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Annual Report 2010–2011

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Executive Summary

13 November 2011

In 2009, members of the Entomological Society of America (ESA) voted overwhelmingly to create an International Branch. The Branch seeks to promote entomology internationally through scientific and professional communications, outreach on science and public policy, program development, continuing education, and fostering interest in entomology; and to promote and further the interests of the Entomological Society of America globally.

In our second year, the International Branch has begun developing its human capital and has filled the IB's allocated positions on committees, including those for ESA, the Entomological Foundation, and our Branch awards. The IB website has been moved to hosting by the ESA, as with all the branches, and information about the ESA and IB is now available for download.

The population of the IB is also on the rise; as of May 2010, there were 422 members in the IB; as of September 2010 there are 548 members; and, as of September 2011 there are 619 members. As of mid-2011, ESA members can now belong to more than one branch by emailing ESA HQ.

In 2011, the Branch offered three competitive awards to Branch members: two for graduate students to recognize excellence in research and to help fund attendance at the ESA Annual Meeting (the J.H. Comstock Award and a Graduate Student Scholarship), and the other (Distinguished Scientist Award) for a member who has made outstanding contributions to entomology during his or her career. This year, Dr. René Feyereisen, Research Director of the INRA Centre of Sophia Antipolis (France) received the Distinguished Scientist Award. Itai Opatovsky and Valeria Hochman Adler, both from Ben-Gurion University (Israel), were awarded the J.H. Comstock Award and the Graduate Student Award, respectively.

The IB Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, November 13 at 10:25am (Room A1, First Floor of the Reno-Sparks Convention Center). Also, IB members Nicolas Desneux and Alberto Urbaneja have organized an ESA symposium (*Invasive Species: International Perspectives*), to be held Sunday, November 13, 2011 beginning at 1:30pm in Room A4.

In 2012, Christian Borgemeister will replace Charles Vincent in the role of President; TX Liu was recently voted President-Elect and will start in this role after the 2011 business meeting. Maggie Hardy (Secretary), Srinivas Parimi (Treasurer) and Myron Zalucki (GB Representative) will continue to serve the Branch in their respective roles until their terms end in 2012.

More information about the International Branch and our activities can be found online at <http://www.entsoc.org/international-branch>, and you can email us at ib@entsoc.org.

President

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Term: 2010–2011

Goals

In the first year of its operations, the short-term goal of the International Branch (IB) Governing Board under President James Harwood was to build structures by appointing people from different geographical horizons so that the IB would fully be functional. In this second year, my goal was to consolidate the work done in 2010-2011 so that the IB could expand its activities outside the United States.

Progress

As I wrote in 2009-2010 in my report as IB Vice-President: ‘So far, progress has been relatively easy to make thanks to the professionalism and the goodwill of the IB-GB members’. This has also been true in 2010-2011. I am grateful to the IB-Governing Board members for having worked effectively and harmoniously towards our goal.

At the request of ESA President Ernest S. Delfosse, the IB and the International Affairs Committee examined their mandates and activities. The IAC and IB governing board concluded that we are doing complementary work and that the current structure works well. Still in the international domain, IAC Chair Livy Williams III accepted to moderate the International Network of the ESA.

The IB Elections were called by mid-May 2011 and Dr. Tong-Xian “TX” Liu (China) has been elected as Vice-Presidency. The 2nd IB Business Meeting will be held in Reno (Nevada) as part of the ESA national meeting. In 2011, two Symposia were organized in Reno (Nevada) on behalf of the IB: 1) *Contribution of Chemical Ecology to IPM in the Tropics* by Christian Borgemeister (Kenya) and Charles Vincent (Canada), and 2) *Invasive Species: International Perspectives* by Nicolas Desneux (France) and Alberto Urbaneja (Spain).

Future Plans

The IB is planning to have its 3rd Business meeting in Daegu (Korea) in August 2012 in conjunction with the XXIV International Congress of Entomology. With Aziz Ajlan (Saudi Arabia), C. Borgemeister is organizing a Symposium as part of the scientific program. I will attend ICE 2012 and volunteered to help ESA. After discussing with Dr. Majd Jamal President of the Arab Society for Plant Protection Sciences, IB member Mustapha El-Bouhssini (Syria) will organize of a one day meeting of the IB-ESA as part of the Arab Congress of Plant Protection (ACPP) in Cairo (Egypt) in fall 2012.

