

# Entomological Society of America

## Plant-Insect Ecosystems Section

### *June 2015 Newsletter*



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### **ESA and P-IE Awards: Upcoming deadlines**

Don't miss upcoming nomination deadlines for ESA and P-IE Professional and Graduate Student Awards!!

#### ***ESA Awards – deadline July 1, 2015***

ESA and the Entomological Foundation Awards recognize scientists, educators, and students who have distinguished themselves through contributions to entomology. Details of the various awards are available at: [http://www.entsoc.org/awards/whats\\_available](http://www.entsoc.org/awards/whats_available).

#### ***P-IE Professional Awards - deadline July 1***

- Plant-Insect Ecosystems Lifetime Achievement Award in Entomology (previous known as P-IE Legends of Entomology Award). Details listed in the P-IE May 2015 newsletter and available at: <http://www.entsoc.org/p-ie-achievement>.
- Integrated Pest Management Team Award. Details available in the P-IE May 2015 newsletter and at: <http://www.entsoc.org/ipmteamaward>.

#### ***P-IE Graduate Awards – deadline August 1***

- P-IE Master's Student Achievement in Entomology Award. Details listed in the P-IE May 2015 newsletter and available at: <http://www.entsoc.org/masters-student-achievement>.
- Kenneth and Barbara Starks Plant Resistance to Insects Graduate Student Award. Award details listed in the P-IE May 2015 newsletter and available at: <http://www.entsoc.org/starks>.

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## **P-IE Undergraduate Student Achievement Award Winners**

Thanks to P-IE members that nominated undergraduates for the 2015 PIE Undergraduate Student Achievement Award. Congratulations to the following winners:

- Jaana Iverson, University of Minnesota
- Jacqueline Hoban, University of Delaware
- Allyson Richins, University of New Mexico
- Jessica Kansman, Michigan State University

## **P-IE Elections – coming soon!**

Don't miss the opportunity to vote for your candidate in the upcoming P-IE elections to be held along with ESA elections in July. Bios of each candidate for the ESA Governing Board Representative and P-IE President Elect positions will be available on the online ballot. Thank you P-IE members and the P-IE Nomination Committee members for the nominations!

## **ESA 2015 - Volunteers sought**

The success of the ESA meetings is due in part to the excellent volunteering spirit of ESA members! P-IE greatly values the contributions of members willing to serve 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.

If you have *relatively firm plans* to attend ESA 2015 and wish to serve as a P-IE volunteer, please contact P-IE VP, Fred Musser ([FMusser@entomology.msstate.edu](mailto:FMusser@entomology.msstate.edu)), with the following information:

1. Dates you plan to be at the meeting (Sunday Nov 15 through Wednesday November 19)
2. Your membership category – student or non-student. Students cannot serve as judges for the student competition
3. Your preferences, if any, for serving as:
  - a. Moderator for general ten-minute talks
  - b. Moderator for student competition oral presentations (8 am to Noon, Monday November 16)
  - c. Student Competition Judge:
    - i. Oral presentations (8 am to Noon, Monday November 16)
    - ii. Poster presentations (any time Monday November 16)

Each volunteer will be considered for one of the above. Preferences will be considered to the extent possible.

4. Submission # or name(s) of students in the student competitions on whose presentations you are a co-author:
  - a. Ten minute talk
  - b. Poster

## **Voice your Opinion!**

Don't miss opportunities to engage in discussions related to policy decisions involving the P-IE section, and help improve federal regulations by submitting comments during open periods.

A current opportunity is open for members to express their opinion on EPA's 'Proposal to Protect Bees from Acutely Toxic Pesticides'. EPA has extended the comment period deadline to **July 29, 2015**.

Details and the regulatory docket for the proposal, EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0818, are available at: <http://www.regulations.gov#!docketDetail;D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0818>.

Comments can be submitted at: <http://www.regulations.gov#!submitComment;D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0818-0038>.

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