Upcoming Activities of Interest to P-IE Members

1 March  ESA Section or Member Symposia proposals due at http://www.entsoc.org/entomology2012/submit
4-7 March  Southeastern and Southwestern Branch meeting, Little Rock, AR http://www.entsoc.org/2012-southeasternsouthwestern-joint-annual-meeting
15 March  Nominations of ESA Fellows and Honorary Members due http://entsoc.org/awards/whats_available
16-19 March  Eastern Branch annual meeting, Hartford, CT http://www.entsoc.org/eastern-branch-2012-annual-meeting
24-28 March  Pacific Branch annual meeting, Portland, OR http://www.entsoc.org/Pacific-Branch-2012-Meeting
27-29 March  International IPM Symposium, Memphis, TN http://www.ipmcenters.org/ipmsymposium12/
1-4 April  International Plant Resistance to Insects workshop, Minneapolis, MN http://www.hpr2012.umn.edu/index.htm
3-6 June  North-Central Branch annual meeting, Lincoln, NE http://www.entsoc.org/northcentral

Travel Funds to ICE 2012 for Students and Young Professionals

A competition for travel grants of as much as $3,000 to participate in the 2012 International Congress of Entomology (ICE), 19-25 August, in Daegu, South Korea, is open to ESA members who are undergraduate or graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, or professionals with less than three years’ experience. The grants for airfare, lodging, and/or registration will be administered through the ESA Student and Young Professionals Committee. Awards will be based on the research presented and how participation at ICE will benefit the awardees' professional work and entomology. Applications are due by 22 February at http://www.entsoc.org/application-instructions-2012-ice-travel-grants.
P-IE Undergraduate Achievement in Entomology Award

May 1, 2012 is the deadline to nominate excellent students for the P-IE Undergraduate Achievement in Entomology Award. The award consists of cash ($1,500 each) for as many as four undergraduate students. Since 2008, the P-IE Section has sponsored this award presented at the P-IE networking meeting during the ESA Annual Meeting. Award winners must attend the ESA national meeting and present a paper or poster as part of the Undergraduate Competition for the President's Prize. For details, see http://entsoc.org/PDF/P-IE/P-IE_Undergrad_Award.pdf, or contact Committee Chair Frank Peairs (Frank.Pears@Colostate.Edu).

Report of ESA Subject Matter Expert/Liaison to US-EPA
Visit to Office of Pesticide Programs and work at Potomac Yard Location
27-28 October 2011

After my participation in a 3-day USDA NIFA Project Directors Workshop on bioenergy grants, I was able to spend two days on-site at EPA-OPP. Continuing issues of interest with personnel in the Biological and Economics Analysis Division (BEAD), the Insecticide Branch (Registration Division), and the Insecticide-Rodenticide Branch were included in session activities during that week. Entomological interactions with the USDA Office of Pest Management Policy involved re-labeling issues. Additional activities in a future session were discussed via a telephone conference call including the Associate Leader of the Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (BPPD).

A presentation by Jill Schroeder involving the newly developed WSSA training module on resistance management with participation by ESA Liaison involving comparative insight on insect resistance management was planned for the week of 23 January 2012. If possible, the BEAD monthly Resistance Management Workgroup meeting will be conducted with ESA and WSSA liaison participation that week also.

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.

Welcome New P-IE Nominations Committee Members

Mary Purcell-Miramontes is the new representative for the Eastern Branch on the P-IE Nominations Committee. Rob Venette will represent the North Central Branch. Rob and Mary join Committee Chair Theresa Pitts-Singer (Pacific Branch), Carlos Blanco (Southwestern Branch), David Held (Southeastern Branch), Rachid Hanna (International Branch), and B. Rogers Leonard (P-IE Governing Council representative).

P-IE Volunteers Needed for ESA Meeting in Knoxville

Contact Gary Thompson (gdthompson@dow.com) to volunteer as a moderator or student judge for a P-IE session at the ESA meeting in Knoxville, TN (11-14 November).
Past P-IE President B. Rogers Leonard Wins Insect Research Award

Dr. B. Rogers Leonard (far right) of Louisiana State University was the 2012 winner of the Insect Research and Control Conference Award for Excellence in Cotton Integrated Pest Management. The award, sponsored by Dow AgroSciences, recognizes the outstanding career contributions of an individual to applied arthropod IPM across the U.S. Cotton Belt. The 2012 award was presented to Rogers at the Beltwide Cotton Conference on 5 January. Dr. Leonard also became the associate vice chancellor for research for the Louisiana State University AgCenter on 1 January 2012.

Featured P-IE Governing Council Member, Joy Newton

Joy L. Newton, M.S., is the P-IE representative to and Chair of the ESA Student Affairs Committee. Joy is a Ph.D. student at University of Nevada, Reno, where she is researching the effects of forest management on diversity and the effects of ant nesting on surface water infiltration. She teaches introductory biology labs and mentors many undergraduate students. Joy also has studied biological control of weeds, insect biodiversity, and land management effects on arthropods. She joined ESA in 2005 while a graduate student at West Texas A&M University. She has been an active member of the Southwestern Branch and has served on the Southwestern Branch Student Affairs, Program, and Local Arrangements committees. Joy has volunteered numerous times for other activities at both the branch and national meetings. She is committed to making sure any student who wants to be involved with ESA will have an opportunity to contribute to the Society. Joy is an active member in her church and community and enjoys spending quality time with her family and dogs.

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