

# Entomological Society of America Plant-Insect Ecosystems Section *January 2015 Newsletter*



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## ESA 2015 – Call for Organization of Joint Symposia

ESA 2015 in Minneapolis, MN, will be co-located (not joint) with ACS (American Societies of Agronomy, Crop Science, and Soil Science) meetings, providing a unique opportunity for joint symposia. ACS members are seeking ESA partners for organization of symposia on:

- Land Management, Conservation, and Insects • Site-specific Integrated Pest Management
- Cover Crops Management • Weedy and Invasive Plant Species

Interested? Questions? Contact P-IE President Sujaya Rao ([sujaya@oregonstate.edu](mailto:sujaya@oregonstate.edu)).

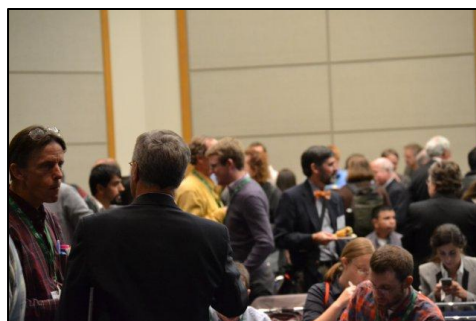
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## ESA/P-IE 2014 - Highlights

Past President Zalom's "Grand Challenges Beyond Our Horizons" meeting drew 3,450 attendees in atypical (but welcome!) sunny Portland. P-IE was well represented with 1,295 attendees, 24 symposia featuring 281 presentations, 316 submitted papers, and 216 submitted posters. In student competitions, there were 269 oral (15 undergraduate, 254 graduate) and 92 (12 undergraduate, 80 graduate) poster presentations. Thanks to all P-IE participants - symposia organizers, presenters, and 125 moderators and judges - for helping make ESA 2014 a success!

The P-IE Networking session drew over 300 members thanks to the excellent program organized by Past President John Adamczyk, the iPad mini raffles, and the delicious pies!



P-IE members networking and enjoying pies!

Special thanks to presenters Wayne B. Hunter (USDA-ARS Ft. Pierce, FL), Tracy Leskey (USDA-ARS Kearneysville, WV) and Michael Gray (University of Illinois, IL) for their inspiring and thought-provoking talks on ‘Grand challenges in IPM,’ and to event photographer Alejandro Del Pozo. iPad mini winners included Bonnie Pendleton (Judge/Moderator Category) and Jimmy Klick (Student Category). In the excitement of the raffle drawing, we failed to note the name of the Member Category winner – our sincere apologies. Please identify yourself.

Every year, one P-IE Networking session raffle prize is set aside *exclusively* for P-IE judges and moderators. Remember to volunteer your services for P-IE 2015 by sending an email to P-IE Vice President, Fred Musser (FMusser@entomology.msstate.edu).

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

Many thanks to outgoing Governing Council members Gary Thompson (Past President) and Alejandro Del Pozo (Student Representative) for their excellent service to our Section. We look forward to your continuing participation in P-IE activities!



Gary Thompson



Alejandro Del Pozo

Welcome aboard new members Melissa Willrich-Siebert (Vice President Elect) and Lina Bernaola (Student Representative). Thanks for volunteering your services to P-IE Leadership!



Melissa Willrich-Siebert



Lina Bernaola

# P-IE 2014 Award Winners - Congratulations!

## Member Awards

### The Legends of Entomology Award - Dr. Kenneth V. Yeargan, University of Kentucky

Dr. Kenneth Yeargan received his BS (Zoology) from Auburn University in 1969 and PhD (Entomology) from UC Davis in 1974. Since then he has been a faculty member at University of Kentucky, and has conducted research on the ecology and behavior of arthropod parasitoids and predators for development of biological control programs. He has also studied milkweed-herbivore-natural enemy relationships. Many of us have enjoyed reading about/watching the BBC YouTube video on his fascinating research on chemical mimicry of bolas spiders. Dr. Yeargan has received many University of Kentucky awards for his research and teaching accomplishments and the Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching from ESA. He served as Advisor/ co-Advisor for 15 MS and 14 PhD students, and as a committee member for 100 graduate students. It is not surprising that he received the G. Mitchell Outstanding Faculty Service to Graduate Students Award from the University of Kentucky. Dr. Yeargan has served ESA in many capacities and inspired his students to do so too. Four of his students were ESA Branch Presidents! Dr. Yeargan is a Fellow of the ESA.



Ken Yeargan, University of Kentucky (right), with former graduate advisee, Joe Culin, Clemson University (left).

### Integrated Pest Management Team Award (Sponsored by Dow Agrosiences) - Area-wide Asian Tiger Mosquito (AW-ATM) Team

#### Team members

- Gary Clark and Daniel Kline, USDA - ARS Gainesville, FL
- Yara Halasa and Donald Shepard, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
- George Hamilton and Randy Gaugler, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
- Kristen Healy and Sean Healy, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
- Ary Faraji, Mercer County Mosquito Control, Trenton, NJ
- Daniel Strickman, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Seattle, WA



PIE Past President John Adamczyk (second from left) with representatives of AW-ATM Team.

## Student Awards

### The P-IE Master's Student Achievement in Entomology Award



Abiya Saeed, University of Kentucky, and Advisor Dr. Jen White (in the background). Dr. White received a certificate of appreciation for mentoring the awardee.

