



The historic Hotel Whitcomb was the site of the 2008 annual meeting in San Francisco.



(L-R) Craig Campbell, Dr. Ruth Stark, Kimberley Cathline, Andy Fidelibus and Dr. Matt Fidelibus, PGRSA First Vice President.



Drs. Carlos Crisosto, Maurice DeBenedetto, Carol Lovatt, Alexander Csziznszky, and Bruce Brown.



Back Row: Dr. Guglielmo Costa, Matilde Costa, and Roberta Costa. Front Row: Drs. Carlos Crisosto and Vanina Ziosi.



(L to R) Drs. Ruth Stark and Matthew Fidelibus (PGRSA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President).



(L to R) Drs. Paul Read (PGRSA Past President) and Sonja Maki (PGRSA Business Manager).



(L-R) Drs. Guglielmo Costa, Raphael Goren and Wilhelm Rademacher.



(L-R) Drs. Xianhua Xiong, Rhuozong Wang, Sonja Maki, Langtao Xiao (Adjunt PGRSA Steering Committee Member), and Yahui Hong.



Dr. Gary Stutte (PGRSA Past President) ran the San Francisco marathon while at the PGRSA conference.



Todd Bunnell (SePRO Corp.) joined his father (Dave) for a round on the historic golf course, Cypress Point in the heart of the Monterey Peninsula



Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Hull and Dr. Olga Vedina.



Newly Weds Paul McDermott and Dr. Pam Coker!



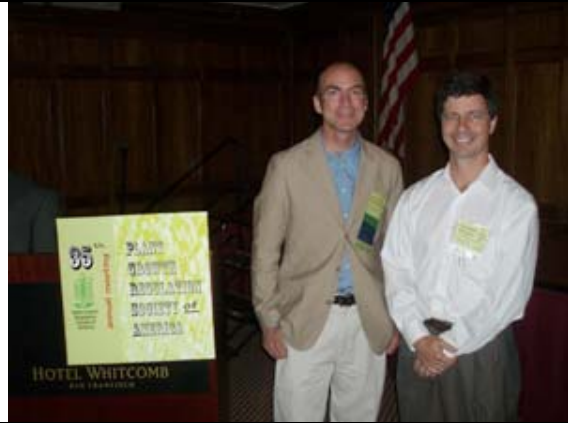
Drs. Alexander Csizinszky and Sonja Maki.



(L-R) Drs. Brian Whipker (PGRSA Second Vice President) and Todd Bunnell.



(L-R) Drs. Erik Ervin, Raphael Goren, John Harden, Jerry Mayeaux, Johan Pienaar, Sally Mayeaux and William Middleton.



(L-R) Dr. Matthew Fidelibus (PGRSA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President) and Dr. Randy Beaudry, Keynote Speaker.



Symposium I: Fruit Quality (L-R) Dr. Matthew Fidelibus (Moderator) and Drs. Ebenezer Ogundiwin, Abhaya Dandekar, Simone Castellarin and Kentaro Inoue (Speakers).



Contributed Papers Speakers (L-R) Drs. Guglielmo Costa, Vanessa Bremer and Steve McCartney (incoming PGRSA Second Vice-president).



Contribute Papers Speakers (L-R) Drs. Langtao Xiao, Raphael Goren, Vanina Ziosi, Peter Petracek (PGRSA Member-at-Large), and Gary Stutte (PGRSA Past President).



Registration ran smoothly thanks to Kimberley Cathline and Andy Fidelibus.



Symposium II: Applied Technology Speakers (L-R) Drs. R. Cush, Ruth Stark, Jackie Burns. Not pictured: Dr. D. Ken Giles (speaker) and Dr. Franz Niederholzer (Moderator).



(L-R) Drs. Pam Coker and Wayne Mackay on their way to China Town.



Touring San Francisco during a free evening at the conference.



Sustaining Member Breakfast attendees.



