

Entomological Society of America Plant-Insect Ecosystems Section

June 2017 Newsletter

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DEADLINES APPROACHING - SUBMIT! 2017 P-IE Section Professional Awards

July 1 –

P-IE Lifetime Achievement Award

AND

Integrated Pest Management Team Award

Please refer to the [P-IE Section Awards website](#) for all award information. Be sure to review awards requirements as slight modifications were made in 2016.

Nominate a deserving colleague or yourself!

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OPEN! P-IE Pollinator Committee Video Contest

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

Background related to the P-IE Pollinator Section Initiative is also described in a [December 2015 newsletter](#).

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!



Feedback Requested – Help the P-IE Governing Council to Build a Better Section

The P-IE Section Governing Council seeks your anonymous feedback on current Section initiatives and future priorities.

ESA Sections are powerful organizations that do more than just plan annual meeting programming. As defined in the ESA Bylaws, Sections exist to develop and implement capabilities for the membership that result in (1) outreach related to

science and public policy, (2) program development, (3) continuing education, and (4) fostering interest in entomology.

Your P-IE Governing Council (GC) has been active on several high-profile issues for several years now, but we want to examine and ensure that we're still representing the will and desires of a majority (or at least a plurality) of P-IE members.

Please respond to the [short 3-question survey](#) to help us guide *your* Section and then be entered to win a Starbucks gift card!

ANNOUNCED!
P-IE Undergraduate Student Achievement
Entomology Award

CONGRATULATIONS PAIGE CARLSON!

Paige Carlson (Southeastern Branch) is a fourth-year undergraduate student in the Department of Entomology and Nematology at the University of Florida. After encountering the staggering damage caused by the mountain pine beetle while on a family trip to Oregon, she became enthralled in entomology. Naturally, she was drawn back to the very system that initially peaked her interest and now works in the Forest Entomology and Symbiosis Lab under the direction of Dr. Jiri Hulcr. Currently, she is working to uncover the ways in which insects change natural landscapes. Specifically, her project aims to assess the effects of bark and ambrosia beetles on the fungal composition of pine trees. This spring, she will graduate with her bachelor's degree and plans to pursue a graduate degree in entomology or plant pathology.



CONGRATULATIONS ELLIS JOHNSON!

Ellis Johnson is currently a graduate student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). Ellis recently completed his undergraduate thesis in insect science from UNL under the mentorship of Dr. Joe Louis. For his undergraduate thesis, he utilized *Arabidopsis thaliana* to understand the basis of plant-aphid interactions. Specifically, his research focused on understanding the role of Arabidopsis *MPL1*, a lipase-encoding gene, in providing defense to a specialist aphid. In addition, Ellis has served as an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for multiple insect science courses, participated in entomology outreach events, and assisted graduate students with various research studies. Ellis presented research at a UNL Undergraduate Science Fair and at the 2017 Kansas Entomological Society Annual meeting, where he was awarded first place at both events. He is eager to further his education in the field of entomology. Ellis wishes to pursue a career in academia, where he can share his passion for entomology.



MODERATORS and STUDENT JUDGES Needed Annual ESA Meeting - Denver

Please contact [Melissa Siebert](#) if you are willing to judge student papers, moderate paper sessions, or both.

Students – do not be bashful – moderate a regular 10 minute paper session and gain valuable experience!

ESA – P-IE is on Twitter!

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