Following the highly successful 2017 Pollinator Tour organized by P-IE, a Second Pollinator Field Tour, ND – July/ August 2018 is planned. This tour will focus on:
The Key Role of North Dakota in Understanding the Nation’s Pollinators. Major topics addressed will include: Habitat focus; Different climate and crop mix; Honey production and summer ground for pollination services; HBHC Bee Integrated Demo Project; Technology Transfer (a component of Bee Integrated). Luis Gomez, P-IE member and scientist at DowDuPont, is leading this effort. Registration details and a final agenda will be available soon.

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The ESA sections P-IE and SysEB are co-endorsing a field tour on Invasive Species. This tour is expected to occur in August this year. The field tour will be centered in Pennsylvania, and will highlight recent invasive insect species, the role of port inspections and taxonomic collections in invasive species detection, and responses to new invasions. Tom Anderson of EntoNiche, ESA
Science Policy Fellow and P-IE member, is leading the arrangements for this tour. Registration details and a final agenda will be available soon.

Pollinator Presentation

Farmweek recently aired this “Pollinators and Pesticide Management” feature, which highlights the 2017 Pollinator Science Policy tour that P-IE organized. The video provides a comprehensive overview of the tour and its objectives. Click here to watch the feature story.

This is part of the continuing effort that P-IE is making to become the premier source of information on pollinator issues.

P-IE Awards

An important note regarding the P-IE IPM team award: Please note that there is no real restriction on the team size for this award. Priority is given, but not limited, to small teams (defined as having 10 or fewer members) and must include entomologists from both the private and public sectors. We strongly encourage nominations for the IPM award! Please see the Plant-Insect Ecosystem (P-IE) Integrated Pest Management Team Award website for complete details.

Also please consider nominating deserving entomologists for the P-IE Lifetime Achievement Award in Entomology, which recognizes career-long contributions; or the P-IE Recognition Award in Entomology which specifically recognizes entomologists making significant contributions to agricultural entomology. The P-IE Recognition Award in Entomology was previously the “ESA Recognition Award in Entomology”; it was recently adopted by the P-IE Section. P-IE members are eligible for nomination.

Deadlines for P-IE Section awards are as follows:

- Undergraduate Award – May 1, 2018
  - Plant-Insect Ecosystems Undergraduate Student Achievement in Entomology Award
- Graduate Awards – June 1, 2018
  - Plant-Insect Ecosystems Master’s Student Achievement in Entomology Award
  - Kenneth and Barbara Starks Plant Resistance to Insects Graduate Student Award
- Professional Awards – July 1, 2018
  - Plant-Insect Ecosystems Lifetime Achievement Award in Entomology
  - Plant-Insect Ecosystems Recognition Award in Entomology
  - Integrated Pest Management Team Award
Rob Morrison, USDA-ARS Center for Grain and Animal Health Research, has been appointed as the North Central Branch P-IE representative on the P-IE Nominations Committee.

Sunil Tewari, DowDuPont, has been appointed to the P-IE Awards Committee as the industry representative.

Thank you to our Section member volunteers for helping to serve P-IE and ESA!

P-IE Committee Vacancy

Volunteer to Serve on a P-IE Committee – Eastern Branch Member, We Need Your Help!
An eastern branch member volunteer is needed to fill a vacancy on the P-IE Nominations Committee. Please volunteer to serve your Section. Submit a brief statement of interest and experience to Diane Alston. Thank you!

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