



SOUTHEASTERN BRANCH

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FROM: David Riley, 2016-2017 SEB-ESA President, dgr@uga.edu

TO: Southeastern Branch Members of the Entomological Society of America

SUBJECT: Invitation to the 91st Meeting of the Southeastern Branch of the ESA, Call for Papers and Posters and Announcement of Proposed Amendments to the SEB Constitution and By-Laws

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 91st Meeting of the Southeastern Branch (SEB) of the Entomological Society of America which will be held on March 12-15, 2017 at the Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel, Memphis, TN (<http://www.sheratonmemphisdowntown.com/>).

The meeting will be in the standard Sunday (March 12) to Wednesday (March 15) format with the opening business meeting and plenary session on Monday morning and a reception that evening. The Local Arrangements Chair, Scott Stewart, and acting co-chair, Jerome Grant, with The University of Tennessee, have really picked a great venue for this year's meeting. The Program Chair, Ash Sial, has been hard at work developing a great set of symposia, several of which have already been filled with outstanding invited speakers. Our Plenary presentation this year will be delivered by Dr. Audrey Lenhart who is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Lead of the Integrated Vector Management Team, and Lead for International Activities for the Zika Vector Issues Team. This will be followed later in the program with a symposium tentatively entitled Emerging Public Health Issues – Zika Virus and Other Human and Animal Diseases.

You can find information regarding meeting registration, hotel reservations (Note: make sure to ask for the SEB-ESA room block), transportation, committees and other important information at our SE Branch Website: <http://www.entsoc.org/southeastern/2017-southeastern-branch-annual-meeting>.

Paper and poster submissions are now open and the deadline for submission is **December 15, 2016**, so don't delay. You can submit your titles online at the Branch website. Information on student and member award deadlines are also on this website.

Our current national offices election winners are Timothy D. Schowalter –SEB Representative on the ESA Governing Board and Lina Bernaola –Student Representative on the ESA Governing Board. Be sure to congratulate them when you see them. Nomination for SEB offices this year include the President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and Member at Large, so get your suggestions to the Nomination Committee Chair, Babu Srinivasan babuscri@uga.edu, as early as possible.

The Ad hoc By-Laws Committee 2017 has worked diligently on SEB-ESA Constitution and By-Law changes, including the important task of raising the Linnaean Games Enhancement Committee to a standing committee. As per the current Constitution, "the Executive Committee shall forward each proposed

amendment, along with its recommendation for approval or disapproval to be printed and distributed to the members of the Branch with the "Call for Papers" for the next annual meeting. The proposed amendments shall be placed on the agenda for the Final Business Meeting," which for us will be Tuesday evening March 14, 2017. The list of proposed amendments has been posted to the Branch website and a printed copy is included with this letter.

This year we would like to encourage a strong associate attendance at the Branch meeting. To this end, the Local Arrangement Committee has selected two excellent tours to be offered during the meeting. Please encourage your spouses, friends and families to join us in Memphis and to consider the tours below.

- Graceland (Tour#3 admission adult \$47.50, 3.5 hours, 4 on-site restaurants, gift shops)
- Memphis Botanical Gardens (admission adult \$8, workshops, excellent on-site restaurant)

Can't wait to see you at Memphis!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Riley", written over a printed name.

David Riley, 2016-2017 SEB President

Encl: Proposed Amendments to the Southeastern Branch Constitution and By-Laws