



i- Branch Newsletter – October 2020

Updates from the International Branch:

1. International Branch Business Meeting

Are you participating in Entomology 2020? If so plan on attending the International Branch [Annual Business Meeting and symposium](#) which is taking place on November 24. You must be registered for the annual meeting to attend. The Governing Board look forward to meeting you online next month.

2. Volunteers needed

Are you interested in being more involved with the International Branch? The Branch is currently looking for representatives to serve on the following committees:

- **Committee on Diversity & Inclusion:** This Committee will propose resources, programs, and services that will maximize diversity and inclusion support among ESA members and increase the cultural competency of ESA members. This committee has a 2 year term of service.
- **Early Career Professionals (ECP) Committee:** The aim of this Committee is to act as a vehicle for recognizing the perspectives of and experiences of the Student Transition and Early Professional population and helps develop our next generation of ESA leaders. To be eligible to serve on this committee you must be an ECP which is defined by ESA as anyone within 5 years of their terminal degree. This committee has a 3 year term of service.
- **Science Policy Committee:** This Committee works closely with the Governing Board and ESA's advocacy firm in Washington, DC, to set the Society's public policy agenda. This committee has a 3 year term of service.
- **Student Affairs Committee:** The purpose of this Committee is to stimulate interest in student participation in the Society and to advise the Governing Board on matters of interest to Student Members. This committee has a 2 year term of service.

If you would like to be considered for one of these vacancies please send a brief personal statement (250 words or less) explaining why you would like to serve on the committee, along with a 2-page CV (no publications) to branch president Thomas Simonsen (t.simonsen@nathist.dk) no later than October 16th. Additional information on ESA committees can be found at <https://www.entsoc.org/about/committees-boards/esa-committee-vacancies>

3. 2021 IB Virtual Symposium

The fourth IB Virtual Symposium is scheduled to take place April 26-28 2021. The three themes are:

- Insect Populations
- Extension and Social Sciences
- Insect-plant interactions

There will also be a general poster session. Further information will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

4. Contribution to The American Entomologist.

The IB governing board was invited by Kevin L. Steffey (Editor in Chief) to contribute to a Feature article in the 2020 fall issue of the *American Entomologist*. It focused on the effects of COVID-19 on entomology and entomologists from around the world. Check out the article at <https://academic.oup.com/ae/article/66/3/34/5909267>

We sincerely thank the following for their involvement with International Branch services

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