

UC/JEPS Research Associate Wins Award at Annual Botany Conference

We would like to share good news with you regarding one of our research associates here at the Herbaria. Dr. Ingrid Jordon-Thaden was awarded the Margaret Menzel Award by the Genetics Section of the Botanical Society of America (BSA) at this summer's annual Botany2013 conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. This award is presented to her by the Genetics Section for the outstanding presentation in the contributed papers session of the annual meeting. This year she was awarded for the work she carried out at the University of Florida, "[Differential gene expression and loss in two natural and synthetic allotetraploid *Tragopogon* species \(*Asteraceae*\) and their diploid progenitors](#)" Co-authors are: Lyderson Viccini, Richard Buggs, Michael Chester, Ana Veruska Cruz Da Silva, Srikar Chamala, Ruth Davenport, Wei Wu, Patrick S. Schnable, W. Brad Barbazuk, Douglas Soltis and Pamela Soltis.

This award has been given annually since 1989 in memory of Margaret Menzel (1924-1987). Dr. Menzel was a professor of genetics at Florida State University, and her excellent research explored meiosis in plants and animals, with extensive discovery in hybridization and translocations (see: <http://www.bio.fsu.edu/history/obitmenzel.html>).

