

WINNERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AWARDS

1. HYE-WON YANG (Jeju National University). Title of abstract: Antidiabetic effects of octaphlorethol A isolated from *Ishige foliacea* in type 2 diabetic mice by activating AMP-activated protein kinase and upregulating the expression of glucose transporter 4
2. JEROME KOK WAI KIT (National University of Singapore). Title of abstract: Raphidophyte bloom potential in the tropics
3. HARVIN JASPER P. LAO (University of the East-Manila). Title of abstract: Biosorbent – device model for the removal of chromium (Cr) from laboratory chemical wastes utilizing *Sargassum* – chitosan mixture

WINNERS OF THE LOCAL STUDENT AWARDS

1. NG CHIEW TSANN (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia). Title of abstract: Carbon sequestration by macroalgae: Less blue than other vegetated coastal ecosystems?
2. MARSHILA BINTI KAHA (Universiti Teknologi Malaysia). Title of abstract: Induction of astaxanthin accumulation using black light in *Coelastrum* sp. and *Monoraphidium* sp. isolated from Malaysia
3. WONG CHUN HOONG (International Medical University). Title of abstract: Anti-cholinesterase and neuroprotective activities of fucosterol against lipopolysaccharide or amyloid-induced neuroinflammation.

* Winners of both awards will be given a waiver of registration fees.