

## Branch Report to the ESA Governing Board

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**Motion/Request for Action**

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### Branch Leadership

#### 2017 i-B Governing Board

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Esther Ngumbi (USA) [enn0002@auburn.edu](mailto:enn0002@auburn.edu)

## **Current Activities and Recent Accomplishments**

### 1. i-B Governing Board meetings

Two conference calls were held to conduct i-B Governing Board meetings on August 22 and September 15. President Megha Parajulee, President-Elect Maya Evenden, Past-President Margaret Hardy, Governing Board Representative Livy Williams, Secretary Rory McDonnell, and ESA's Program & Meetings Manager Becky Anthony were in attendance and/or sent their input to the Board. These meetings largely focused on planning for a Virtual Symposium where Branch members can participate in scientific symposium. Branch annual Business Meeting would still be conducted at the ESA Annual meeting.

### 2. Committee Positions Filled

The i-B recently filled the following committee vacancy

- a. Committee on Finance – Charles Vincent is appointed to fill the position vacated by Del Delfosse

### 3. Virtual Symposium

The first ever International Branch Virtual Symposium has been planned for April 16-18, 2018. This new event will feature three days of video and virtual poster presentations focused on three primary topic areas: Integrated Pest Management, Invasive Species, and Science Communication. The International Branch leadership is currently developing a quality, interactive program to engage International Branch members around the globe. Confex web submission for virtual poster presentations will be opened on November 7, 2017 with the submission deadline of February 5, 2018. Registration for the symposium will open December 15, 2017.

The Board decided to charge US\$25 per virtual poster submission. This fee is expected to cover the Confex charge of conducting the virtual symposium. The Board decided to keep the symposium fee low to launch the Program and then evaluate the success of the first symposium before we use virtual symposium as a source of income generation for the Branch. The submission fee also covers the registration fees for the presenting author of the virtual poster. Non-presenters can register for the symposium at \$25 registration fee.

### 4. i-B Awards

The International Branch selected two awardees to be recognized at ESA annual meeting in Denver: Isobel Ronai (Comstock Award) and Antonio Panizzi (IB

Distinguished Scientist Award). Although the Branch has two other awards, Early Career Research and Leadership Award and Graduate Student Award, no awardees were selected for these awards this year.

5. Other

- a. The i-B has sent quarterly newsletters to our membership to keep members informed on branch news.

## **Branch News**

1. International Branch Governing Board Election

The following individuals were elected to fill the Governing Board vacancy for 2018:

**International Branch President-Elect** – Dr. Zeyaur R. Khan, Principal Scientist at the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (*icipe*) in Nairobi, Kenya ([zkhan@icipe.org](mailto:zkhan@icipe.org); 011 254 722744660).

**International Branch Secretary** – Dr. Rory McDonnell, Oregon State University ([rory.mcdonnell@oregonstate.edu](mailto:rory.mcdonnell@oregonstate.edu); 541-737-6146)

**International Branch Representative to the Certification Board** – Dr. Lisa Poirer, University of Northern British Columbia, Canada ([poirierl@unbc.ca](mailto:poirierl@unbc.ca); 250-960-6124)

2. 2017 International Branch Annual Business Meeting

The 2017 International Branch Annual Business Meeting will take place at the Annual ESA Meeting in Denver, Colorado on November 7 (3:30-5:30 PM); Convention Center Meeting Room 707. This year, we plan to combine annual Business Meeting with a short scientific symposium. The Business meeting will include award presentations, followed by formal research paper presentations by each of the two 2017 International Branch award winners, Isobel Ronai (Comstock Award) and Antonio Panizzi (IB Distinguished Scientist Award), and address by ESA President, announcement of virtual symposium and 2018 ESA meeting in Canada, and conclude the meeting with a brief address by the 2018 Branch President Maya Evenden.

## **Current Membership and Financial Status**

The International Branch membership currently accounts for 10.7% of ESA membership.

Financial Status: In the black.

Branch Funds: Managed by ESA Central