

Entomological Society of America Plant-Insect Ecosystems Section *March 2013 Newsletter*



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Student Award Nominations

It is time to nominate well-deserving undergraduate and Masters Students. The P-IE Section annually awards up to four undergraduates and one Masters Student with \$1500 cash awards, as well as a very nice plaque and recognition at the annual section meeting of ESA. The undergraduate and Masters winners are expected to give poster or oral paper presentations at the ESA annual meeting. Complete guidelines are available on the section portion of the ESA website <http://www.entsoc.org/pie> or by contacting the student award committee chair Dr. Miriam Cooperband, mcooperb@aphis.usda.gov. The deadline this year for the P-IE Section undergraduate student awards is May 1 and August 9 for the M.S. award.

P-IE Volunteers Needed for National Conference

More than 120 volunteers, primarily moderators of 10-minute papers and judges of student papers and posters, are needed each year to run the P-IE portion of the national conference. This year ESA has started a new service to collect volunteers for various needs including the national meeting. It is located in Member Services on the website www.entsoc.org. Please give it a try. However, since we only had 10 volunteers on the new database so far this year, and because we are still unsure how well this will work, please feel free to also volunteer via email instead of or in addition to the new volunteer portal on the website, by sending an email to Vice President John Adamczyk, jadamczyk301@gmail.com.

ESA Presidential Committee on Science Policy

The committee on Science Policy issued their first Newsletter earlier this month. If you missed it, there is a link on the front page of the ESA web site www.entsoc.org. The chair of the committee, Dr. Bob Peterson, has asked us to survey the Section membership about what policy issues they are most concerned about and/or on what issues ESA should be engaged in. Please send me (gdtompson@dow.com) your thoughts and we will put them forward as Section concerns. We have been asked to complete this activity by **April 1**.

Section Up-Dates at the Branches

The Southwestern and Southeastern Branches of ESA allowed section leadership a few minutes to remind the membership of our activities and to hopefully recruit a few members. At last count there were more than 500 members who were not affiliated with any section and you can join multiple sections. The membership count determines our funding and symposia allocations. The P-IE GC also wants to congratulate all of the members and students who received Branch recognition awards. Please look up branch information on the main ESA website and note the awardees if you were unable to attend.

Dr. Gene Reagan Receives Recognition Award for Distinguished Service

Multiple members of the SE Branch approach P-IE leadership and encouraged recognition of Dr. Reagan's long service to ESA. Most recently he served and set the example of science outreach and public policy impact with his outstanding execution of the ESA Subject Matter Expert to the Environmental Protection Agency. He also continued to represent P-IE as the Editorial Board Representative to the Environmental Entomology journal. With great support from many including ESA central we were able to get a plaque for Dr. Frank Zalom to present to Gene at the SEB meeting. Thank you Gene for all you have done, and we look forward to continued coaching and service!

P-IE Section Symposium for ESA Annual Meeting

The P-IE GC received 32 symposia to rank and select as Section Symposia. This was a very hard task because of the very high quality of most. Our rankings were based on not only potential attendance but also we selected at least one symposium from the many diverse areas that P-IE members represent. Our results have been submitted to the ESA Program Chairs, and we have requested an increased number of allocations for the year. Stay tuned!

P-IE Calendar

April 1 – ESA nominations for National offices opens
April 2-4 – Third Conference on Invasion Biology, Ecology and Management
April 6-11- Pacific Branch ESA
May 1 – Deadline for P-IE undergraduate nominations
May 1 – June 3 – Submitted Posters and Papers to National Meeting Open
May 15 – Deadline for Branches to submit their nominations for national office
June 16-19 – North Central Branch Meeting
July 1 – ESA and Entomological Foundation Awards submission deadline
July 12 – Early Bird registration and housing for ESA Annual Meeting opens
August 9 – Deadline for nominations for MS students for Legends of Entomology Award
November 10-13 – ESA 61st Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas

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