

Entomological Society of America

Plant-Insect Ecosystems Section

July 2016 Newsletter



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P-IE Networking Session at ICE

The P-IE networking session will be held on Sunday afternoon, September 25, immediately prior to the official beginning of the International Congress of Entomology. The session will begin at 12:30 PM in the Convention Center West Hall F1 and include a brief business meeting, an update on our section's pollinator initiative, award presentations, a symposium entitled "Pollinator Issues: Interactions with the Public", and, of course, PIE! We will conclude by 3:30 PM so you will have time to get to the opening ESA plenary session at 4:00 PM.

We are honored to announce the presentations and speakers for our symposium. Each brings a unique perspective and lots of experience in interacting with various stakeholders. Our speakers are:

Dr. Jennifer Saunders, Acting Senior Entomologist, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency presenting "Pesticides, Pollinators, Policy, and the Public: Balancing Stakeholder Perspectives and Ensuring Scientific Integrity".

Dr. Jeffrey Harris, Extension Professor in Apiculture, Mississippi State University presenting "Finding Common Ground Among People with Different Perspectives of the Pesticide-Pollinator Conflict"

Dr. Art Schaafsma, Professor in Integrated Pest Management, University of Guelph presenting "Neonic Bans: North American Beach Head".

There will be a question and answer period following the talks, so join us at the networking session and start your week with some thought-provoking presentations followed by a discussion, networking, and refreshments.

As an extra enticement for P-IE members to attend the networking session, the P-IE section will be giving away a free iPad mini to one lucky attendee.

Feedback Session at ICE

The P-IE governing council needs to hear your voice! We are the largest section of ESA with approximately 3000 members, but the efforts and direction come from relatively few people in our section. We are providing time on Friday morning, September 30, at 7:00 AM in room W333 of the Orange County Convention Center to voice your ideas and concerns to the P-IE leadership. We will provide a light breakfast. As an extra incentive we will give away an iPad mini to one lucky attendee. (In the past we have only had a few people attend, so your odds of winning may be very good!).

Dr. Showers Selected for P-IE Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. William B. Showers has been selected as this year's recipient of the P-IE Lifetime Achievement Award. For almost 30 years, Dr. Showers worked as a Research Entomologist with the USDA-Agricultural Research Service. After retiring from the USDA-ARS in 1992, Dr. Showers served as a Professor of Entomology on the faculty at Iowa State University. Since joining the Entomological Society of America in 1957, Dr. Showers has actively participated on numerous committees in the ESA and the North Central Branch, including more than 35 years as a Board Certified Entomologist. Dr. Showers served as PI or Co-PI on more than \$2,000,000 in grants. Research efforts by Dr. Showers resulted in several outstanding contributions to the fields of entomology, particularly in the ecology of insect migration. Results from his leadership have had important implications for resistance management of the European corn borer to transgenic corn. Dr. Showers' research has also had important impacts on developing management strategies for the black cutworm. Dr. Showers mentored or co-mentored 19 graduate students and two post-doctoral scholars. He has received numerous honors and awards, including being elected as a Fellow of the ESA in 2009. To date, Dr. Showers has published over 80 peer-reviewed journal articles. The presentation of this award to Dr. Showers will be made at the P-IE networking session at ICE on Sunday, September 25.

Recent ESA Position Statements

ESA has recently released 2 new position statements on insecticide resistance management that were developed largely with input from P-IE members. Thank you to those who drafted these documents. The position statements on "Insecticide Resistance Management" and "Insecticide Resistance Management in Genetically Modified Crops" can be viewed at http://entsoc.org/resources/position_papers

Reminder to Vote for Your ESA Representatives

ESA elections are occurring until August 12, so if you haven't voted yet, be sure to do so. P-IE has numerous positions to be filled. Our candidates are:

P-IE Vice-President Elect:

Diane Alston
Thomas Clark

P-IE Secretary:

Mao Chen

Surendra Dara
Rob Morrison
Diane Silcox Reynolds
Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris

Arthropod Management Tests Editorial Board:

Jonathan Babcock

Journal of Insect Science Editorial Board

Sanford Eigenbrode

Journal of Integrated Pest Management Editorial Board:

Paula Shrewsbury

Upcoming Meetings

XXV International Congress of Entomology. September 25-30, 2016. Orange County Convention Center, Orlando FL. For more information: <http://ice2016orlando.org/>

P-IE Governing Council

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