

Entomological Society of America Plant-Insect Ecosystems Section

August 2017 Newsletter

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JUST WEEKS AWAY! SCIENCE POLICY FIELD TOUR AUGUST 22-24, 2017

The first-ever P-IE Section organized “Field Tour” will occur on August 22-24, 2017 – **‘Balancing Pest Management and Pollinator Health’**. The Science Policy Tour is being organized in cooperation with Mississippi State University and was inspired by Dr. Jeff Harris’s (Extension Specialist in Apiculture) presentation at the P-IE Afternoon Session during ICE 2016. (Tour background available on [FAQ website](#))

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The intent of this event is for P-IE to be seen as an organizational leader on important entomological issues related to our section. The benefit to all members in our section is the creation of a model that could be extended to other issues of importance to our membership. A key aspect of this event is that takeaways will be shared broadly with P-IE membership. P-IE members attending should be seen as resources and contacts for information about the event.

Enthusiasm has been high – among P-IE Section members that applied to attend and among critical stakeholders that field tour organizers sought out!

Stakeholder groups will include individuals from the following organizations:

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- USDA Office of Pest Management Policy
- American Honey Producers Association
- American Beekeeping Federation
- Foundation for the Preservation of Honeybees
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Xerces Society
- World Wildlife Fund
- American Seed Trade Association
- American Soybean Association
- CropLife America
- National Corn Growers
- National Cotton Council
- Western Growers
- National Association of State Departments of Agriculture

We are excited to announce the P-IE Section members who will attend the field tour. P-IE Section member attendees represent a range of membership categories, sectors, geographies, and research background. Please reach out to these individuals that you interact within in your network to learn about the field tour – consider inviting them to present a Department Seminar or share what they learned with stakeholders and others in your state!

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Affiliation</u> | <u>State</u> | <u>Membership Category</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Jacquelyn Albert | Michigan State University | MI | Student Member (Award Winner) |
| Tom Anderson | Entoniche Consulting, LLC | NC | Regular Member |
| Natalia Bjorkland | University of Nebraska – Lincoln | NE | Student Member |
| Joseph Black | University of Arkansas | AR | Student Member |
| Keri Carstens | DuPont Pioneer | IA | Regular Member |
| Theresa Cira | University of Minnesota | MN | Early Career Member |
| Keith Delaplane | University of Georgia | GA | Regular Member |
| Tom Green | IPM Institute | MI | Regular Member |
| Gerald William Hays, Jr. | Monsanto | MO | Regular Member |

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| Anna Howell | University of California Extension - Ventura | CA | Early Career Member |
| Ian Kaplan | Purdue University | IN | Regular Member |
| Robert Koch | University of Minnesota | MN | Regular Member |
| Rayda Krell | Western Connecticut State University | CT | Regular Member |
| Chrissy Mogren | Louisiana State University AgCenter | LA | Early Career Member |
| Phil Mulder | Oklahoma State University | OK | Regular Member |
| Matt O'Neal | Iowa State University | IA | Regular Member |
| Jacob Pecenka | Purdue University | IN | Student Member |
| Bob Peterson | Montana State University | MT | Regular Member |
| Caydee Savinelli | Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC | NC | Regular Member |
| Ashley St. Clair | Iowa State University | IA | Student Member |
| Scott Stewart | The University of Tennessee | TN | Regular Member |
| Bill Striegel | Bayer CropScience | NC | Regular Member |
| Iris Strzyzewski | University of Florida | FL | Student Member |
| Jamey Thomas | Dow AgroSciences, LLC | IN | Regular Member |
| Doug Walsh | Washington State University | WA | Regular Member |
| Carter Westerhold | University of Nebraska – Lincoln | NE | Student Member |
| James Wilson | Virginia Tech University | VA | Early Career Member |
| Judy Wu-Smart | University of Nebraska – Lincoln | NE | Early Career Member (Award Winner) |

The Printed Field Tour Program, wrap up session outcome, summary documents, pictures, and videos will be featured on the P-IE Section website. Watch for future P-IE Section newsletters and also attend Annual Meeting P-IE Functions in Denver for more summaries! Stay tuned!

