P-IE Committee Appointments

Last month’s newsletter contained several opportunities for professional service representing the P-IE section. In some cases there were more volunteers than positions. Listed here are those that have been recently selected to serve on the various committees of P-IE. This society would not function without many hours of volunteer service. Thank you to all P-IE volunteers.

P-IE Representatives to ESA Committees

Science Policy committee: Cheri Abraham (U.S. Citrus)
STEP Travel Awards Committee: Tom Kuhar (Virginia Tech)
Horticulture Award Judging Panel: Sue Blodgett (2nd term, Iowa State)
Robert Morrison (USDA-ARS)
ICE Program Committee: John Adamczyk (USDA-ARS)
New Journal Editorial Board: Scott Bundy (New Mexico State)

P-IE Section Committees

Awards Committee: Joe Louis (U. of Nebraska)
Pollinator Committee: Sujaya Rao (Oregon State)
Caydee Savinelli (Syngenta)
Thomas Anderson (IPM Solutions)
MaLisa Spring (Ohio State)
Judy Wu-Smart (U. of Nebraska)
Christina Grozinger (Penn State)

Nominations Committee
International Branch: Mao Chen (Monsanto)
Pacific Branch: Silvia Rondon (Oregon State)
2016 P-IE Award Deadlines

Due to the annual meeting being in September this year rather than November, we are moving up the deadlines for our P-IE awards for 2016. The submission deadlines for 2016 are:

- Undergraduate Student Achievement in Entomology Award: March 15, 2016
- Master’s Student Achievement in Entomology Award: June 15, 2016
- Kenneth and Barbara Starks Plant Resistance to Insects Graduate Student Award: June 15, 2016
- Lifetime Achievement Award: May 31, 2016
- Integrated Pest Management Team Award: May 31, 2016

Links with specific instructions for each award can be found at http://entsoc.org/p-ie-awards.

Pollinator-Related News

EPA released the “Preliminary Pollinator Assessment to Support the Registration Review of Imidacloprid” in January. This is the first of four preliminary risk assessments for insecticides potentially harmful to bees. The assessment can be found at http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0844-0140. Comments on this report can be made until March 15.

Upcoming Meeting: 3rd International Conference on Pollinator Biology, Health and Policy. July 18-20, 2016 at University Park, PA. For more information: http://agsci.psu.edu/pollinator-conference

Call for Moderator and Judge Volunteers for ICE

The XXV International Congress of Entomology is quickly approaching and we need your help. The need for moderators and judges is anticipated to be higher than during a typical ESA Annual Meeting, so please consider serving in one of these capacities.

Moderators are responsible for keeping their session running on schedule and facilitating discussion where necessary. Training for moderators will be provided onsite during the Congress. Up to two moderators will be assigned to all 15-Minute Oral Presentation sessions.

Judges for the student competition will be assigned to either a 15-Minute Oral or Poster presentation session. Judges are responsible for judging each presentation in their assigned session according to the criteria which will be provided. Training for judges will take place onsite in Orlando. Three judges will be assigned to each student competition session, both 15-Minute Oral and Poster.

To serve as a moderator and/or judge, submit the form located at http://ice2016orlando.org/ice-2016-moderators-and-judges/.

Thank you for your willingness to support P-IE and the Society.
Meet Mark Wright, Vice-President Elect and newest member of the P-IE Governing Council

Dr. Mark G. Wright is an entomologist at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Mark was awarded a B.Sc. (Hons) and M.Sc. from Stellenbosch University in South Africa, and his Ph.D. in entomology from the University of Natal (1997). He worked on insects associated with indigenous crops and vegetables in South Africa (Department of Agricultural Development and Agricultural Research Council), prior to moving to Cornell University for a post-doctoral fellowship, where he worked on augmentative releases of *Trichogramma* for biological control of European corn borer. Mark then moved to the University of Hawaii to take up a position as an extension/research entomologist in the Department of Plant and Environmental Protection Sciences, and currently serves as department chair. He concentrates on integrated pest management research and extension in tropical fruit and nut crops, with strong research interests in sustainable pest management, risk-assessment for non-target impacts in biological control and post-release evolution in biological control agents. Mark has authored and co-authored numerous papers on insect-plant interactions, insect diversity, augmentative biological control, invasive insects, and integrated pest management. He has current research projects addressing key pests of coffee, papaya and macadamia nuts, agro-ecosystem diversification and pest suppression, and control of invasive pests attacking indigenous plant species in Hawaii. Mark is editor of the *Proceedings of the Hawaiian Entomological Society*, and served on the editorial board of *Environmental Entomology*, 2012-2014 (chair of editorial board 2014).

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