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P-IE and ESA Election Results

Thanks to all that voted in the recent election, results of which have been announced. Congratulations to the following P-IE members that were elected!

P-IE Governing Council

- P-IE Vice President Elect: Mark Wright, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- P-IE Representative to the Governing Board: Sujaya Rao, Oregon State University

ESA:

- ESA Vice President-Elect - Dr. Michael P. Parrella, University of California, Davis
- Pacific Branch Representative to the Certification Board - Andrew M. Sutherland, University of California Cooperative Extension / UC IPM
- Eastern Branch Representative to the ESA Governing Board - Paula Shrewsbury, University of Maryland
- International Branch President-Elect - Megha N. Parajulee, Texas A & M University
- International Branch Representative to the ESA Governing Board - Livy Williams III, USDA-ARS, Montpellier, France
- Southwestern Branch Representative to the ESA Governing Board - Dr. David Ragsdale, Texas A & M University
- Southwestern Branch Secretary Treasurer-Elect - Eric J. Rebek, Oklahoma State University
- Honorary Members:
 - Wayne A. Gardner, University of Georgia
 - Michael E. Gray, University of Illinois
 - Marlin E. Rice, DuPont Pioneer
 - John T. Trumble, University of California, Riverside

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P-IE Professional Award Winners

Thanks for the many nominations for the 2015 P-IE Lifetime Achievement Award. This year there were more than twice as many nominations as in past years! The P-IE Awards Committee, challenged with many excellent nominations, selected **John Foster, Professor Emeritus, Department of Entomology, University of Nebraska** for the award. Congratulations John! P-IE members can congratulate Dr. Foster in person at ESA 2015 during the Monday (November 16) networking session when the award will be presented to him.

Voice your Opinion – ESA Position Statements

If you have not yet done so, don't miss the opportunity to **influence position statements** related to three **issues critical to P-IE**. Click on the links below for submitting your comments – deadline **September 11, 2015**.

1. Invasive Species: <http://www.entsoc.org/sci-pol/invasive-species>
2. Resistance management in GM crops: <http://www.entsoc.org/sci-pol/Resistance-GM>
3. Insecticide resistance management: <http://www.entsoc.org/sci-pol/insecticide-resistance>

Your opinions will be shared with the Science Policy Writing Committees that will develop the position statements which will then be reviewed by the Science Policy Committee and the Governing Board.

ESA 2015 - Judges Sought for P-IE Student Competitions

We are still seeking a few judges for the oral and poster student competitions. If you have *firm plans* to attend ESA 2015, wish to serve as a P-IE judge, **and have not yet done so**, please contact P-IE VP Fred Musser (FMusser@entomology.msstate.edu) with the following information:

1. Confirmation that you will be available to judge on Monday November 16
2. Confirmation that you are not a student member. Students cannot serve as judges for the student competition
3. Your preference, if any, for serving as a judge for:
 - i. Oral presentations (8 am to Noon, Monday November 16)
 - ii. Poster presentations (any time Monday November 16)
4. Submission # or name(s) of students in the student competitions on whose presentations you are a co-author:
 - a. Ten minute
 - b. Poster

P-IE greatly values the contributions of members serving as moderators or judges. In appreciation of the time and effort devoted to such service, each year, one P-IE Networking session raffle prize is set aside *exclusively* for P-IE judges and moderators.

Upcoming Meeting Deadlines:

ESA 2015 -Early bird registration deadline: September 21, 2015

Don't miss the opportunity to save on meeting costs by registering by September 21, 2015. You don't have to wait to decide how long you can afford to attend the meeting as rates for one day and early bird are the same! Regular rates are considerably higher for some categories. Register now at: <http://www.entsoc.org/entomology2015/registration-rates>.

ICE – 2016

- ESA STEP (scientists transitioning into the early years of their careers) Travel Award applications are due – deadline **September 1, 2015**
- Submissions for scientific paper and student competition presentations are due early next year - deadline **February 1, 2016**

Check the ICE August newsletter (<http://ice2016orlando.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/August2015News.pdf>) for other deadlines and updates.

P-IE Governing Council

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