Report of the Historical Section, BSA

The Historical Section program consisted of one paper and one poster during the 1998 annual meeting held in conjunction with the American Institute of Botanical Sciences in Baltimore. Officers for the Section were elected for the 1998-2001 term. They include: Vassiliki Betty Smocovitis (University of Florida), Chair; Peter F. Stevens (University of Missouri at St. Louis), Vice-Chair; and Laurence J. Dorr (Smithsonian), Secretary-Treasurer.

At the XVI International Botanical Congress in St. Louis the Section is sponsoring a symposium entitled "The Recent History of Botanical Science" and co-sponsoring with the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries a second symposium entitled "Towards an International Plan for Preserving Botanical Documentation: Critical Problems and Potential Solutions." The Section also voted to allocate its available annual allotments to support the attendance at the Congress of Dr. Susana Pinar (Madrid). Dr. Pinar, an historian of botany, will present a paper in the symposium on the recent history of botanical science.

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