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Symposium III: Biostimulants. (L-R) Dr. Carol Lovatt (Moderator), Drs. Balakrishna Prithiviraj, Eric Irvin, George Boyhan, and Maryam Khosravifard (Speakers)



Contributed Papers Speakers (L-R) Drs. George Boyhan, Holly Johnson, Alexander Csizinszky, and Gary Custis (Moderator).



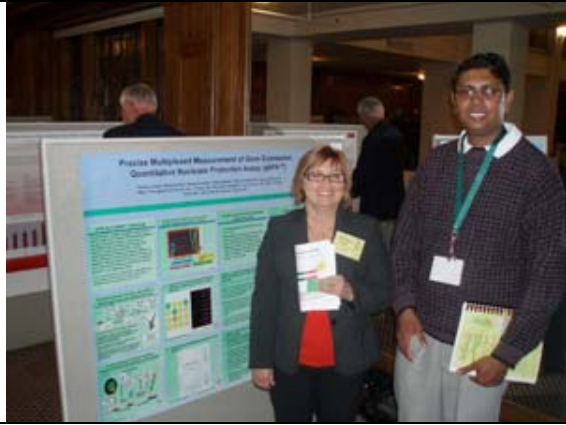
Contributed Papers Speakers (L-R) Craig Campbell, Dr. Todd Bunnell, Dave Barcel, Kevin Forney and Dr. Brian Whipker (Moderator).



Contributed Paper Session (L-R) Drs. Saleh Byari, Thomas Davenport (PGRSA Past President), Mohammed Abd El-Wahed, Sonja Maki (Moderator), Lance Beem, Jim Barrett, and Brian Whipker.



Poster Session attendees enjoying good company.



(L-R) Dr. Pam Coker and Aruna Wickramaratna.



(L-R) Drs. Ruozhong Wang, Yahui Hong, Langtao Xiao, Paul Read, Gouchen Yang, and Yadong Qi.



Industry Update Speakers (L-R) Drs. Gary Stutte, Lance Beem, William Middleton, Wilhelm Rademacher, Jerry Mayeaux, Peter Petracek (Moderator), Tom Davenport and Laure Taylor.



Contributed Papers Speakers: (L-R) Aruna Wickramaratna, Drs. Mohammed Abd El-Wahed, Wilhelm Rademacher, Lance Beem and Peter Petracek.



Dr. Peter Petracek (Valent Biosciences) presents the Valent Biosciences Best Oral Paper Award to Vanessa Bremer.



Dr. Brian Whipker (PGRSA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President) inviting all to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting in Asheville, North Carolina!



Eduardo M. Kawakami, winner of the Valent Biosciences Best Poster Award with Dr. Peter Petracek of Valent Biosciences.



PGRSA Student Travel Award Winners (L-R) Eduardo Kawakami, Aruna Wickramarathna, Vanessa Bremer and Usha Rayirath with Dr. Gary Gustis, PGRSA President.



Dr. Gary Custis, PGRSA President (L) presenting the PGRSA Young Scientist Award to Dr. Vanina Ziosi.



Dr. Matthew Fidelibus, PGRSA First Vice President (R) presenting a plaque to outgoing PGRSA President Dr. Gary Custis (L).



Post conference tour to Scharffen Berger Chocolates in Berkeley.



Conference attendees Scharffen Berger's café.



Learning about the history of cacao.



Donning hairnets prior to the factory tour!  
Didn't we do this in Halifax too?



Cacao beans during the crushing process.



Touring the factory.



Tasting at Rosenblum Cellars (L-R) Drs  
Langtao Xiao, Wilhelm Rademacher and  
Jerry Mayeaux.



The post-conference tour attendees on their  
final stop at Rosenblum Cellars.



Outgoing PGRSA President Gary Custis (L) and Barbara Custis.



(L-R) Dr. Wilhelm Rademacher, Anne McCartney, Drs. Steve McCartney and Matt Fidelibus.



(L-R) Dr. Wayne Mackay, Craig Campbell and Gary Gustis at Rosenblum Cellars.



At Rosenblum Cellars.



(L-R) Future scientists Joanna and Taylor Maki with Dr. Rhuozong Wang.

We'll see you next year in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Asheville, North Carolina!