



TREE Fund Report

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Correction

I am sorry to make a correction, but in the November 2010 newsletter I reported that WAA was the top contributing chapter to the TREE Fund for 2010. Well, after that went to print, the Western Chapter with 2,322 ISA members surpassed us by \$4,944, raising a total of \$46,307. I'm not sure what they did so late in the year, but I still think WAA with 331 ISA members did a fantastic job raising \$41,646!

Dick Rideout and **Team Wisconsin** will be participating in the 2011 *Tour des Trees!* **The 2011 "VA2DC Tour"** opens with a 30-mile recreational **Ride for Research** in Virginia Beach, VA, on October 2. Other highlights of the 2011 tour include a private tour of STIHL's production plant in Virginia Beach, a cycling tour of historic Williamsburg/Jamestown, a stopover at the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of ISA's annual conference, 65 miles of spectacular scenery on the Shenandoah Valley's famous Skyline Drive and visits to the National Arboretum and the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The tour will average 400–600 miles in 6–7 days and will be held in October. If you have been thinking of

participating in the *Tour des Trees*, this may be the year! It would be a great way to start preparing for the tour when it comes to Wisconsin in 2014! For additional information on the tour visit the TREE Fund website at www.treefund.org.

Dick and Team Wisconsin have started raising money to support tour riders. Dick received **63** pledges during the conference totaling **\$5,135!** Each tour rider must raise \$3,500 to ride the route, so this places Wisconsin at 1.5 riders. Let's build on this and be sure we support all our riders! New riders are welcome and WAA will provide an additional \$500 in support of any new rider. Dick is readily available to answer questions and mentor new riders. Contact Dick at Richard.Rideout@wisconsin.gov or 608-267-0843.

As a reminder, when making a gift to the *Tour des Trees* or TREE Fund, be sure to designate your gift to the Bob Skiera Fund. During the conference a total of **\$4,770** was designated towards the Bob Skiera Fund!

The following research update, and award and scholarships announcements are a direct response to your support of the TREE Fund. Thank you for supporting your profession by contributing to research and young scholars!