

# Entomological Society of America Plant-Insect Ecosystems Section

## *June 2013 Newsletter*



<http://www.entsoc.org/pie>

### **P-IE Calendar**

July 8-10 – ESA Summer Program Meeting to Finalize the ESA Annual Meeting

August 9 – Deadline for Nomination of MS Students for Legends of Entomology Award

November 10-14 – ESA Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas – Meeting Registration and Housing are Open

### **Student Master Award Nominations**

It is now time to nominate well-deserving Masters students for the Legends of Entomology Award. The P-IE Section annually awards one Masters student with a \$1,500 cash award, as well as a plaque and recognition at the P-IE Section meeting at the Annual Meeting of ESA. A “Legend of Entomology” is also recognized along with the student’s advisor. Complete guidelines are available on the Section portion of the ESA website at <http://www.entsoc.org/pie> or by contacting the P-IE Student Award Committee Chair Dr. Miriam Cooperband, [mcooperb@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:mcooperb@aphis.usda.gov). The deadline for the P-IE Section Masters student award is August 9.

### **The 2013 P-IE Networking and Business Meeting**

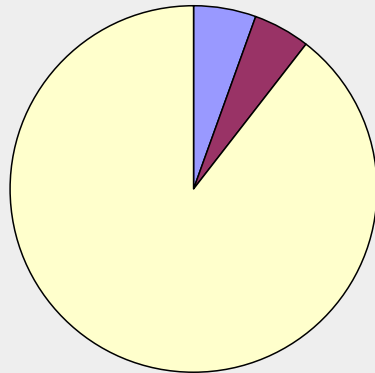
The P-IE GC will continue the tradition of a Monday afternoon networking and business meeting, and based on survey feedback we will shorten your time commitment to participate. After the annual brief business meeting, we will have a 3 panel team address: **Connecting to the Future** – What entomology needs will continue, disappear and emerge? The speakers are Dr. Rick Roush, Dean, Melbourne School of Land and Environment; Dr. Daniel Strickman, ARS, National Program Director and Dr. Scott Hutchins, Past ESA President and Global Director of Crop Protection for Dow AgroSciences. This should be an insightful session to learn what is valued across entomological career opportunities with tips on how to improve job performance and improve or enable your participation in the future. Following the panel presentation there will be refreshments and a **DRAWING for 2 I-PAD wireless enabled minis**. One will be reserved for moderator and student judging volunteers and one will be for all P-IE members. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT** to participate, learn and have a high odds chance at a new I-PAD.

## P-IE Survey Results

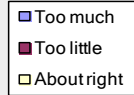
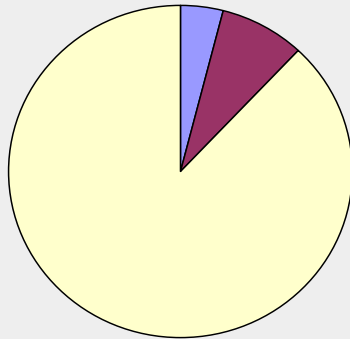
The Governing Council developed a short survey that was distributed last month and we thank the 200 respondents! However, with about 2500 P-IE members this was not a great response but the results did confirm some assumptions. The results for the multiple choice questions are below. There was also some great feedback in the open text questions which the GC will discuss and act on. An issue we have at the Section and Society is we have very limited resources and there is significant input that we need to reduce membership and meeting fees. The GC is trying to make the most of our resources which was the driver behind the survey and we will continue to make as much impact with what we have. Our greatest resource is our P-IE membership so please continue to help the Section help others to have an impact on entomology through the Society or their daily jobs.



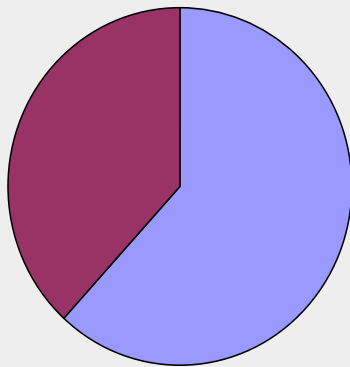
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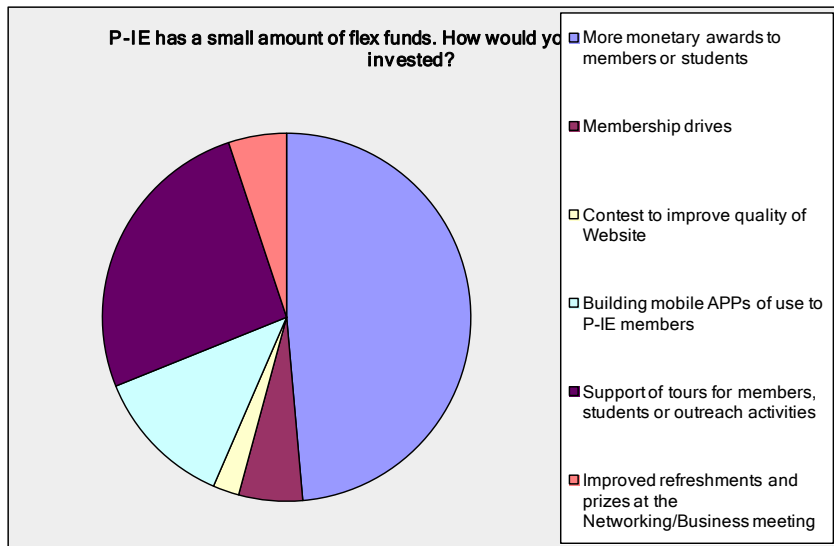


How do you view the communication level from the P-IE Section or Governing Council?



Is the P-IE Networking/Business Meeting at the national meeting a good investment of your time?





## Volunteers for P-IE Committees

The nomination period for the ESA annual election process has closed. However we have some P-IE committee openings coming up in November that will require filling by Presidential appointments. These include 1) Student Awards Committee Member from Government, 2) P-IE Nominating Committee members one each from SEB and International Branch, 3) JEE Editorial Board, 4) JIPM Editorial Board, 5) J Med Ent Editorial Board, 6) Fellows Judging Panel (must be a Fellow), 7) Insect Physiology, Biochem. & Tox. Award, and the 8) Kenneth & Barbara Starks Plant Resistance Award. Please let either the nominating committee or one of the GC members know if you would be interested in serving.

The 2013 P-IE Nominating Committee members are:

David Held, chair	Southeastern	dwh0004@auburn.edu
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Bonnie Pendleton, <i>ex officio</i>	P-IE GC, P-IE Past Pres.	bpendleton@wtamu.edu

## P-IE Volunteers Needed for National Conference

More than 100 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 ESA Annual Meeting. Vice President John Adamczyk has the wrangling duties this year and believes he has enough volunteers however once assignments are made there has historically been a high level of turnover so he would like to collect more alternates. If you might be able to help please ask John to add you to the alternate list

by sending him an email at [jadamczyk301@gmail.com](mailto:jadamczyk301@gmail.com). Thank you for those who have stepped up for this crucial task; without you we could not hold our annual conference. Note all volunteers and alternates will be included in the special I-PAD drawing at the Network-Business Meeting on Monday afternoon.

### **P-IE Governing Council (GC)**

Bonnie Pendleton, Past President (bpendleton@wtamu.edu)

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