

POSTER WINNERS FROM THE 4th ANNUAL IBB SYMPOSIUM & 6th ANNUAL IBB NIH BIOTECH RETREAT—Cont.

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Dr. West presents Erol Bakkalbasi with his poster award.

Wagner's laboratory.

IBB is grateful to **Vinson & Elkins** for sponsoring some of these awards and the following 4th Annual IBB Symposium Poster Judges: **Mr. Bill Gottfried**, President and Founder of Gottfried International, Inc.; **Ms. Deborah Mansfield**, Director of the Life Science Program for The Houston Technology Center; **Dr. Brian Phillips**, Biological Sciences Licensing Associate for Rice's Office of

Technology Transfer; **Dr. Carolyn Nichol**, Associate Director of Education for CBEN; **Dr. Stacey Kalovidouris**, Executive Director of IBB.

Also, this past June, IBB held its 6th Annual IBB NIH Biotechnology Training Program Retreat and Poster Session. This year's poster winners are:

- ◆ **1st Place IBB NIH Biotech Poster Winner – Stephanie Nemir**, for her poster entitled "PEGDA Hydrogels with Patterned Rigidity for the

Manipulation of Cellular Behavior." Nemir is a graduate student in the Department of Bioengineering and works in **Dr. West's** laboratory.

- ◆ **2nd Place IBB NIH Biotech Poster Winner – Peter Nguyen**, for his poster entitled "Optimizing the Design of Protein Fragment Complementation Assays by Selecting Proteins with Varying Stability." Nguyen is a graduate student in the Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology and works in **Dr. Silberg's** laboratory.



Ryan Schweller listens to NIH Trainee, Michael Cuchiaro present his poster.

IBB is grateful to the 6th Annual IBB NIH Biotechnology Poster Judges: **Dr. Sunil Chada**, Director of Research & Development at Introgen Therapeutics, Inc.; **Dr. Carol Farhangfar**, Director of Research Planning and Development at M.D Anderson Cancer Center's Division of Cancer Medicine; **Mr. Jason Moore**, Vice President of PLX Pharma, Inc.



THE 2008 EDGAR O'REAR TRAVEL GRANT RECIPIENTS

Edgar O'Rear Travel Grants are given to outstanding graduate students of IBB faculty members. Selected recipients receive funds for costs associated with attending a scientific conference. Students are nominated by their IBB advisor who submits the student's curriculum vitae, the name and description of the conference that the student would attend, a brief statement from the advisor regarding the benefits of this meeting for the student, and a budget of anticipated costs for attending the conference.

The 2008 Edgar O'Rear Travel Grant recipients are:

- ◆ **Debbie Brock**, an Ecology and Evolutionary Biology graduate student, will attend the Society for the Study of Evolution meeting.
- ◆ **Drew Bryant**, a Computer Science and Bioengineering graduate student, will attend the 2008 IEEE Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine.
- ◆ **Juli Carrillo**, an Ecology and Evolutionary Biology graduate student, will be attend the International Workshop and Training Course on Invasive Species.
- ◆ **Clive Chen**, a Bioengineering graduate student, will attend the American Institute of Chemical Engineers Annual Meeting.
- ◆ **Andrew Coughlin**, a Bioengineering graduate student, will attend the American Institute of Chemical Engineers Annual Meeting.
- ◆ **Andria Denmon**, a Biochemistry and Cell Biology graduate student, will attend the RNA Society Annual Meeting.
- ◆ **Nolan Harris**, a Physics and Astronomy graduate student, will attend the meeting of the American Physical Society.
- ◆ **Katherine Horn**, an Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

graduate student, will attend the International Workshop and Training Course on Invasive Species.

- ◆ **Joel Huegel**, a Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science graduate student, will attend the HRI 2009 (Human-Robot Interaction) Conference.
- ◆ **Faiza Hussain**, a Biochemistry and Cell Biology graduate student, will attend the Gordon Conference on Metals in Biology
- ◆ **Anu Maharjan**, a Biochemistry and Cell Biology graduate student, will attend the Annual Meeting of the Society for Leukocyte Biology.
- ◆ **Irene Martinez**, a Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering graduate student, will attend the American Institute of Chemical Engineers Annual Meeting.
- ◆ **Sarah Ratzel**, a Biochemistry and Cell Biology graduate student, will attend the Annual American Institute of Chemical Engineers Annual Meeting.
- ◆ **Darren Roblyer**, a Bioengineering graduate student, will attend the 2009 SPIE Photonics West Conference.
- ◆ **Elizabeth Stephens**, a Bioengineering graduate student, will attend the American Heart Association Conference.
- ◆ **Nadhi Thekkek**, a Bioengineering graduate student, will attend the 2009 SPIE Photonics West Conference.
- ◆ **Yu-Chang Tsai**, a Biochemistry and Cell Biology graduate student, will attend the Keystone Symposium on Plant Sensing, Response and Adaptation to the Environment.
- ◆ **Kostas Tsekouras**, a Chemistry graduate student, will attend the 2009 Biophysical Society Annual Meeting.



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"Reimbursement for Emerging Medical Technologies"

November 18, 2008
Houston Technology Center's Gulf Coast Innovation Conference

January 17, 2009
The Houston Technology Center's BioCamp Houston 2009 - an Unconference

February 12, 2009
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