



**INTERNATIONAL
BRANCH**

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Branch News

Welcome to our 2012–2013 Executive Board:

President: T.X. Liu

President-Elect: Aziz Ajlan

Past President: Christian Borgemeister

Secretary: Maggie Hardy

Treasurer: Srinivas Parimi

Representative to the ESA Governing Board: Livy Williams

The 2011–2012 Annual Report is now available on the IB website:
(<http://www.entsoc.org/PDF/International/IBAnnualReportDecember2012.pdf>).

The minutes for the 2012 Business Meeting, held at ICE in Daegu, Korea, are also available online:
([http://www.entsoc.org/PDF/International/IBbusinessMeeting%20 Daegu_21-viii-2012_29.pdf](http://www.entsoc.org/PDF/International/IBbusinessMeeting%20Daegu_21-viii-2012_29.pdf)).

A Note from the 2012 IB Governing Board Representative

As IB Representative to ESA Governing Board 2012, Charles Vincent attended two meetings (10 and 14 November 2012) of the ESA Governing Board in Knoxville (Tennessee). Several items of international relevance were discussed. **1)** The ESA is pleased with the growth of the IB membership, which, with 699 members after three years of existence, is the third largest Branch of the ESA as of November 2012. **2)** ESA Governing Board is also pleased to host ICE 2016 in Orlando (Florida). It is expected that IB members will get involved during that historical meeting, for example by organizing its Business meeting in Orlando in 2016, by persuading IB members to attend ICE 2016, and by taking leadership in proposing and organizing Symposia for ICE 2016. **3)** The IB has submitted a brief entitled “Proposal for reduced rates for members from lower-income economies” (available at the end of the 2011–2012 IB Annual Report). The brief was signed by numerous IB members, notably: Margaret C. Hardy, Christian Borgemeister, T.-X. Liu, Srinivas Parimi, Meron Zalucki, Kateryn Rochon, Charles Vincent. It was also signed by several members of the International Affairs Committee, notably: Lambert Kanga, Robert Peterson, Jeffrey D. Bradshaw, Mustapha Debboun, Reina Koganemaru, John Foster, Patricia Prasifka. Reduced rates would allow citizens of poor countries selected among a World Bank list of the lowest two economic tiers based on gross national income per capita. In 2012, ESA Governing Board signed two ESA President Grayson Brown briefed the Governing Board on the current status of proposed pilot membership initiatives with Japan and Indonesia. Both societies have indicated interest and are still working the proposals through their own governing processes for consideration and approval. The Korean Society of Applied Entomology also has asked to participate in the student

membership pilot program that is currently being considered by Japan. A motion to extend the pilot to the Korean Society of Applied Entomology was unanimously approved after brief discussion. In that context, the ESA Governing Board felt that the Brief was welcome but that pilot programs should run their course before any results could be achieved. The ESA Governing Board decided to table the Brief. It means that the Brief should be adopted and become effective at a future but undetermined date. The term of Charles Vincent has come to an end after the meeting. He will be replaced by Livy Williams III.

Call for Volunteers

The IB is in need of volunteers to fill positions on ESA Committees and Judging Panels this coming year. If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions, please email a short statement of your interest and your CV to the IB President, T.X. Liu (tongxianliu@yahoo.com).

IB Awards

The Entomological Society of America's International Branch is proud to announce several prestigious awards to recognize the excellent research being conducted by its members. Detailed information on each award and applications can be found by following the individual links on the [IB Awards webpage](#) and specific questions about the application process can be addressed by the Awards Committee Chair, Rory McDonnell (rjmcdonnell@gmail.com). Awards are open to International Branch members only; information on joining ESA can be found on the ESA website, at: <http://www.entsoc.org/Membership>.

Nominations will be due mid-year. Please continue to check the website for updates.

J.H. Comstock Graduate Student Award

The J.H. Comstock Award is given to one graduate student from each of the Entomological Society of America's six Branches to promote interest in the science of entomology at the graduate level and to stimulate interest in attending the ESA Annual Meeting.

Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled as a graduate student and in graduate school at the time of (or have completed the degree within the last 12 months preceding) the presentation of the Award. Students must be pursuing a course leading to a graduate degree with a major focus in entomology and be members of the Entomological Society of America's International Branch.

