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**INTERNATIONAL
BRANCH**

Annual Report 2012–2013

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.

This 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 is hosted 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; as of September 2011 there are 619 members; and, as of October 2013 there are 745 members. ESA members can now belong to more than one branch by emailing ESA HQ.

In 2013, 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. Le Kang (Chinese Academy of Sciences, China) received the Distinguished Scientist Award. Mr. Kumuran Nagalingam (Queensland University of Technology, Australia) and Ms. Udai Wanigasekara (University of Manitoba, Canada) were awarded the J.H. Comstock Award and the Graduate Student Award, respectively.

The IB Branch Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 12 beginning at 12:15pm in the Austin Grand Ballroom K (Hilton Austin). IB President T-X Lu has organized a symposium (*Why should we be a member of the ESA International Branch*) to be held Tuesday, November 12 at 6:20pm in Meeting Room 15 (Austin Convention Center).

In 2013, Aziz Ajlan will replace T-X Lu in the role of President. Maggie Hardy (Secretary), Srinivas Parimi (Treasurer) and Livy Williams (GB Representative) will continue to serve the Branch in their respective roles until their terms end in 2015.

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.

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