### Kenneth and Barbara Starks Plant Resistance to Insects Graduate Student Research Award



Recipient Jacob Wenger, The Ohio State University



**The Dow Foundation Entomology Student Awards - 2 recipients**



Jimmy Klick, Oregon State University

Recipient Amy Morey, University of Minnesota, was not present to receive the award in person.

**P-IE Undergraduate Achievement Awards in Entomology – 4 recipients**



MaLisa Spring, Marietta College



Matthew Thorn, Mississippi State University

The following were not present to receive the award in person:

- Julie Baniszewski, University of Florida
- Haley Feazel-Orr, Virginia Tech

## **P-IE Section President's Prize**

We applaud all students that participated in the P-IE oral and poster presentation competitions for the President's Prize!!

The following were first and second place winners:

### **Undergraduates**

#### *Oral Presentation*

Angela Burrow, Georgia Gwinnett College  
Jacob Pecenka, South Dakota State University  
MaLisa Spring, Marietta College  
Ryan Paul, Michigan State University

#### *Poster Presentation*

Matthew Thorn, Mississippi State University  
Jaana Iverson, University of Minnesota

### **Graduates**

#### *Oral Presentation*

Heather Connelly, Cornell University  
Katharina Ullmann, University of California Davis  
Matthew Smart, University of Minnesota  
Douglas B. Sponsler, Ohio State University  
Jennifer Scholefield, Simon Fraser University  
Melissa A. Bernardo, Wesleyan University  
Jermaine Hinds, Pennsylvania State University  
Meghan Vankosky, University of Windsor  
Nicole Quinn, Michigan State University  
Kristin Deroshia, Michigan State University  
Anthony D. Vaudo, Pennsylvania State University  
Kevin Cloonan, Pennsylvania State University  
Paul Chisholm, Washington State University  
Michael S. Crossley, University of Wisconsin  
Adam J. Varenhorst, Iowa State University  
Anthony Hanson, University of Minnesota  
Adrienne Godschalx, Portland State University  
Ian M. Grettenberger, Pennsylvania State University  
Alejandro Del Pozo, North Carolina State University  
Tavvs Alves, University of Minnesota  
Robert Orpet, University of Arizona

Mike W. Dunbar, Iowa State University  
Selina Ruzi, University of Illinois  
Michael Wolfin, Cornell University  
Elizabeth P. Benton, University of Tennessee  
Kira L. Nixon, Purdue University  
Emma Pelton, University of Wisconsin  
Katharine Swoboda Bhattarai, North Carolina State University  
Amy C. Morey, University of Minnesota  
Meredith Censer, University of California, Davis  
Anthony J. McMechan, University of Nebraska  
Robert Clark, Wesleyan University

Poster Presentation

Christopher Culkin, Indiana University-Purdue University  
Flor E. Acevedo, Pennsylvania State University  
Kathy Roccaforte, University of Kansas  
Amber D. Tripodi, University of Arkansas  
Keith Mason, Michigan State University  
Holly Lynn Johnson, University of Delaware  
Beth Ferguson, Oklahoma State University  
Tolulope Morawo, Auburn University  
Steven Price, Utah State University,  
Matthew Ethington, University of Arkansas  
Ashley Schulz, University of Georgia  
Forrest Howell, North Carolina State University  
Daniel Bush, University of Illinois  
Caitlin Kelly, University of Colorado

**P-IE members that received National ESA Awards/Honors**

Dr. Peter C. Ellsworth - Award for Excellence in Integrated Pest Management  
Dr. Mary Margaret Gardiner - ESA Early Career Innovation Award  
Dr. Daniel A. Herms - ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Horticultural Entomology  
Dr. James F. Campbell - ESA Recognition Award in Entomology  
Dr. Sarah E. Jandricic - Entomological Foundation Henry and Sylvia Richardson Research Grant  
Dr. Murray B. Isman - ESA Fellow  
Dr. Nilsa A. Bosque-Perez - ESA Fellow  
Dr. Tong-Xian Liu - ESA Fellow  
Dr. Hari C. Sharma - ESA Fellow  
Dr. Myron P. Zalucki - ESA Fellow  
Rebecca A. Schmidt-Jeffris - ESA Student Activity Award  
Dr. Eric Walter Bohnenblust - John Henry Comstock Graduate Student Award, Eastern Branch  
Mr. Michael T. McCarville - John Henry Comstock Graduate Student Award, North Central Branch  
Dr. Kelly Anne Hamby - John Henry Comstock Graduate Student Award, Pacific Branch

## **Upcoming Deadlines:**

### **ESA 2015**

Program Symposia - January 30; Other symposia - February 27. Details at: <http://www.entsoc.org/entomology2015/submit>

### **ICE 2016**

Symposia – March 2, 2015 Details at: <http://ice2016orlando.org/submit-to-ice-2016/>

## **Upcoming ESA Branch meetings:**

Southwestern: February 23-26, Tulsa, OK  
Eastern: March 14-17, Rehoboth Beach, DE  
Southeastern: March 15-18, Biloxi, MS  
Pacific: April 12-15, Coeur d'Alene, ID  
North Central: May 31 to June 3, Manhattan, KS  
International: July 12-17, Grahamstown, South Africa

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## **P-IE Governing Council**

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