President-Elect

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Term: 2010–2011

Goals

Since its formation in December 2009 I have been involved in the International Branch of the Entomological Society of America, and starting from January 2011 as Vice President in collaboration with IB-Governing Board members, to further consolidate the still young Branch. Hence the main objectives of this year, and probably also in 2012, is/ will be to further raise the profile of the IB within ESA and beyond.

Progress

In 2011 I have been involved in the reform of the award process of the IB, as well as in the identification of the awardees. Thanks to several colleagues from ESA our website is now posted on ESA's main domain. I once again congratulate Dr. Tong-Xian "TX" Liu for his election as VP of the IB and look forward to working with him in 2012. Together with President Charles Vincent I have organized on behalf of the IB a Symposium entitled '*Contribution of Chemical Ecology to IPM in the Tropics*' which will be held November 13, 2011 at the forthcoming annual meeting of the ESA in Reno. For the Symposium a number of high-profile entomologists have confirmed their participation.

Future Plans

I will contribute further to raising the international profile of the IB through networking with fellow entomologists within and outside North America. The envisaged Branch meeting during the forthcoming XXIV International Congress of Entomology in Daegu (Korea) will provide an excellent opportunity to showcase the IB. Charles Vincent and I were strongly encouraged to hold the 3rd IB Business Meeting during ICE 2012 by ESA's Executive Director David Gammel who assured us of institutional support of ESA as the organization will have a significant institutional presence during the congress. In conjunction with the IB meeting and as part of Scientific Session 10 *Integrated Pest Management*, a Symposium entitled "*The contribution of IPM to food security in the developing world*" will be held, jointly organized by Aziz Ajlan of the King Faisal University (Saudi Arabia) and myself. I intend to assist IB member Mustapha El-Bouhssini to organize a one-day meeting of the IB-ESA as part of the Arab Congress of Plant Protection (ACPP) in Cairo (Egypt) in autumn 2012.

Secretary

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Term: 2009–2012

Goals

For the past year, I've focused on three main goals: developing a website for the International Branch, developing a proposal to allow ESA members from developing countries to join the IB at a reduced rate, and clarifying the student awards available from both the ESA and the Entomological Foundation.

Progress

In early 2011, hosting for the IB website was transferred to the ESA. The IB website¹ is fully functional, and has a variety of features accessible to both members and the public. Award applications, the bylaws, minutes, and annual reports can be downloaded from this page as well.

In late 2010, it was brought to my attention that not all the Entomological Foundation awards are open to international students; because of funding restrictions, it may not be possible to change these criteria. However, I have suggested this is clarified on the awards website, and have contacted several people on ESA Staff, as well as the elected officers, to see if it can be changed in the future.

The petition to the Governing Board for reduced rates for those ESA members from developing countries (as defined by the World Bank), at discounted rates comparable to our peer organizations, is still being considered. IB members interested in helping move this motion forward are welcome to contact me to be involved as the project develops.

Future Plans

I will continue to represent the ESA IB on the Student Affairs Committee for the remainder of my term, and my term on the International Affairs Committee (IAC) draws to a close this year. I have been working closely with their board, and we will continue to exchange annual reports and ideas to be sure we are taking full advantage of that collaboration. I'd be pleased to hear from any IB members with ideas or events for the website, my work with the IAC, or suggestions for how to increase communication and networking within the Branch.

¹ <http://www.entsoc.org/international-branch>

Treasurer

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Term: 2009–2012

Goals

The primary objective of me serving on the governing board was to be part of the larger group under ESA umbrella, which works toward building a bigger and stronger entomological society. As a treasurer my primary goal would be to monitor the funds' flow in terms of earnings and expenditure in the year and also work with the governing board in the process of decision making for efficient spending of the money.

