

Dear Colleague,

Attached is the announcement for the 2016 Southern Region-International Plant Propagators' Student Competition. **Research paper titles are due 15 August and papers are due by 1 September 2016.** Three students will be selected to present oral presentations and three students for poster presentations at the meeting. In past years, the student's have reported on several aspects of horticulture – macro and micropropagation, rooting hormones, new substrates, herbicide movement in runoff water, marketing, and weed control in nursery production.

This year's meeting will be **October 23-26, 2016** in Virginia Beach, VA. Three awards, \$1000, \$500, and \$250 will be given to first, second, and third place paper presenters, respectively. This is a great opportunity for students to present their research and meet many of the leading growers in the Southeast. In addition, the society awards a travel grant up to \$500 for each student presenting an oral presentation. Also, three additional student papers will be selected to receive a \$500 travel grant to support the student in presenting a poster in the Poster Session.

Please share this information with your colleagues who may have students with research projects that would be of interest to the society. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 850-983-7130 or E-mail thetford@ufl.edu. **Titles must be received by 15 August 2016** and will be accepted in any media form (fax, e-mail, or post). **Papers must be received by 1 September 2016** and should be submitted in an electronic format.

I would like to thank those who have participated in past years and supported the efforts of the student competition. Remember, our Society's motto is to seek and to share!

Best regards,



Mack Thetford
SR-IPPS Student Competition Chair