



INTERNATIONAL
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i- Branch Newsletter – January 2018

Updates from International Branch President—Maya Evenden, January 2018

Happy New Year International Branch Members!

Here are some updates from the IB Governing Board:

1. The International Branch Business Meeting and mini-symposium was held in association with the ESA National Meeting in Denver, CO on Nov. 7, 2017.
2. International Branch Award Presentations:
 - a. John Henry Comstock Graduate Student Award—Isobel Ronai, University of Sydney, Australia
 - b. Distinguished Scientist Award--Antonio Panizzi, Embrapa National Wheat Research Center, Passo Fundo, Brazil

Award recipients presented their research to the International Branch Members:

Ronai, “The genetic and mechanistic basis of worker sterility in the honey bee”

Panizzi, “Forty-three years of stink bug research: It’s been fun so far”

3. Newly Elected Officers:
 - a. IB President: Maya Evenden, Dept. Biological Sciences, University of Alberta, Canada
 - b. IB Treasurer: Ayyasamy Regupathy, Annamalai University, Chidambaram, India
 - c. President-Elect: Zeyaur Khan, International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology, Kenya

Here are some exciting new initiatives for the International Branch:

1. Join us for the inaugural **International Branch Virtual Symposium!**

The IB Virtual symposium, <http://www.entsoc.org/international/2018-virtual-symposium>, will be held April 16-18, 2018 and gives us the opportunity to network with colleagues from around the world without leaving our offices! The three-day meeting will feature both video and poster presentations centered around three major themes of broad interest to IB Branch members: IPM, Invasive Species, and Science Communication. **Poster submissions are now open until February 5.** I look forward to “seeing” you all on-line in April.

2. Submit a symposium at the Joint Annual Meeting in Vancouver, BC in November 2018! Deadlines to submit a symposium proposal at the Joint Annual meeting between the Entomological Societies of America, Canada and British Columbia are fast approaching. If you plan to be in Vancouver in November, please consider submitting a symposium proposal at <https://esa.confex.com/esa/2018/cfp.cgi>.

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I look forward to interacting with you all over the upcoming year. Please feel free to contact the Governing Board with your questions and ideas!

Maya Evenden—IB President

If you have news that you think is interesting to the i-B membership, please contact the i-B Secretary, Rory Mc Donnell (rory.mcdonnell@oregonstate.edu), to have it posted on the website or included in the next newsletter.

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

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