



Academic Report

6th BioNES Biology New England South Meeting

BioNES 2011 meeting, Friday, December 2nd, 2011

Rec Center Fieldhouse – **Roger Williams University**
One Old Ferry Road, Bristol, Rhode Island 02809

Sponsors: **Roger Williams University, UMass Dartmouth, Brown University, Providence College, University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, Salve Regina University, Buttonwood Park Zoo**

Organizers: Guillermo Paz-y-Miño C. PhD, UMass Dartmouth (coordination)
Avelina Espinosa PhD, Roger Williams University (host)

The 6th BioNES meeting hosted more than **300** participants from 13 academic and other affiliated institutions : Roger Williams University, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, The Pennsylvania State University Brown University, Tufts University, University of Connecticut, Providence College, University of Rhode Island, Salve Regina University, Rhode Island College, Buttonwood Park Zoo, Sea Education Association, and Biologics Consulting Group. The keynote address was presented by **Dr. Michael Berkman** (The Pennsylvania State University) "*Evolution, Creationism, and the Battle to Control America's Classrooms*" Dr. Michael Berkman specializes in American legislatures, state and local politics, and education policy. He is author of several books and scientific articles that discuss the variables that "*distort the nature of scientific inquiry, denying millions of students an education that might allow them to be critical consumers of science in a world whose policy debates are increasingly informed by scientific findings.*"

Awards: The **BioNES 2011 Graduate Student Award** was given to **Anne Madden** (Dr. Philip Starks' laboratory Tufts); Vipin Jain (Dr. Bongsup Cho's laboratory URI) received the **BioNES 2011 Graduate Student Honorable Mention**. The **BioNES 2011 Undergraduate Student Award** was given to **Rachael Bonoan** (Dr. Guillermo Paz-y-Miño C.'s laboratory UMassD). BioNES awardees received a symbolic monetary recognition. Twelve other students from various institutions received poster awards.

Profile of participants at BioNES 2011:

Institution	Number Faculty	Postdoc/ Other	Number Grad	Number UG	Faculty Talks	Grad Talks	UG Talks	Posters
Roger Williams U.	10	-	-	82	1	-	2	15
U. Mass Dartmouth	2	-	2	120	1	-	1	2
Pennsylvania State U.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Brown U.	4	1	2	-	3	-	-	2
U. Rhode Island	5	3	5	8	-	2	-	3
Salve Regina Univ.	3	-	-	16	-	-	-	5
Rhode Island College	5	-	-	25	1	-	1	3
Providence College	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
U. Connecticut	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1
Tufts U.	1	-	2	-	-	2	-	2
Buttonwood Park Zoo	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sea Edu. Association	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Biologics Consulting	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	35	6	13	250	8	4	4	35

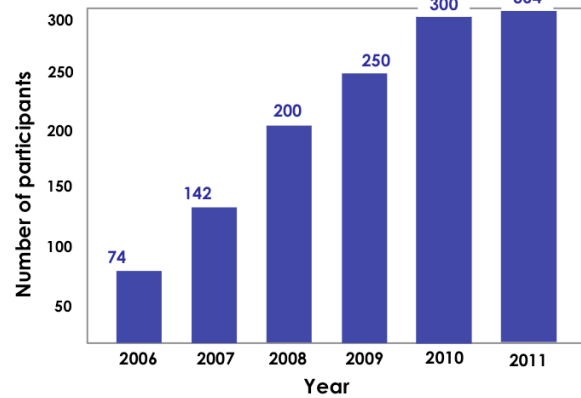
Total participants: **304**



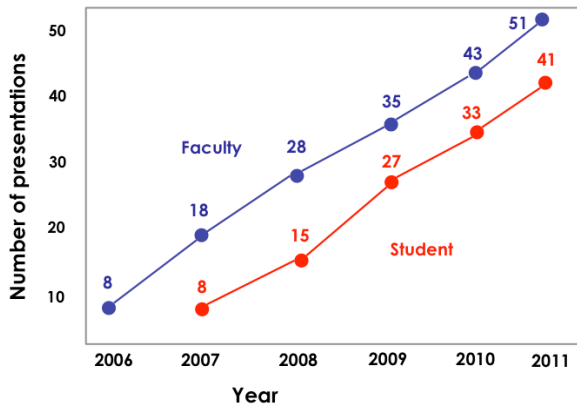
Statistics BioNES 2006-2011



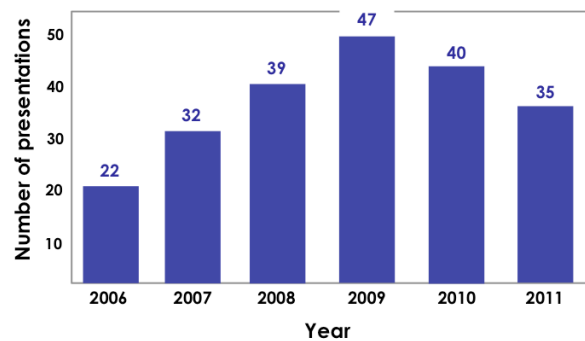
Biology New England South BioNES Participants



Biology New England South BioNES Cumulative Number of Faculty and Student Oral Presentations



Biology New England South BioNES Number of Poster Presentations



BioNES Awards

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Anne Madden - Tufts, Graduate Student Award
 Vipin Jain - URI, Graduate Student Honorable Mention
 Rachael Bonoan - UMassD, Undergraduate Student Award

5th BioNES 2010

Emine Yalcin - URI, Graduate Student Award
 Heather Marshall - UMassD, Graduate Student Honorable Mention
 David Fraulino - Salve, Undergraduate Student Award
 Monichan Phay - RWU, Undergraduate Student Honorable Mention

4th BioNES 2009

Vaidehi Tharnawala – URI, Graduate Student Award
 Linnea Anderson - URI, Graduate Student Honorable Mention
 Barbara Mann – RWU, Undergraduate Student Award
 Lane Wilson - UMassD, Undergraduate Student Honorable Mention

3rd BioNES 2008

Aaron Socha – URI, Graduate Student Award
 Breton Roussel – PC, Undergraduate Student Award

2nd BioNES 2007

Natasha Catlin – Salve, Undergraduate Student Award
 George Perdrizet – RWU, Undergraduate Student Honorable Mention