser for our student organization, we are excited about the participation by such a diverse group of people. **We thank everyone who bought raffle tickets!**

We also thank the hard work of our exiting officers (Mike Lance, Kevin Korasick, Rachel Wilkinson and Ryan Hillyard) as well faculty sponsors (Dr. Ernest Keeley, Dr. Colden Baxter). Our new officers for 2006-2007 are: Ryan Bellmore, Joe Benjamin, and Jesse Haddix.

Ryan and Joe promise even bigger raffle prizes, soup/chili feeds, and outdoor activities next year! Please contact Ryan or Joe if you are interested in watching Rising From the Shadows. The film is 30 minutes long and contains excellent underwater videography of cutthroat trout and other wildlife (some of the video was taken by Dr. Ernest Keeley). It would be an excellent way to introduce native fish conservation to grade school classrooms or anyone interested in cutthroat trout.