

## **Activities of the General Interest Group, 2008**

For the 2008 ACA conference, the General Interest Group sponsored two half day General Interest symposia. The GIG co-sponsored the Etter Early Career award symposium and the Professional Directions half-day session in conjunction with the Young Scientists SIG.

The General Interest Group is proposing to sponsor two half day General Interest sessions and the Etter Early Career Award symposium for the 2009 conference in Toronto.

There is also a proposal on the table from the former Chair of the GIG, Peter Mueller, to amend and rectify the constitution of the GIG. Amendments include a change in the mandate of the GIG to allow the sponsorship of education oriented sessions; removal of the office of member-at-large and to allow electronic voting on issues. These amendments are to be voted on by the membership in the next ballot.