

NEWSLETTER OF THE ESA AQUATIC ECOLOGY SECTION

AWARDS

25 January 2002

In anticipation of the upcoming ESA Annual Meeting in Tucson, this newsletter contains important information for the three awards offered by the Aquatic Ecology Section. Most important is the **Thomas M. Frost Award for Excellence in Graduate Research**. This important award will be presented for the first time at the 2002 ESA meeting in Tucson. Nominations are now open! Details on the Frost Award are given below. We would like to thank everyone for their support in establishing this award. Thanks to your generosity, we have secured an endowment that is approaching \$10,000, which will ensure our ability to fund this award for many years – surely this is a terrific testament to the effect that Tom had on so many members of the Society.

We will also be continuing our award for the Best Student Talk, which was inaugurated at the 2001 meeting in Madison (see below). Mark Scheuerell (University of Washington) received the 2001 award for his talk entitled "*Effect of incident light on the diel vertical migration of juvenile sockeye salmon in Alaska lakes*". Mark received a check for \$200 in recognition of his outstanding presentation. Congratulations Mark!

Finally, we anticipate that we will be providing several travel awards (the exact number will depend on our budget situation this summer). Students are encouraged to apply – see below for details.

We look forward to seeing you this summer in Tucson.

--Craig Osenberg (Chair)
--Chris Luecke (Vice-Chair)
--Emily Stanley (Secretary)
--Chris Swan (Communications Editor)

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THOMAS M. FROST AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE RESEARCH

The Aquatic Section of the Ecological Society of America is pleased to announce the Thomas M. Frost Award for Excellence in Graduate Research. Thomas M. Frost was the director of the University of Wisconsin Trout Lake Station from 1981 until his death in 2000. His colleagues will remember him as a dedicated and creative scientist who brought a gentle, caring humanity to our endeavors. This prize, founded in 2001, honors

Tom's commitments to aquatic ecology and to graduate student education. The first award will be made in 2002. The recipient will receive a certificate and a cash prize.

Eligibility and nomination: This annual award will be given to a scientist in recognition of an outstanding paper resulting from research done as a graduate student. At the time of the nomination deadline, the paper must be published and the nominee must be a graduate student or have received the Ph.D. within two years. The nominee must be first author of the paper if there is more than one author. Nominated papers must be published in a peer-reviewed journal and be in the area of aquatic ecology. The nominee also must be a member in good standing of ESA's Aquatic Section at the time of nomination. Self-nominations and nominations by colleagues are welcomed.

Nomination packets should include:

1. A copy of the paper
2. A brief letter describing the impact of the paper on the field and stating the date of completion of the degree if the nominee is no longer a student
3. A letter of support from the major professor that also confirms the nominee's eligibility for the award
4. A CV from the nominee

Please send four copies of the nomination materials by **April 1st** to the Aquatic Section's Secretary:

Emily H. Stanley
University of Wisconsin
Center for Limnology
680 N. Park St.
Madison, WI 53706

Applications can also be submitted electronically as **pdfs**. Send files to ehstanley@facstaff.wisc.edu, with the phrase "Frost Award material" on the subject line.

Selection criteria: Applications will be reviewed by the Awards Committee appointed by the Officers of the Aquatic Section. Candidates will be judged based upon the paper's contribution to the field, including its originality, study design, and impact.

To join the Ecological Society of America and ESA's Aquatic Section, visit ESA's web page (<http://esa.sdsc.edu/>), or contact ESA's Washington office:

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To make a contribution to the Thomas M. Frost Award Fund, send a check directly to ESA's business office (see above: clearly indicate on the check that is for the "Frost

Fund") or make a contribution when you renew your ESA membership by checking "Frost Award" on the membership form under "Contributions" category.

BEST STUDENT TALK IN AQUATIC ECOLOGY

The Section will award a paper for the best talk presented by a student in the Aquatic Section. The competition is coordinated with the Buell Award (awarded by the Society).

- 1) To be eligible, a student must be a member of the Aquatic Section, and the paper must involve aquatic research.
- 2) The student must simultaneously compete (and be eligible) for the Buell Award (so the student must submit a Buell Award application).
- 3) The student must apply for Section's award by sending an email to the Section Chair (Craig Osenberg: osenberg@zoology.ufl.edu) stating that 1) they are a member of the section, and 2) that they have applied for and are eligible for the Buell Award. They also should include a copy of their abstract.
- 4) The officers of the Aquatic Section will serve as the awards committee. They will use the Buell evaluations as the basis for their decision.
- 5) The recipient will receive a \$200 award from the Section.

Everyone else in the section is strongly encouraged to volunteer as a judge for the Buell-Braun competitions. Because our section will be using the evaluations conducted by the Buell-Braun judges, it's imperative that the Section provides additional judges. In the past, ESA has had a hard time obtaining sufficient numbers of judges for the aquatic talks. If we cannot increase the participation of our members, we will be unable to continue to offer the Section award, so please sign up. Please contact the Chair of the Buell-Braun Committee (Karen Clancy: kclancy@fs.fed.edu) if you are interested in being a judge for the Buell-Braun competition.

STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS

The Section will give a limited number of travel awards to offset the expenses incurred by students who are attending the ESA Annual meeting to present a talk or poster. Travel awards will be \$150 and will be awarded on a lottery basis. Applications (abstract + letter of intent) should be submitted to Craig Osenberg (**by email:** osenberg@zoology.ufl.edu) no later than **June 1st**.

GET A FRIEND TO JOIN THE SECTION

To become a member of the Aquatic Ecology Section costs \$2 (US) for members of the Ecological Society of America. These dues help support the Best Student Talk Award,

the Student Travel Awards and the annual business meeting and mixer. Please encourage your colleagues to join the section. They can join the section or ESA by using the membership forms on the [ESA web page](#).