July 24, 2015

Dear Botanical Society Colleagues,

The Corresponding Members Committee (Pamela Diggle, Chair, Elizabeth Kellogg, and Stephen Weller) endorse the following candidates for Corresponding Members of the Botanical Society of America:

- Dr. Ana Anton, Instituto Multidisciplinario de Biología Vegetal and the University of Córdoba, Argentina
- Dr. Deborah Charlesworth, Edinburgh University, Scotland
- Dr. Dr. Cris Kuhlemeier, University of Bern, Switzerland
- Dr. Maria Herrero, University of Zaragoza, Spain

Each nominee is a leading scientist in his/her country and internationally and has contributed significantly to botanical sciences. Nomination letters and CVs are attached.

Respectfully,

Pamela K. Diggle
Committee Chair
Dear Pam and Members of the Board,

I am happy to nominate Dr. Ana Anton as a Corresponding Member of the BSA. Ana has been a leader in botany in Argentina for several decades and has had a long an influential career that has had a positive impact on the growth and development of science. For much of her career she was director of Instituto Multidisciplinario de Biología Vegetal (IMBIV) and the Museum at the University of Córdoba, positions that she held since 1996-2011 and 1999-2012 respectively. She has received grants to update and digitize the collections, making them more widely available. In addition, she has been director of the Flora of Argentina project, and a member of a large number of committees that oversee and evaluate science throughout southern South America.

Her considerable energy and enthusiasm for science continue. After she retired from the University of Córdoba, she has taken on another administrative post, the Director of Centro de Investigaciones y Transferencia de Santiago del Estero. She remains a Principal Investigator at CONICET.

Her publications have involved research on grasses, legumes, and a number of other taxa, with 23 peer-reviewed papers in the last five years (i.e., since her "retirement"), in addition to six contributions to the Flora of Argentina. I first became aware of her work with her review and analysis of the complex literature on the grass ovule, published in 1987. This paper cut through a lot of intricate anatomical and developmental description and immediately became the definitive work on the subject. Her recent work has continued that standard, and incorporates anatomy, morphology, and phylogeny.

In summary, Ana has had and continues to have a distinguished career in botany. She has published steadily, received continual grant support, and trained students. But her great contribution has been to guide botany and botanical institutions in Argentina for nearly three decades, to develop resources for research, to strengthen IMBIV, the Museum at Córdoba, and now the Center in Santiago del Estero, and to support and advise students and colleagues. She will be a distinguished Corresponding Member of the BSA.
Sincerely,

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Elizabeth A. Kellogg
Member and Principal Investigator