Design-a-bug Competition

Winning entries:

Under four years

Joint winners: George Davies-Potter, Emma Bennett, Sophie Fooks, Maya Ordway

Five to eight years

Winner: Merryn Isabel Post

Nine to twelve years

Joint winners:
Mashal Iftikhar,
Sheffield High School, Sheffield
Aidan Bain, Wallace Hall Academy

The **design-a-bug** competition launched in the September 2003 issue of *Microbiologist* really captured the attention of young budding microbiologists. Entries in three age categories attracted over 180 submissions, with nine schools getting entire classes involved; one school submitted entries from fifty children in one class! The entries were wonderfully imaginative and consequently very difficult to whittle down to the winning submissions in each category.

Committee determined a short-list of entries and these were exhibited during the lunch and poster sessions at the January meeting in Newcastle. Delegates were invited to vote for their favourite by placing a sticker next to the drawing which were later counted to determine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

Winners will receive a superb Crayola dawing set. All entrants receive a certificate, SfAM bug, pen and pencil-case. In recognition of the school entries each school will receive a microscope and set of prepared slides showing various bacteria to nurture their interest in microbiology. These will be officially presented to the schools during special events planned over the next few weeks, and will feature in *Microbiologist* in June. Thank you and congratulations to everyone who took part.