P-IE Section Nominations Due for ESA Election

May 16 is the deadline for our Section to submit nominations for P-IE Vice President Elect and P-IE Representative to the ESA Governing Board. Voting for the positions will be during the ESA elections in July. Please contact P-IE Nominations Chair Theresa Pitts-Singer at Theresa.Pitts-Singer@ARS.USDA.GOV to be nominated.

Each nomination package must include:

- Nominee’s complete name and position being nominated.
- Biography of <250 words to include the nominee’s name, education, employment, area(s) of interest, and accomplishments in entomology, and leadership roles (including service to ESA).
- Nominations for Vice President-Elect also must include a statement (<250 words) of the nominee’s perception of critical issues and future vision for ESA.
- Photograph in TIF or JPG sized 3” wide with 300 pixels per inch.

Nominations for ESA Boards, Committees, and Judging Panels

To be nominated for the following ESA Editorial Boards, Standing Committees, or Judging Panels, contact P-IE Nominations Chair Theresa Pitts-Singer (Pacific Branch) at Theresa.Pitts-Singer@ARS.USDA.GOV, Carlos Blanco (Southwestern Branch), Rachid Hanna (International Branch), David Held (Southeastern Branch), Mary Purcell-Miramontes (Eastern Branch), or Rob Venette (North Central Branch).

ESA Editorial Boards:
- Arthropod Management Tests (3-year term)
- Journal of Integrated Pest Management (4-year term)

ESA Standing Committees:
- Education and Outreach
- Membership

Judging Panels:
- ESA Horticultural Award (2 vacancies)
- Pioneer Hi-Bred International Graduate Award (Foundation) (3 vacancies)
P-IE Undergraduate Achievement in Entomology Award

The 1 May deadline is fast approaching to nominate excellent students for the P-IE Undergraduate Achievement in Entomology Award. Cash awards ($1,500 each) will be presented to as many as four undergraduate students during the All P-IE Section Networking Afternoon on 12 November in Knoxville, TN. Award winners must present a paper or poster as part of the Undergraduate Competition for the ESA President's Prize. See http://entsoc.org/PDF/P-IE/P-IE_Undergrad_Award.pdf or contact Committee Chair Frank Peairs (Frank.Peairs@Colostate.Edu) for details on applying for the award.

Name the P-IE Master’s Student Award Contest

Marlin Rice suggested naming the new $1,000 P-IE Master’s Student Award put together by P-IE Past President Rogers Leonard. Many of us have entomology mentors we would like to recognize in a special way. By 15 June, send to Bonnie Pendleton (bpendleton@wtamu.edu) a short paragraph of <250 words supporting the name you propose for this new award. Watch the P-IE Newsletter for further news on naming the award.

P-IE Section Symposia Selected for ESA Meeting

P-IE members proposed a record number of Program, Section, and Member Symposia for the upcoming ESA annual meeting in November in Knoxville. The P-IE Governing Council appreciates the organizers of all the symposia proposals submitted. A list of P-IE Section Symposia can be found at http://www.entsoc.org/entomology2012/symposia-entomology-2012.

P-IE Volunteers Needed for ESA Meeting in Knoxville

Vice President Gary Thompson reports P-IE Section needs many more volunteers to be student judges or moderators at the ESA meeting 11-14 November in Knoxville. Contact Gary at gdthompson@dow.com to volunteer.

Upcoming Activities of Interest to P-IE Members

1 May  Deadline to apply for P-IE Undergraduate Achievement Award
            http://entsoc.org/PDF/P-IE/P-IE_Undergrad_Award.pdf
1 May-11 June  Confex open to register presentations for ESA annual meeting
16 May  Nominations due for P-IE Vice President Elect and Governing Board representative
15 June  Deadline to name the new P-IE Master’s Student Award
3-6 June  North-Central Branch annual meeting, Lincoln, NE
            http://www.entsoc.org/northcentral
1 July  Nominations due for ESA member and student awards
            http://entsoc.org/awards/whats_available
2 July  Registration opens for ESA annual meeting
19-25 August  International Congress of Entomology, Daegu, Korea
            http://www.ice2012.org/
Report of ESA Subject Matter Expert/Liaison to US-EPA
Visit to Office of Pesticide Programs and work at Potomac Yard Location
23-26 January 2012

Follow-up with ESA Central was renewed for open access publication usage by non-ESA Office of Pesticide Program staff members (15 individuals) in 2012. These individuals are predominantly doing work involving entomology and insecticide labels but are not members of ESA (weed scientists, plant pathologists or trained in other areas of biology). All 13 scientists set up for 2011 were maintained, plus two additional names submitted. Appreciation was expressed for these and other ESA efforts to help EPA improve labeling quality and efficiency. Liaison activities include on-site visits, participation in conference calls, preparation of on-going assignments for two EPA-OPP branches, participation in training sessions, communication with several ESA members on ESA-EPA interactions, and delivery of other ESA meeting presentations. Specific activities and meetings involved the Insecticide-Rodenticide Branch, Insecticide Registration Branch, the Biological and Economic Analysis Division (BEAD), the Reduced Risk Program, the Environmental Fate and Effects Division (EFED), and the Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (BPPD). Including monthly resistance management work group meetings (BEAD), joint participation with the WSSA liaison has shown considerable synergism.

