

## **2018 Annual Report of the Tropical Biology Section**

### **A Summary of the Section's Activities in 2017**

We collaborated on a well-attended symposium on Botany of the Anthropogenic Environment, submitted by the Ecology Section.

We held a Tropical Biology session of contributed papers and one poster

### **.Business Meeting**

A brief report of the Section's finances was presented.

Dr. Travis Marsico has agreed to be the VP, Margaret Devall will remain as Section Chair and Suzanne Koptur as Secretary/treasurer.

### **Plans for 2018**

The Section is supporting three Symposia: Tools, Standards, Techniques, and Methods for Using Herbarium Specimens in Phenological Research, Evolution of Plant Chemical Diversity: Renaissance of comparative biochemistry and Evolution, ecology, development, and conservation of carnivorous plants. We are also supporting three colloquia. Since the Society funds symposia and colloquia, we did not offer additional funding.

We only had one abstract submitted this year, probably because the conference is far from the tropics. We have arranged for the Morphology Section to include it.

We hope that all members of the Section will try to attend the Section business meeting and/or plan to submit a symposium proposal for our Section for Botany 2019.

With our best wishes for a productive year, and looking forward to seeing you in rochester,

Margaret Devall (Section Chair) and Suzanne Koptur (Secretary/Treasurer)