At the Botany 2012 meetings in Columbus, OH, the Pteridological Section of the Botanical Society of America co-sponsored one field trip, 16 oral presentations, and four contributed posters.

Approximately 36 people attended the fern field trip associated with the 2012 meetings in Columbus. This all-day field trip, exploring sandstone sites in the Hocking Hills (Cantwell Cliffs, Crane Hollow), one of the most picturesque regions of central Ohio, was ably co-led by local fern enthusiasts Paul Knoop, Steve McKee, and John Knouse.

The judging committee for the Edgar T. Wherry Award (for best oral presentation in the joint Pteridological Section/American Fern Society contributed papers sessions) gave the 2012 award to Weston Testo, Colgate University (Advisor Dr. James Watkins) for his paper "Comparative gametophyte ecology of the American hart's-tongue fern and associated fern taxa: evidence for recent population declines in New York State"

The Pteridological section contributed $400 to the publication of the Annual Review of Pteridological Research, Volume 25 (2011).

Funding from BSA also allows the Pteridological Section to provide $400 travel awards (in conjunction with the American Fern Society) to qualified students giving oral presentations in the joint Pteridological Section/AFS contributed papers sessions. A total of four awards were provided to help students attend the Botany 2013 meetings in New Orleans, LA. These awards were given to the following students:

1) **Anthony Baniaga**, University of Arizona (Advisor: Dr. Mike Barker) – Botany 2013 presentation entitled “Genomics of Allopolyploidy and Hybridization in Selaginella subg. Tetragonostachys”

2) **Laura Klein**, Saint Louis University (Advisor: Dr. R. James Hickey) – Botany 2013 presentation entitled “Morphology and Introgressive Hybridization in North American Diphasiastrum”

3) **Fernando Matos**, New York Botanical Garden (Advisor: Dr. Robbin C. Moran) – Botany 2013 presentation entitled “Systematic Studies of Elaphoglossum section Polytrichia (Dryopteridaceae)”

4) **Tai-Chung Wu**, National Taiwan University (Advisor: Dr. Wen-Yuan Kao) - Botany 2013 presentation entitled “Stomatal response in leaves of Marsilea crenata, an amphibious fern”

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