During my last visit (January 23rd-26th), I was invited to participate in a multi-branch reduced risk registration meeting set up for industry presentation of new chemistry for field crop piercing-sucking insects (pre-meeting preparation included an opportunity to review all submitted materials). As ESA subject matter expert, I was asked for input on habitat conditions at a time when the chemical would be used, as well as knowledge of bee activity and pollination. After the company completed this presentation and left the meeting, I was asked to stay and participate in discussions through the remaining in-house deliberations. I believe my input helped lead to the approval of this chemistry. Other meetings on various stages of labeling of chemistry also involved input from the USDA Office of Pest Management Policy. Because of EPA sensitivities regarding some of this kind of information, my relationship at OPP has been carefully cultivated, building on what I feel are established trusts. The invited presentation by EPA’s Lois Rossi to the P-IE section at the national ESA meeting was very complimentary of ESA’s work with EPA. During the Reno meeting, I participated in numerous US-IRAC (Insecticide Resistance Action Committee) activities and had follow-up individual discussions with many society members.

Other activities involve interactions with the registration division in preparation for the FIRA Scientific Advisory Panel presentation next week on the status of EPA’s work on bed bugs. Today, I will be participating by conference call in a meeting with several EPA divisions addressing how EPA could improve decision making and further incorporate principles of sustainability into its on-going work. Our involvement in this visionary activity is a result of previous interactions with the Associate Director of BPPD. During my next trip to OPP in April, I have been scheduled to lead a brown-bag lunch seminar on “Entomological Perspectives on Resistance Management.”

For the joint Southeastern/Southwestern branch meeting, I’m scheduled to lead a discussion on my EPA work next Tuesday at 9:12 AM (White Oak Lecture Hall).

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Reagan

Reports by Gene Reagan, ESA Subject Matter Expert/Liaison to EPA, who is co-sponsored by the P-IE Section, may be found at http://www.entsoc.org/p-ie/epa-reports.
Featured P-IE Governing Council Member, John Adamczyk

Dr. John J. Adamczyk, Jr. is a Supervisory Research Entomologist/Research Leader, at the USDA ARS Thad Cochran Southern Horticultural Laboratory, Poplarville, MS. John obtained his B.S. in Molecular Biology at the University of Wisconsin/Madison (1992), M.S. in Entomology at Clemson University (1994), and Ph.D. in Entomology at Louisiana State University (1998). His work experience includes employment as an Associate Research Scientist at Zeneca Ag Products, Richmond, CA (1998-1999) and as a Research Entomologist at USDA ARS Stoneville, MS (1998-2005) and Supervisory Research Entomologist/Research Leader at USDA ARS Weslaco, TX (2005-2011) until he moved into his current position in October 2011. John has almost 20 years of research experience in insect physiology, toxicology, molecular biology, systematics, and plant resistance. He has authored more than 100 publications, 65 in refereed journals. He routinely receives invitations to present research findings at major scientific forums both nationally and internationally. His discoveries on how different Bt proteins are expressed temporally and spatially in the cotton plant have impacted the exploitation of these traits in enhancing productivity and profitability in the U.S. and abroad. His well-funded research also focuses on issues related to modern and environmentally-sustainable control of major agricultural pests of subtropical crops. John has exemplified his leadership qualities having served dual roles as permanent/acting Research Leader of the ARS Beneficial Insects and the Honey Bee Research Units in Weslaco where his efforts helped increase overall unit funding and improve relationships with customers and stakeholders. His leadership roles in ESA include serving on the Southeastern Branch Nominating Committee (2000), serving on (2003-04) and chairing (2005) the Southeastern Branch Student Awards Committee, serving on the Southwestern Branch Program Planning Committee (2006), and Vice-President Elect of Plant-Insect Ecosystems Section. John is a Subject Editor for ESA’s Journal of Integrated Pest Management (2009-present). For the Mississippi Entomological Association, John served on the Membership and Rules (2001), Executive (2001-02), and Nominations committees (2005), chaired the Awards Committee (2001 and 2003), and was Vice-President and President (2003-05) of the association. For the past decade, John co-organized and co-chaired the biennial Armyworm Symposium at the Southeastern Branch, working on all phases of symposium organization and execution. He is very active in the meetings of the Beltwide Cotton Conferences and served as Co-chair of the Insect Research and Control Conference (2004-present), where he serves as co-editor for 70 or more manuscripts presented at the Conference each year.

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