

## **SPEAKER AWARD PRESENTED**

The SCC Ontario chapter executive committee was very pleased to announce at a recent chapter meeting that **Saina Taida** was awarded the 2016 recipient of “speaker of the year.”

In May of 2016 Saina presented on **“Biotechnology and Cosmetics”** which addressed such topics as; what is a “good” bio-functional active; how are biotech based actives used in cosmetics measured; and how realistic is the molecular biology data and to what extent can we rely on them for beauty claims? The presentation included detail on commonly used biotechnology techniques and tools that could be used in the cosmetic sciences area as well as addressing the challenges in getting the right information from numerous available studies in biotech sector for cosmetic related businesses.

Saina is a graduate of the University of Guelph with MSc. in Biotechnology (Molecular Evolution) and received her second Masters in Business from York University. She has since worked in both Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic industry in both technical sales position and as a researcher.

