

Entomological Society of America Plant-Insect Ecosystems Section

November 2013 Newsletter

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P-IE Calendar

November 10-14 – ESA Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas – with P-IE

- P-IE Business/Networking Meeting, Monday, Nov. 11, 2-5 pm
- P-IE Listening Session, Wed., Nov. 13, 4-5 pm
- New P-IE leaders and representatives assume their roles at the end of the Annual Meeting

2013 Annual Meeting & P-IE Networking and Business Meeting

The Annual Meeting is LESS THAN A WEEK away and the government shutdown and other distractions need to be put behind us. The program is on-line at [visit the online program today](#) and there are tools like the personal scheduler. The P-IE GC will continue the tradition of a Monday afternoon networking and business meeting, and based on survey feedback we have shortened the session to facilitate your participation. The brief annual business meeting will include not only committee reports, awards, and the unveiling of the 2nd Legend of Entomology, but also a **special address** from ESA President Rob Wiedenmann and a report from our EPA Liaison Mark Whalon. These will be followed by a must-hear information session on **Connecting to the Future** – What entomology needs will continue, disappear and emerge? The 3 talks are by Dr. Daniel Strickman representing government, Dr. Rick Roush representing academia and Dr. Scott Hutchins representing industry, with great tips on how to keep your job now and be in demand in the future. Following the panel presentation, there will be refreshments and a **DRAWING for 3, I-PAD minis.** One will be reserved for moderator and student judge volunteers, one for all P-IE members including students, and a newly added one just for students (yes, we want you at the business meeting!). YOU MUST BE PRESENT to participate, learn and have high odds of winning an I-PAD. An entry form is attached and we will have extras at the business meeting if you forget yours. Volunteers will be automatically entered in the volunteer drawing, and you may enter (deposit your ticket in the box at the session) in the member and/or student boxes. Only one entry per drawing and you must be present to claim your I-Pad when your name is called. A member can win only one I-Pad. We look forward to seeing you at our annual Section business, learning, and fun networking session. Bring a friend and be there a few minutes before 2 pm kick-off time to be sure you are entered in the I-PAD drawings!

P-IE Volunteers Needed for National Annual Meeting

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 thought he had enough volunteers 2 weeks ago but we have had significant turnover and would like a few more back-ups. If you can help, ask John to add you to the alternate list by sending him an email at jadamczyk301@gmail.com. Thank you to those who already volunteered for this crucial task; without you we could not hold our Annual Meeting and no need to volunteer a second time if you have already sent you information to John! Note all volunteers and alternates will be included in the **special I-PAD** drawing at the Network-Business Meeting on Monday afternoon.

P-IE to Announce the Second ‘Legends of Entomology’

The \$1,500 student award and accompanying recognition of a Plant-Insect Ecosystems Legends of Entomology Award recognizes entomologists who have been legends and mentors, Masters students, and student advisors. Dr. Larry Pedigo was selected to be the first ESA P-IE “Legend of Entomology” and in addition to the plaque he received in 2012 he will be listed on future awards. The 2013 “Legend” honoree will be revealed at the networking session of the Annual Meeting so be there to learn who and honor them.

The second “future legend” Masters student recipient is Ximena Cibils Stewart. Ximena will graduate in December from the Department of Entomology at Kansas State University. Her major professor Dr. Brian McCornack will introduce her and be recognized for his on-going student mentoring. Ximena will present a paper Monday morning at 10:48 AM (0752) “Feeding location affects demography of cabbage aphid on winter canola.” The Runner-up for the Masters Student Award was Mallory Everett from the University of Arkansas, whose major advisor is Dr. Gus Lorenz. Mallory is the author or co-author of six presentations at the Annual Meeting. Please congratulate each of these “legends” of entomology. And, remember to nominate current and future legends of entomology next year.

P-IE Undergraduate Student Award Winners’ Presentations

P-IE undergraduate award winner Sandra Schachat, University of Maryland, will give a presentation in the Undergraduate Student Ten-Minute Paper Competition: 10:00 AM 0467 “The origin of leaf galling in the Permian, and the macroevolutionary implications thereof.” She also will have additional presentations at the meeting.

P-IE undergraduate award winner Breanna Lyle, Mississippi State University, will present: “Comparison of the spider prey (*Neoscona* spp.) of mud daubers (Hymenoptera: Sphecidae; Crabronidae) today and 50 years ago on a national wildlife refuge” Monday, November 11, 2013: 10:12 AM Meeting Room 4 A. Breanna will have additional presentations at the meeting.

Joshua Villarreal, University of Texas-Pan American, will have a poster on "Rhizaspidiotus donacis "arundo scale", a biological control agent of *Arundo donax*, an invasive weed of the Rio Grande Basin."

As we all know, we learn as much and sometimes more from working with students, so please take time to hear their presentations and visit them at their posters.

Welcome New P-IE Governing Council Members

Welcome new P-IE Governing Council members Vice-President Elect Fred Musser of Mississippi State; Secretary Andy Michel, Ohio State University; Treasurer Patrick Moran, USDA; and Student Representative Alejandro Del Pozo, North Carolina State University.



Farewell to P-IE Governing Council Members

Please thank outgoing P-IE Governing Council members Melissa Willrich Siebert (Secretary), Paula Davis (Treasurer) and Joy Paterson (Student Representative), for their excellent service to our Section. We look forward to working with them on future ESA activities.



P-IE Listening Session on Wednesday 4-5 in the Austin Suite, ACC

Your GC will have its final working session on Wednesday November 13, in the Austin Suite room in the convention center. This is an informal working session and all members are welcome to come give feedback or learn how they can be more involved in the section. Please join us.

P-IE Factoid

Did you know 2013 is the 6th year anniversary for the P-IE section?

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Enter to win an iPad

at P-IE Section Networking Afternoon

2-5 p.m., Monday, 11 November

Print NAME: _____

Affiliation: _____

Student Member: Yes _____ or No _____

Cut out and place ticket in drawing box