P-IE Elections

For those interested in serving on the Governing Council of P-IE, the following two opportunities will be available this year:

- ESA Governing Board Representative (3 year term)
- P-IE Vice President Elect (VP Elect in 2016, VP in 2017 and P-IE President in 2018)

Elections for both positions will be held in July in conjunction with the annual ESA election.

Please send names of potential candidates for each position, including your own if interested, to P-IE Nomination Committee member and P-IE Past President John Adamczyk (John.Adamczyk@ars.usda.gov). Deadline for sending names to the Nomination Committee: May 20.

P-IE Awards

P-IE Undergraduate Student Achievement Award nominations: Deadline May 1.
Nominations are to be submitted to the P-IE Awards Committee via email to: bpendleton@wtamu.edu.

Each year, the P-IE Undergraduate Student Achievement in Entomology Award is presented to 1-4 students who have demonstrated significant achievements in entomology through research, teaching and/or outreach. Each awardee will receive a waiver of registration to the 2015 ESA Meeting, $1,500 and a plaque. Award recipients are expected to attend the Monday afternoon P-IE Networking Session during the annual ESA meeting to receive the award. Further details are available at:  http://www.entsoc.org/PDF/2015/P-IE_Undergraduate_Award.pdf
**New in 2015:** A new P-IE Award Nomination website is being created for all awards administered by P-IE. In 2015, Professional and Graduate Award nominations are to be submitted via the new website. Details about the awards and the submission link will be featured in the May newsletter.

**ESA 2015: P-IE Section Symposia**

The following P-IE Section symposia have been selected for ESA 2015:

- Are We Stressed Enough Yet? Interdisciplinary Partnerships to Evaluate the Consequences of Plant Abiotic and Biotic Stresses. Organizers: Adrianna Szczepaniec and Punya Nachappa.
- Beyond Bt: Trait Discovery and Breeding for Modified Plant-Insect Interactions. Organizers: Jarrad Prasifka and Brent Hulke.
- Effects of Global Climate Change on Species Interactions and Biological Control. Organizers: Sanford D. Eigenbrode and David Crowder.
- Insect-Mediated Ecosystem Services: Enhancing Interactions with our Beneficial Partners. Organizers: Cesar Rodriguez-Saona and Mary M. Gardiner.
- Synergy and Partnerships in Biological Control: Honoring the Career of Roy Van Driesche. Organizers: Mark S. Hodde and Joseph Elkinton.
Upcoming ESA Branch Meetings:
North Central: May 31 to June 3, Manhattan, KS

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