

Branch Report to the ESA Governing Board

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Current Activities and Recent Accomplishments

1. Committee Positions Filled

The i-B recently filled a number of vacancies on their committees

- a. The Awards Committee - Shahbaz Ahmad (Pakistan), Wen-Po Chuang (Taiwan), and Qiao Wang (New Zealand) have joined the i-B Awards Committee.
- b. ESA Education and Outreach Committee - Giovanni Fagua Gonzalez (Colombia)
- c. ESA and Foundation Judging Panels
 - i. Achievement in Extension - Livy Williams (USA)
 - ii. Achievement in Teaching - Patrick De Clercq (Belgium)
 - iii. Excellence in IPM - Alvin Simmons (USA)
 - iv. Fellows Judging Panel - Christian Borgemeister (Germany)
 - v. Henry & Sylvia Richardson Research Grant - Midori Tuda (Japan)
 - vi. Recognition in Entomology - Maya Evenden (Canada)

2. Virtual Symposium

The i-B is in the early stages of planning a virtual symposium for its members. We envision that this symposium will take place during 2018.

3. i-B Awards

The i-B Awards were launched on April 1st 2017. The branch has four awards this year – Distinguished Scientist Award, Early Career Research and Leadership Award, J.H. Comstock Award, and Graduate Student Award. The closing date for applications is July 1st except for J. H. Comstock (July 10th).

4. Other

- a. The Governing Board of the i-B organized a conference call on May 19th to discuss a variety of branch matters including engagement with foreign Entomological Societies, the i-B awards, an i-B virtual symposium, Branch committee vacancies, and nominations for 2018 Officers. 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.
- b. The Governing Board participated in Higher Logic Training with Becky Anthony and Katherine Matthews on June 2nd.
- c. The i-B has sent quarterly newsletters to our membership to keep members informed on branch news.

Branch Meeting News

1. 2016 International Branch Annual Business Meeting

The 2016 International Branch Annual Business Meeting took place during the 2016 International Congress of Entomology in Orlando, Florida on September 29, 2016 from 11:30AM-1:00PM. The meeting was attended by 42 members and guests. President Hardy gave the status of the Branch and the award program followed. Dr Charles Vincent, Dr Rajeswaran Jagadeesan, and Isobel Ronai were awarded Distinguished Scientist Award, Early Career Researcher Award, and Graduate Student Award, respectively, onsite. Dr Kiran Gadhave was recognized with J.H. Comstock Award, but he was not in attendance to receive the award. A luncheon discussion was held amongst members and guests on ways to initiate the web-based meeting for the Branch. Branch leadership began exploring options to do 2017 annual meeting through the web, with the aim of increasing attendance as well as to generate funds. The 2016 annual Business Meeting noted the value of physical meetings, but the distance, cost, and logistics associated with travel for International Branch members has necessitated a more creative way of conducting such meetings. The IB Governing Board agreed to explore mechanisms of such web-based conferences.

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 from November 5 to 8. A specific date and time has not yet been set. However, the format for this meeting will differ from previous years, especially that we plan to combine annual Business Meeting with a short scientific symposium. The first part of the meeting will be the International Branch Business while the second part will be used for our 2017 i-B Award winners and invited speakers to provide presentations on their research. Branch award winners will be presented with a plaque by President Megha Parajulee.

Current Membership and Financial Status

The International Branch currently has 583 members (as of March 2017). Membership has risen consistently each month since January 2016 (January: 516 members; February: 563; March: 583). International Branch membership currently accounts for 10.7% of ESA membership.

Financial Status: In the black.

Branch Funds: \$ 14,588.86 (as of April 30th 2017)

Other Information/Comments

Past President Maggie Hardy suggested in our Governing Board conference call that the branch newsletter be sent to members in plain text format as opposed to html so that members in developing countries where bandwidth is poor can access our newsletters. If members are unable to access our newsletter they will not be notified of important branch opportunities e.g. i-B awards and deadlines for applications, committee vacancies. The i-B Governing Board will work with ESA National to address this issue.

Motion/Request for Action Information

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