

# Entomological Society of America Plant-Insect Ecosystems Section

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.entsoc.org/PDF/2015/P-IE_Undergraduate_Award.pdf)

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**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
- Ecology and Management of Migratory Moth Pests: Uniting Disciplines to Provide Solutions. Organizers: Jason Chapman, John Westbrook and William Hutchison
- Effects of Global Climate Change on Species Interactions and Biological Control. Organizers: Sanford D. Eigenbrode and David Crowder
- Forest Entomology: Synergy from Symbiosis. Organizers: Richard Hofstetter, Nathan Havill and Kimberly F. Wallin
- Getting Down and Dirty: The Role of Brown Food Webs in Providing Ecosystem Services. Organizers: Kelton Welch and Matthew Jones
- How Pollinators Work: The Importance of Integrative Physiology in Natural and Agricultural Systems with Changing Climates. Organizers: Bryan Helm, Kendra Greenlee, Julia Bowsher, Joseph Rinehart and George D. Yocum
- Insecticide Resistance Management (IRM) vs Integrated Pest Management (IPM) – Overlap and Conflicts, IRAC US Symposium Series: No. 11. Organizers: Graham P. Head, Bradley W. Hopkins, Scott W. Ludwig, Clinton D. Pilcher, Christopher Sansone, Caydee Savinelli and Sean Whipple
- Insect-Mediated Ecosystem Services: Enhancing Interactions with our Beneficial Partners. Organizers: Cesar Rodriguez-Saona and Mary M. Gardiner
- Integrating Ecological and Social Science to Support Synergies and Applied Solutions in Agroecosystems. Organizers: Kelly Garbach and Katharina Ullmann
- Landscape Simplification: Effects on Arthropod Mediated Ecosystem Services and Agricultural Production. Organizers: Katja Poveda and Heather Connelly
- Rootworm Management: Status of GM Traits, Insecticides, and Potential New Tools Organizers: Bruce Hibbard, Elisa Bernklau and Joseph Spencer
- Synergy and Partnerships in Biological Control: Honoring the Career of Roy Van Driesche. Organizers: Mark S. Hoddle and Joseph Elkinton
- Synergy in Agricultural Pest Control: Use of Interdisciplinary Approaches to Feed a Growing Population. Organizers: Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris and Kyndall Dye
- The Larry L. Larson Symposium: Pest Shifting and Invasive Species: The Need For New Technology to Manage New Insect Pests. Organizers: Luis E. Gomez and Melissa Siebert
- Worldwide Resistance to Bt-toxins: Causes, Consequences, Cures? Organizers: Michael Caprio and Rick Roush

## **Upcoming ESA Branch Meetings:**

North Central: May 31 to June 3, Manhattan, KS

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### **P-IE Governing Council**

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