

**Minutes of the 3rd Business meeting of the International Branch
of the Entomological Society of America**
Daegu (Korea), EXCO Congress Center, Room R19, 21 August 2012
(Version 29 August 2012)

Were present from the International Branch Governing Board:

Christian Borgemeister, President
T.-X. Liu, Vice-President
Charles Vincent, Past-President.

The meeting opened at 18:05 and was chaired by IB President Christian Borgemeister who introduced Grayson Brown (President of the Entomological Society of America). There was ca. 50 persons in the room.

1) **News from ESA Central:** President Brown informed the audience about the main accomplishments of the year, notably that: 1) this was the first time that the International Branch (IB) had his meeting outside North America; 2) the IB is growing at the rate of 50% per year and is becoming a major asset; 3) the first poster competition for graduate students of the IB will be organized as part of the ESA National Meeting in Knoxville (Tennessee) in November 2012; 4) it would be desirable to nominate an IB member as Vice-President for the coming ESA elections; 5) ESA has tabled a bid to organize the XXV International Congress of Entomology in Orlando (USA) in September 2016. The verdict will be made public on Friday 24 August 2012; 6) ESA central offers his services to all Branches. Feel free to contact ESA central. (photo taken).

2) **IB Elections and Appointments:** IB President Christian Borgemeister informed the audience of the results of elections.

Maggy Hardy has been elected (59 votes) as Secretary. She accepted a 1-year term.

Livy Williams III volunteered as IB representative to the Governing Board of ESA. His candidature was accepted for a 3-year term.

Srinivas Parimi accepted to renew his mandate as Treasurer for a 1-year term.

Aziz Ajlan has been elected Vice-President of the International Branch. This is 3 year commitment (VP, P and PP). (photos taken).

For all positions mentioned above, President Borgemeister asked for suggestions or comments.

No objections were done by the audience.

All other positions are filled at this time.

3) **IB Awards.** The Committee was composed of Kateryn Rochon (Chair, Rory McDonnell, Robin Gunning, Gissella Vasquez, Yulin Gao). Chair Rochon emailed an interim report (as of 20 August 2012) to President Borgemeister.

The 2012 Distinguished Scientist Award winner was Dr. Qiao Wang. President Borgemeister presented him a plaque (photo taken).

The 2012 J. H. Comstock Award winner was Mr. Md. Panna Ali (absent).

The 2012 Graduate Student Award winner was Ms. Akua Konadu Antwi-Agyakwa (absent).

The interim report addressed several issues about the Awards Committee, notably streamlining process and procedures. All IB members are encouraged to submit the candidature of their

student who do not need to be member of IB to participate. The relevant information is published on the IB website.

4) Future IB Meetings:

On Sunday 11 November 2012, there will be another meeting of the IB as part of the ESA meeting in Knoxville (Tennessee). The terms of the IB Governing Board members will revolve at this date.

The following suggestions have been received for the next Meeting of the IB. IB members are invited to make their suggestions by email.

Third International Entomophagous Insects Conference, Orford, Québec, Canada, June 3-6, 2013 (<http://www.royensoc.co.uk/node/191>)

4th International Symposium on Biological Control of Arthropods, Pucón, Chile, 4-8 March, 2013 (<http://www.iobcnrs.com/>)

The 2nd Annual World Congress of Biodiversity-2013 (BioD-2013), Nanjing, China, April 25-27, 2013, (<http://www.bitlifesciences.com/biod2013/default.asp>)

The Arab Society for Plant Protection (ASPP) (<http://www.asplantprotection.org/>)

Others Meeting for 2013

- **04-07 July * CONFERENCE ON BIODIVERSITY AND IPM, "Working Together for a Sustainable Future," Manado, N. Sulawesi, INDONESIA**
(<http://www.ipmnet.org/IPMNews/2012/news197.html>)
- **19-21 March * PURE 1st CONGRESS, Pesticide Use- and-Risk Reduction for Future IPM in Europe, Riva del Garda, ITALY** (<http://futureipm.eu/>)

This website is for more conferences for General IPM, Entomology, Plant Pathology and Weed Science (2012-2018)

(<http://www.pestinfo.org/calendar.php3#Europe>)

The IB Governing Board will make a decision as to where the next IB meetings will occur that will be announced no later than on Sunday 11 November 2012 at the Knoxville (Tennessee) meeting.

5) Miscellaneous points

The issue of membership fees, especially reduced membership fees for members from developing countries, for IB is discussed. The IB and ESA are open for discussion and future agreements will be done on a win/win model, which also implies that there cannot be free membership. A pilot program of joint membership is actually discussed with the Entomological Societies of Japan and Indonesia. IB members are encouraged to submit propositions to the IB to help the decision process by ESA's Governing Board.

The IB welcomes any contributions from its members who are invited to submit their news and announcements for publication on the IB website.

After all points have been discussed, President Borgemeister ended the meeting at 18:40.

Notes taken by Charles Vincent (in absence of Secretary Maggy Hardy)