The P-IE Section leadership is very excited about the precedent this event sets including the following:

- 1) The field tour **aligns to the P-IE Pollinator Initiative** goal of providing technical educational materials to members and to leverage the knowledge gained in interactions with the public, media, policymakers, and other key stakeholders.

- 2) **The P-IE Section will develop a strong reputation** of bringing together stakeholders from diverse geographical and philosophical viewpoints, and research areas to share ideas, learn from each other through a specific case study, and to use the venue to capture opportunities and best practices that can be leveraged in new ways. This precedent will help establish P-IE Section members as technical leaders on pollination issues.
- 3) A successful field tour for this Mississippi case study **can serve as a precedent for the development of future field tours in other locations, perhaps annually**, to address other pollinator case studies or other entomological concerns – such as ESA Grand Challenges related to invasive species and sustainable agriculture.


SUBMIT!
P-IE Pollinator Committee
Video Contest

Full details of the Video Competition objectives and submission criteria are posted on the P-IE website ([link](#)).

Even though the deadline for submission is in October, it is never too early to prepare your video.

Don't wait – prepare your award-winning video now!

Pollinator video contest!




\$5,000 IN PRIZES AVAILABLE!
**SHOWCASE YOUR CREATIVITY
& INCREASE AWARENESS
ABOUT POLLINATORS**

DEADLINE:
1ST OCTOBER 2017

SHORT VIDEO: 3 MINUTES (MAX):
• FOUR PRIZES, \$750 USD EACH

LONG VIDEO: 15 MINUTES (MAX):
• TWO PRIZES, \$1,000 USD EACH

INFO AT: [HTTP://WWW.ENTSOC.ORG/PIE/PIE-POLLINATOR-VIDEO-CONTEST](http://www.entsoc.org/pie/pie-pollinator-video-contest)



Award winning videos will be featured during the P-IE Networking Session in Denver!

CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED!

2017-2018 ESA Elections

The slate of candidates for the 2017-2018 ESA elections is now available for viewing. Voting opened July 13th and will close August 12th. Instructions were sent to all eligible voters. Please take a moment to learn more about the candidates.

[View the Slate of Candidates for the 2017-2018 ESA Elections](#)

Please Review the P-IE Ballot, which includes:
P-IE Governing Council positions of Vice-President-Elect and Treasurer
P-IE Representatives to the Publications Council and Editorial Boards

Note: When voting, members will only see ballots for the elections in which they are eligible to vote.

STUDENT JUDGES Needed

Annual ESA Meeting - Denver

THANK YOU to those of you that have recently committed to Moderator and Judging assignments during ESA 2017 in Denver! The ESA Annual Meeting cannot be executed without volunteers like you.

The P-IE Section continues to seek volunteers to serve as ‘alternates’ for student paper and poster judging contests.

Please contact Melissa Siebert (mwillrichsiebert@dow.com) if you are willing to judge student papers and/or posters.

Entomology 2017: Ignite. Inspire. Innovate
November 5 – 8, Denver, CO

Advanced registration and housing reservations are now open for Entomology 2017. Please visit the annual meeting [website](#).

The P-IE Section has a robust program with extensive member participation this year including:

- 18 Section Symposia,
- 24 Student Paper Sessions,
 - (**NEW!** paper sessions will occur on Sunday and Monday this year)
- 18 Ten Minute Paper Sessions, and
- Both Student and Member Posters Sessions.

Be sure to attend the following P-IE Functions:

- P-IE Business, Updates, and Networking Session on Monday afternoon November 6th.
- P-IE Feedback Session on Wednesday morning November 8th.

ESA – P-IE is on Twitter!

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P-IE Governing Council

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