

FOREWORD

The abstracts of contributed papers, contributed posters, special papers, symposia presentations, discussion sessions, the BSA President-elect's banquet address, and the plenary address for the Botany 2001 conference are printed in this volume. Botany 2001 represents the annual meeting of five professional societies, including the American Bryological and Lichenological Society (ABLS), American Fern Society (AFS), American Society of Plant Taxonomists (ASPT), Botanical Society of America (BSA), and International Organization of Plant Biosystematists (IOPB).

Abstracts are listed within the BSA disciplinary Sections/affiliated societies chosen for presentation by the authors, and the Sections are arranged alphabetically. Within each Section, the abstracts are organized in alphabetical order by last name of the senior author within symposium, special paper, contributed paper, and contributed poster categories. In addition, each symposium includes a summary abstract. The abstracts are numbered consecutively from 1 to 673, and these abstract numbers are provided for each author in the Author Index.

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