Progress

As we have gone through more than a year of formation of International branch, as a treasurer I was able to set up a process or created awareness about process for approvals of the awards and cash prizes with the help of Governing board members and Chair, Awards Committee, IB and Director, Finance, ESA. Currently, the International Branch has \$10,236.86 in its operating account, which includes \$5000 approved by the Governing Board for operations and deposited in 2011. This is after payments for the 2011 award cash prizes.

As a member of ESA-International Branch, I represent the international branch on the judging panel for the one of the awards from the Entomological Foundation. I will be serving on the panel through 2013. I will be attending the annual ESA at Reno and look forward to meet ESA-IB members during the sessions.

Future Plans

I look forward to work with ESA-IB and ESA leadership in increasing membership through some strategic planning. I am glad to see that ESA-IB members are organizing a symposium at the ICE 2012. I will be glad if we can bring next ICE meeting under ESA/ESA-IB umbrella and offer my services for the same.

Representative to the Governing Board

Myron Zalucki
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Term: 2009–2012

Goals

To provide an International (non-North American) perspective on issues before the Governing Board, and of course air any concerns from the International Branch Membership.

Progress

The Governing Board has a major focus on developing the International Branch and is very supportive. The prospect of being able to part of more than one Branch is major step forward.

Future Plans

The major item on the agenda in the near future from the GB perspective, and the IB, will be the bid to host the 2016 International Congress of Entomology by the ESA. This will be an opportunity to firmly establish the bona fides of the IB. Drawing in and retaining international students that study entomology in North America after they return home has to be a long-term focus.

Appendix A: International Branch Officers, Committees, and Judging Panel

Officers	Name	Term Start	Term End
President	Dr. Charles Vincent	2010	2011
President-Elect	Dr. Christian Borgemeister	2010	2011
Past-President	Dr. James Harwood	2010	2011
Secretary	Margaret Hardy	2009	2012
Treasurer	Dr. Srinivas Parimi	2009	2012
Governing Board Representative	Dr. Myron P. Zalucki	2009	2012

Standing Committees	Name	Term Start	Term End
Awards & Honors Committee	Dr. Lisa M. Knolhoff	15-Dec-09	14-Nov-12
ESA Certification Board	Mr. Juan M. Rodriguez, BCE	15-Sep-10	15-Nov-13
ESA Certification Corporation Governing Board	Dr. Myron P. Zalucki	15-Dec-09	14-Nov-12
Education & Outreach Committee	Mr. Mustapha El Bouhssini	15-Dec-10	20-Nov-13
ESA Governing Board	Dr. Myron P. Zalucki	15-Dec-09	14-Nov-12
Finance Committee	vacant		
Membership Committee	Dr. Phyllis G. Weintraub	15-Dec-10	20-Nov-13
Student Affairs Committee	Margaret C. Hardy	15-Dec-10	20-Nov-13

Judging Panels	Name	Term Start	Term End
Fellows Judging Panel	Dr. Gilles Boiteau	16-Dec-09	14-Nov-12
Achievement in Extension	Dr. Sidde Gowda	15-Dec-10	20-Nov-13
Achievement in Teaching	Dr. Aziz Ajlan	15-Dec-10	20-Nov-13
Certification Program Award	Dr. Jon Cavanaugh	15-Dec-10	20-Nov-13
Recognition in Entomology	Dr. Murray Isman	15-Dec-10	20-Nov-13
Nan-Yao Su Award	Dr. Jianqing Ding	15-Dec-10	20-Nov-13
Excellence in IPM*	Dr. Stefan Vidal	15-Dec-10	20-Nov-13
Henry & Sylvia Richardson Research Grant*	Dr. Annette Reinecke	15-Dec-10	20-Nov-13
IPM Team Award*	Dr. Srinivas Parimi	15-Dec-10	20-Nov-13
Jeffrey LaFage Grad Student Award*	Dr. Jon Cavanaugh	15-Dec-10	20-Nov-13
Recognition in Urban Entomology Award*	Dr. Chow-Yang Lee	15-Dec-10	20-Nov-13

* Indicates a position within the Entomology Foundation