Austin Meeting and All P-IE Section Networking Afternoon

We were fortunate to have some great weather and great attendance for the Austin meeting. A special thanks to the symposia organizers, presenters and over 100 active P-IE moderators and judges! Also thanks in advance for helping again or for the first time in Portland in November 2014. Portland is an amazing city to host our meeting!

Some interesting statistics from Austin:

Record Meeting – 3,250+ pre-registered

First-ever >$1 million ESA meeting

2736 Presentations (less cancellations)

- 107 symposia, with 990 papers
- 989 submitted papers, 393 Student Competition
- 757 posters, 194 Student Competition

Total 2013 P-IE presentations

- P-IE Section Symposia 23 with 205 presentations
- Submitted oral presentations -277 in 35 sessions
- Undergraduate oral presentations – 11
- Undergraduate posters – 10
- Graduate student oral presentations – 188 in 14 sessions
- Graduate student posters – 78
- Submitted member posters – 282
The P-IE Section Networking Afternoon meeting was well attended (avg of 300). Special thanks from all to Drs. Rick Roush, Daniel Strickman, and Scott Hutchins for outstanding presentations at the P-IE Networking session!

iPad Winners!

Congratulations goes out to Elissa Ballman (University of Maine) and Caitlin Stamper (University of Kentucky)! Both were P-IE volunteers at the ESA meeting and were the two winners announced at this year’s P-IE Section Networking Afternoon meeting.

P-IE Volunteers Needed for National Service

Volunteers are needed each year to represent P-IE in various offices or on ESA committees or editorial boards. Nominations and inquires for the positions should be submitted to the P-IE President (John.Adamczyk@ars.usda.gov).

Outgoing P-IE Governing Council Members

Please thank outgoing P-IE Governing Council members Melissa Willrich-Siebert (Secretary), Paula Davis (Treasurer) and Bonnie Pendleton (P-IE Section Past President), and Joy Newton (Student Representative) for their excellent service to our Section. They certainly will be missed, but we know they will still remain very active in ESA!

Bonnie  Paula  Melissa  Joy
Welcome Incoming P-IE Governing Council Members - Lot's of New Faces!

Welcome new P-IE Governing Council members Fred Musser (P-IE Section Vice President Elect), Andy Michel (Secretary), Patrick Moran (Treasurer) and Alejandro Del Pozo.(Student Representative)
P-IE Announces 2013 ‘Legends of Entomology' Winners

The Plant-Insect Ecosystems Legends of Entomology Award recognizes entomologists who have been legends and mentors, Masters students, and student advisors. Dr. George Teetes was selected to be the 2013 ESA P-IE recipient of this prestigious award. He was recognized with a plaque and will be listed on the perpetual list of legends, including Dr. Larry Pedigo, the inaugural recipient in 2012.

Dr. George L. Teetes received his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in Entomology from Texas A&M University. After receiving his Ph.D., he was sent to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Lubbock, to solve the problem with greenbugs that devastated sorghum throughout the Great Plains. In 1975, he went to Texas A&M University, College Station, where he retired in 2000. During his 36 years with The Texas A&M University System, George developed IPM strategies for sorghum insects and led in development of resistant sorghums that annually save farmers hundreds of millions of dollars. He published 308 articles on management of sorghum insects, including 95 refereed journal articles and 12 book chapters. George was a founder of US-AID INTSORMIL and maintained collaborative research programs in Africa, Asia, and the Americas. He was known worldwide as “the sorghum entomologist.”

Dr. Teetes was President of ESA in 1994 and the American Registry of Professional Entomologists in 1990 and served on numerous committees. He was named ESA Fellow in 1996. Twenty-one times George was honored for his contributions to research, teaching, and industry, including a Lifetime Achievement Award from The Texas A&M University System.

For 25 years, Dr. Teetes taught an economic “Field Crop Insects” course. Students called his the best course they had taken at Texas A&M. He graduated 40 students from his research program and served on advisory committees for numerous others. He was a caring mentor who always had time to listen and assist students. His former students are active entomology leaders throughout the world.
The 2013 master student winner was Ximena Cibils-Stewart, who successfully defended her M.S. thesis in October from the Department of Entomology at Kansas State University. Ximena's thesis is titled, "Influence of plant architecture on tritrophic interactions between canola, aphids and *Hippodamia convergens*". Her major advisor, Dr. Brian McCornack, was honored to give a presentation for us to highlight Ximena's exceptional accomplishments. In addition, special recognition goes out to Mallory Everett from the University of Arkansas, who was the 2013 runner-up for this award.

P-IE Undergraduate Achievement Awards in Entomology Winners

Sandra Schachat, University of Maryland

Sandra and John Adamczyk, Current P-IE President
Breanna Lyle, Mississippi State University

Joshua Villarreal, University of Texas, Pan American

Joshua and Beto Perez De Leon, USDA, ARS, Laboratory Directory
ESA President’s Prize P-IE Student Winners at 2013 Annual Meeting

Congratulations to the following P-IE students who won first and second places in the fierce competition for the President’s Prize in Austin.

Amy C. Morey
John D. Aigner, Jr.
Brett Robert Blaauw
Alina Avanesyan
Anthony Justin McMechan
Emily K. Mohl
Yao Xu
Loriann Garcia
Christopher Foelker
Miyanda Nzala Moonga
Thomas Edward Dantas Whitney
Deepak Shrestha
Nisha Shakya Bajracharya
Sara Hermann
Abiya Saeed
David Adam Ingber
Rebecca Lauren Wente
Anjel Marie Helms
Seung Ho Chung
Kathryn Suzanne Ingerslew
Heather Connelly
Matan Ben-Ari
Sandra Schachat
Sriyanka Lahiri
Anna Deutsch
Madeleine M. Dupuy

Congratulations to P-IE Members for National ESA Awards

Dr. Douglas B. Walsh Award for Excellence in Integrated Pest Management
Dr. Whitney S. Cranshaw ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Horticultural Entomology
Dr. Timothy D. Paine ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching
Dr. John F. Tooker ESA Early Career Innovation Award
Dr. Michael E. Gray ESA Fellow Designation Given
Dr. Charles Vincent  
ESA Fellow Designation Given

Dr. Jocelyn G. Millar  
ESA Fellow Designation Given

Dr. Richard Stouthamer  
ESA Recognition Award in Entomology

Dr. Carey R. Minteer  
ESA Student Activity Award

Dr. Doo-Hyung Lee  
Henry & Sylvia Richardson Research Grant

Ms. Lisa M. Overall  
John Henry Comstock Graduate Student Award

Ms. Natalie K. Boyle  
Larry Larson Graduate Student Award for Leadership in Applied Entomology

Ms. Brittany Faye Peterson  
Lillian & Alex Feir Graduate Student Travel Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry, or Molecular Biology

**Don't forget Section and Member Symposia Deadlines!**

The deadline for symposia submissions is **February 28th**, so don't delay.  
http://www.entsoc.org/entomology2014/symposia-submission

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