International Branch Graduate Student Award

A US\$250 cash award will be provided in recognition to graduate student members of ESA's IB for their course work and research culminating in scholarship.

Eligibility: Candidates must currently be researching an entomological problem at a recognized graduate institution and be members of the Entomological Society of America's International Branch.

Distinguished Scientist Award

To provide recognition to members of ESA's IB who have made outstanding contributions to the science of entomology.

Eligibility: The nominee must be widely recognized in both the International Branch and in the Entomological Society of America as a major contributor to the science of entomology. The nominee must be a current member of the International Branch.

Call for Branch Sponsors

Do you know someone in industry or another field who might be interested in sponsoring events, awards, or scholarships for the ESA International Branch? If so, please contact the IB Treasurer, Srinivas Parimi (Srinivas.Parimi@mahyco.com) with details.

Entomologist Resumes Online

Entomologists who are current ESA members now have the ability to upload their CVs and resumes to a resume database on the ESA website (<http://www.entsoc.org/myresume>). Only ESA members can upload their resumes, which will be publicly available to job recruiters worldwide.

Entomology Supplies Donation Program

Do you have journals, books, or supplies that are in good condition but no longer used, or need supplies like this? The IB has an entomology supplies donation program so valuable resources can be sent to others in need. If you have items to donate, please send an email with the subject "IB Donation"; if there are specific items that would be useful to your research and you are overseas and unable to purchase items, please send an email to the IB Secretary, [Maggie Hardy](#).

Meetings and Events

International Branch 2013 Annual Meeting

ESA's International Branch will host their 2013 meeting on the afternoon of March 5 during the ISBCA Symposium in Pucón, Chile. The ISBCA meeting brings researchers and practitioners together to discuss issues affecting biological control, particularly the use of parasitoids and predators as biological control agents. The symposium includes all approaches to biological control: conservation, augmentation, and importation of natural enemy species for the control of arthropod targets, as well as transversal issues. For the Branch business meeting agenda, [check this page \(http://www.entsoc.org/international-branch/international-branch-2013-annual-meeting\)](http://www.entsoc.org/international-branch/international-branch-2013-annual-meeting) for information as it becomes available.

Pucón is situated in the Araucanía Region on the shore of the Villarrica Lake, with views of the Villarrica volcano. Local activities include hiking, rafting, mountain biking, hot springs, horseback riding, bird watching, fishing and canopy exploration. Rare endemic flora and fauna are found in the area. For travel information, visit www.isbca.org.

ESA to Host ICE in 2016

ICE 2016 is expected to be the largest gathering of scientists and experts in the history of the entomological sciences, with an expected attendance of over 6,000 delegates. The Congress will be co-located with ESA's 64th Annual Meeting, along with other scientific society meetings. The latest global research on insect science will be presented under the theme "Entomology without Borders."

We thank the following persons for their involvement with the IB in 2012–2013:

Governing Board

President: Dr. T.-X. Liu (China)

President-Elect: Dr. Aziz Ajlan (Saudi Arabia)

Secretary: Dr. Maggie Hardy (Australia)

Treasurer: Dr. Srinivas Parimi (India)

Governing Board Representative: Dr. Livy Williams (France)

Past-President: Dr. Christian Borgemeister (Kenya)

Awards Committee

Rory Mc Donnell (Chair)

YanHui Lu, Robin Gunning, Gissella Vasquez

Certification Board

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PIE Nominations Committee

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Committee on Awards and Honors

Lisa Knolhoff

Committee on Education & Outreach

Mustapha El-Bouhssini (Syria)

Committee on Student Affairs

Maggie Hardy (Australia)

Committee on International Affairs

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Committee on Membership

Phyllis Weintraub (Israel)

**Judging Panel for the Nan-Yao Su Award for Innovation and Creativity in Entomology
(International Representative for the Committee on Awards and Honors)**

Jianqing Ding (China)

Judging Panel for the Recognition Award in Entomology

Murray Isman (Canada)

IB members on the ESA Certification Board

Bob Vernon (Canada)

Juan Rodriguez (Saudi Aramco)

Jianqing Ding (China)

Nominating Committee

Stefan Vidal (Chair)

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