INTRODUCTION

I personally want to thank each and every P-IE member who attended the 2010 conference in San Diego, CA. By nearly every metric, the meeting was a success. This would not have been possible without the contributions of our P-IE Section. We had the greatest participation in symposia, papers, posters, and associated activities. P-IE depends on volunteerism and the service of all members who served as moderators and oral paper/poster judges was critical to the smooth operation of this meeting. We express our greatest thanks and appreciation for their service. Many of our members and students were acknowledged for their individual and group achievements as entomologists at the 2010 conference. Please visit the ESA website to review the list of current and previous winners in the numerous categories. The student members in our Section deserve to be congratulated for their performance in the poster and paper competitions. The list of 2010 winners can be found on the ESA website.

Our continued communication among P-IE members is necessary to maintain the success of our Section and Society. P-IE members are encouraged to become familiar with our Section and volunteer for opportunities in various roles of leadership. If you want more information on P-IE, a history of newsletters, Section reports or updates from our members serving on ESA-National Committees and Editorial Boards please visit our Section page on www.entsoc.org.

You may wish to participate or maintain activities in the popular ESA member networks in an area of your interest. Officers of the P-IE Governing Council (GC) or other designated members intend to visit the ESA Branch meetings during 2011 and provide updates on Section accomplishments and initiatives. If you have a chance, please offer suggestions on ways to improve our interaction with all P-IE members. If you have topics to be included in the newsletter or improvements, please notify me at rleonard@agcenter.lsu.edu. Please remember that this is your Society and Section. The P-IE GC wants to represent our members and attempt to meet their needs with strong representation in the affairs of the national Society. I speak for the entire P-IE GC in thanking you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.
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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN ENTOMOLOGY SPONSORED BY THE P-IE SECTION

Since 2008, the Plant-Insect Ecosystems (P-IE) Section of the Entomological Society of America (ESA) has sponsored an annual Undergraduate Achievement in Entomology Award. The P-IE Awards Committee will consider applications from students who have demonstrated activity and achievement in entomology, and have distinguished themselves in either: 1) undergraduate research, 2) creative teaching models, or 3) achievements in outreach. This award, to be presented during the P-IE Networking session at the ESA National Meeting, consists of a cash prize ($1,500 each) for as many as four undergraduate students. These funds can be used toward travel expenses for the winning students to participate in the ESA meeting. Award winners must attend the ESA National meeting and participate by presenting a paper or poster as part of the new Undergraduate Competition for the President’s Prize. Visit the website for details or contact the P-IE Awards Committee Chair, Frank Peairs (Frank.Peaars@ColoState.Ed).

P-IE CONTINUES TO SPONSOR PLANT MANAGEMENT NETWORK (PMN)

During 2010, the P-IE GC under the leadership of Dr. Paul Borth approved a proposal to join the PMN as a partner. PMN is a non-profit, electronic publication that provides relevant information to scientists, industry and stakeholders interested in current issues of plant production and protection. Visit the PMN website, www.plantmanagementnetwork.org for access to their journals and other resources.
PROGRAM, P-IE SECTION AND MEMBER SYMPOSIA

The Program symposia for the 2011 Reno meeting have been selected and announced. Many of those not selected for program symposia will be recommended to be Section symposia. The P-IE GC will be reviewing and ranking all symposia proposals submitted to our Section during March. Space that limited participation in San Diego during 2010 should not be as much of an issue in Reno during 2011, so we hope to recommend even more symposia for our Section. Please remember that even those not selected by a Section can still be considered as member symposia.

P-IE VP-ELECT NOMINATIONS FOR 2011

At the close of the Reno meeting in November, Vice President-Elect, Gary Thompson, will assume the office of Vice President. He will be succeeded by a P-IE member elected in conjunction with ESA’s annual July elections. The P-IE Nominations Committee (Theresa Pitts-Singer, Chair) will soon be establishing and announcing the timeline leading to this election. All interested and eligible P-IE members are invited to apply.

P-IE VOLUNTEERS FOR RENO MEETING NEEDED

Volunteers (both members and students) are being solicited for moderators and paper/poster judges for the P-IE Sections of the 2011 ESA Annual Meeting in Reno (November 12 – 15, 2010). Please contact Bonnie Pendleton (bpendleton@wtamu.edu) to participate.

Appreciation is extended to the 2011 P-IE Governing Council for their review of the January-February Newsletter:

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