

Medal Symposium at the annual meeting the following year.

The 2015 winner is...



**Craig Pikaard**

Howard Hughes Medical Institute and Indiana University

The Martin Gibbs Medal, established in 1993, honors individuals who pioneered advances that have served to establish new directions of investigation in the plant sciences. Craig is honored for his seminal work and important discoveries in the fields of nucleolar dominance, gene silencing, and the role and function of the atypical polymerases IV and V. Craig will convene the Martin Gibbs Medal Symposium at Plant Biology 2016.

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#### **Robert Rabson Award**

The Robert Rabson Award, first given by the Society in 2012, recognizes Bob Rabson's steadfast advocacy of plant biology through creation of funding programs in the Department of Energy for research in basic energy sciences. The award recognizes postdocs and faculty-level early career scientists, whether or not members of the Society, in academic, government, and corporate research institutions, who have made excellent contributions in the area of bioenergy research. The award, which is made biennially, is a monetary award that also provides a one-year membership in the Society.

The 2014 winner is...



**Dominique Loqué**

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

For his exceptional creativity in developing several novel and widely applicable strategies for plant cell wall engineering, Dominique Loqué (Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, California) is the winner of the second Robert Rabson Award. This award recognizes Rabson's steadfast advocacy for plant biology through the creation of funding programs in the U.S. Department of Energy for research in basic energy sciences.

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#### **Stephen Hales Prize**

This award honors the Reverend Stephen Hales for his pioneering work in plant biology published in his 1727 book *Vegetable Staticks*. It is a monetary award established in 1927 for a scientist, whether or not a member of the Society, who has served the science of plant biology in some noteworthy manner. The award is made annually. The recipient of the award is invited to address the Society on a subject in plant biology at the next annual meeting.

The 2015 winner is...



**Bob Goldberg**

University of California - Los Angeles

Bob Goldberg is well known for his research contributions to plant biology, particularly in the area of reproductive development. He has generated fundamental discoveries that have also resulted in applications in industry, such as the development of the Barnase-Barstar male sterility system together with PGS in Belgium. Bob later served as cofounder and director of

Ceres, Inc., a plant biotechnology company. A major contribution to the community was his role as the founding editor-in-chief of *The Plant Cell*. Bob is a leader in educating the public about plant biotechnology. He championed the effort by ASPB to make the documentary film *History's Harvest*, and he often speaks in public forums to promote science-based discussions about the utility and safety of genetically-modified foods. Bob has received several prizes for his excellent teaching at UCLA.

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#### **Lawrence Bogorad Award for Excellence in Plant Biology Research**

The ASPB Lawrence Bogorad Award for Excellence in Plant Biology Research was approved by the Society's executive committee in 2005 to honor Dr. Bogorad's many contributions to plant biology, including his influential efforts to bring the techniques of molecular biology to bear on problems in plant biology; his groundbreaking research on chloroplast genetics, biogenesis, structure, and function; and his inspired teaching and mentoring. The ASPB Lawrence Bogorad Award for Excellence in Plant Biology Research is a monetary award made biennially to a plant scientist whose work both illuminates the present and suggests paths to enlighten the future.

The 2014 winner is...



**Thomas J. Guilfoyle**

University of Missouri

Thomas J. Guilfoyle has been an inspiring pioneer and innovative leader since the inception of plant molecular biology. He has made fundamental scientific contributions in applying cutting-edge molecular technologies and approaches toward developing invaluable tools and novel concepts that have illuminated new directions of research in plant hormone signaling and propelled discoveries in plant transcriptional regulation, viral replication and auxin biology. In addition to his research achievements, Tom's dedication, creativity and generosity have greatly inspired a broad spectrum of plant biologists and students across different plant fields from physiology to biochemistry, genetics and molecular biology. His work and vision will continue to provide illumination in current research and stimulate future innovations in plant biology. Accordingly, Tom is the 2014 recipient of the ASPB Lawrence Bogorad Award for Excellence in Plant Biology Research, which honors Dr. Bogorad's many contributions to plant biology.

[Lawrence Bogorad Award for Excellence in Plant Biology Research Committee](#)

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