**P-IE AND ESA OFFICER ELECTION IS UNDERWAY!**

All ESA members in good standing should have received an electronic ballot from ESA Headquarters. P-IE members are encouraged to study the nomination packages for two P-IE GC officer-elect positions and vote for persons you wish to help lead the P-IE Section into the future. A hearty and grateful “thanks” is extended to each candidate for accepting the nomination.

Candidates for P-IE Section Vice President-Elect

- Dr. Clint Pilcher, Monsanto Company
- Dr. Gary Thompson, Dow AgroSciences

Candidates for P-IE Section Treasurer

- Dr. Paula Davis, Pioneer Hi Bred International Inc.
- Dr. John Tooker, Pennsylvania State University

Electronic voting is available until August 12! If you did not receive the email with electronic ballot information – contact ESA Headquarters by phone or [www.entsoc.org](http://www.entsoc.org)
REAGAN SELECTED ESA SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT AND LIAISON TO U.S. EPA

During the December 2009 ESA Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, an idea to establish an ESA Subject Matter Expert (SME) who could serve as a liaison to the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs began to take shape. Under Dr. Rob Wiedenmann’s leadership, a 5-member, cross-Section, Selection Committee reviewed applications and selected Dr. Thomas (Gene) Reagan as the first recipient of this award. Reagan is the Austin C. Thompson Distinguished Professor in the Department of Entomology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA. His CV is replete with awards, research grants, publications, professional review panel memberships, graduate students, and, importantly, broad practical experience with matters of overlapping importance to ESA Members and EPA’s Office of Pesticide Programs. The 4 ESA funding partners: 1) P-IE Section, 2) Medical, Urban and Veterinary Entomology Section, 3) Integrated Physiological and Molecular Insect Systems Section, and 4) ESA Central extend congratulations to Dr. Reagan as he pioneers this role on our behalf with EPA.

WRIGHT APPOINTED TO “IPM VOICE” ADVISORY BOARD

IPM Voice is becoming a nonprofit group advocating for progressive IPM nationally. The group is composed of IPM advocates across a wide range of interests and disciplines. Through Scott Hutchins, IPM Voice asked for an ESA representative to join their Advisory Board. Bob Wright, IPM Coordinator, University of Nebraska, agreed to serve in that capacity. For more information on IPM Voice, visit http://ipmvoice.org

P-IE’S “SECTION 406” LETTER OF CONCERN TO USDA, NIFA POSTED

Several P-IE members sent comments on the draft letter posted in the June P-IE Newsletter. Find the final draft authored by Dr. Bob Wright and Past President, Bill Hutchison, as a post on the P-IE Section Network Announcements page. http://networks.entsoc.org/p/fo/st/thread=1623

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SAN DIEGO MEETING!

P-IE students … be among the first to register as volunteers to help during the ESA Annual Meeting in San Diego. Those accepted for volunteer work on the ESA Volunteer Website will be awarded a “registration fee waiver”. ESA Headquarters and Meeting staff are responsible for coordinating volunteer efforts and assignments. Note the first day to register is August 13!
MENTORS OF UNDERGRADUATES NEEDED FOR SAN DIEGO MEETING

The P-IE Section is working to encourage undergraduate participation in the ESA annual meeting. To help connect undergraduate students with the ESA, we are soliciting names of graduate students, post-docs, and faculty members, all with several years of experience attending ESA annual meetings to serve as mentors to undergraduates during the San Diego meetings.

Mentors will be assigned a single undergraduate student mentee. Mentors and undergraduate mentees will be expected to attend the P-IE section symposium, Getting the Most Out of Your ESA Experience, and participate in the social scheduled at the end of that symposium on Sunday afternoon (Dec. 12) to get connected with each other. Mentors are expected to touch base with their mentee at least once each day of the meeting, possibly during a break, plenary session, or meal. Mentors can invite mentees to attend talks with them, attend Linnaean games together, introduce them to colleagues, take them to mixers, network, and generally make the meetings a welcoming place.

To volunteer as an undergraduate mentor, contact Brian McCornack (mccornac@ksu.edu) or Kirk Larsen (larsenkj@luther.edu), co-chairs of the P-IE EUGE task force with your interest and contact information (current position and institution, e-mail and cell phone).

QUICK STATS: SAN DIEGO P-IE PREVIEW

The ESA Annual Meeting Program Committee completed its first round of scheduling symposia, ten-minute papers, posters and student competition entries for the Dec. 12-15 San Diego meeting. P-IE member participation is at record-breaking levels! Following are encouraging unofficial numbers to demonstrate P-IE’s scientific contribution to the success of the meeting:

- 31 P-IE Section and P-IE Member-Organized Symposia with more than 290 presentations
- 297 Papers in P-IE Ten-Minute Paper Sessions
- 283 Posters in P-IE Display Presentation Sessions
- 273 Entries in P-IE Graduate Student Paper and Poster Competitions
- 28 Entries in P-IE Undergraduate Student Paper and Poster Competitions
- 30+ pies and other Refreshments during the ALL P-IE AFTERNOON: INVASIVE INSECTS & ENTODIVERSITY Session (Dec. 13)

MORE P-IE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SAN DIEGO MEETING!
The P-IE Governing Council appreciates the 130+ volunteers who have already committed to supporting their Section as Session moderators and Student Competition judges. However, with the record number of presentations that P-IE members have submitted, additional volunteers are requested to make our Section sessions operate efficiently and to avoid placing the burden of multiple tasks on our members. Please email Rogers Leonard (rleonard@agcenter.lsu) if you are willing to volunteer. Just include your interest (moderator or judge) and area of expertise. Thanks in advance for your participation. We will begin offering assignments to all P-IE volunteers in the next few weeks.

Appreciation is extended to the 2010 P-IE Governing Council for reviews and edits:
Rogers Leonard, Vice President
Bonnie Pendleton, Vice President-Elect
Bill Hutchison, Past President
Lisa Neven, Treasurer
Jon Lundgren, Secretary
Bob Peterson, ESA Governing Board Representative

Josh Temple, ex officio, Student Representative