



Botany 2017 Wrap-up

Botany 2017 was in Fort Worth, Texas June 24 – 28

A small conference due to IBC in China as well as SSE and ASPB meeting the same week. In spite of decreased attendance, many survey respondents said they enjoyed the smaller meeting.

740 attendees

316 Papers

151 Posters

67 symposia and colloquia presentations

7 special Lectures

12 Workshops

7 Field trips

1 Botany in Action Service project

Unfortunately, the conference also incurred a loss of \$39,460.83

Almost \$17,000 of that was due to an attrition penalty for not filling our room block. Again, due to lower attendance and people opting to not stay at the host hotel.

The conference assumed 50% of the loss and then we have shared the remainder of the loss across the other partner societies – each paying a share based on their percentage of attendance.

Due to a more favorable exchange rate, we are also in the process of closing the Scotia Bank account in Canada– and have sent the profits of Botany 2015 to the participating societies.

Highlights from the BOTANY 2017 survey – people enjoyed Fort Worth, they really enjoyed the BRIT field trip and tours, the Artisan Extravaganza and the Lightning Talks. The closing night event was also a big hit!