

## **Physiological Section Annual Report 2020-2021.**

Officers during 2020-2021 were Arthur Schwarz, Chair, Anna Jacobsen, Program Director, and Anitra Thorhaug, Treasurer.

At the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virtual meeting at BOTANY 2021, the physiological section will have three sessions including two on Ecophysiology with 24 papers and eight posters, and one on Physiology with 13 papers and six posters. We will also hold a business meeting and an election. There will be awards for the best student oral presentation and the best student poster award. The LI-COR Prize, is awarded to the best student oral paper or poster using LI-COR equipment.

The Physiology Section hosted four sessions. There were 10 oral papers and four posters in Physiology and 16 oral papers and nine posters in Eco-Physiology. Our student awards at the 1<sup>st</sup> Virtual meeting included the LI-COR Prize and best oral paper award to Anna Jiselle Ongjoco of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, for her paper "Strategies Utilized by *Pinus coulteri* and *Pinus attenuata* for Surviving at Low Elevations in the San Bernardino Mountains". The paper was co-authored with Edward G. Bobich, Frank E. Ewers, and Erin J. Questad. The best poster award was given to Simone Lim-Hing, of the University of Georgia, for her poster, "Untangling the micronutrient status and defense responses in loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda*)". The poster was co-authored with Kamal J.K. Gandhi, Brittany F. Barnes, Lawrence Morris, Elizabeth McCarty, and Caterina Villari.

At the 1<sup>st</sup> Virtual meeting in 2020, the Physiological Section Business Meeting was cancelled. All officers agreed to serve another year. This year we will conduct elections and notify the BSA after elections of new officers.

Respectfully submitted by Arthur Schwarz, Anitra Thorhaug, and Anna Jacobsen.