Following up on the successful field tour in Mississippi during 2017, P-IE Section has endorsed another tour in 2018 titled, "Science Policy Pollinator Field Tour: Collaborative Approaches for Pollinator Protection and Productive Agriculture" in partnership with the Honey Bee Health Coalition.

The Field Tour will bring together diverse stakeholders for hands-on understanding of pollinators and the many ways in which they intersect with production agriculture, including: pollinator habitat, crop production and crop pest management, and opportunities for collaboration.

The field tour will enable candid discussions with the goal of learning from locally-executed case studies in North Dakota. Field tour highlights will include visiting the US Geological Survey Northern Prairie Research Station; the North Dakota State University Agronomy Seed Farm; Bee and Butterfly Habitat...
Fund forage sites, demonstration sites of the Honey Bee Health Coalition’s Bee Integrated Demonstration Project – where beekeepers and farmers are collaborating to implement a suite of best management practices for bee health; and USDA research plots.

At these sites, participants will view and learn about innovative pollinator forage plantings, bee pest and disease management, the North Dakota Pollinator Plan, crop pest management, and the various challenges and opportunities facing beekeepers, farmers, and others working to support pollinator health. The tour will also include reflection on how knowledge gained from North Dakota can be leveraged in implementing collaborative approaches for pollinator protection and productive agriculture.

More information about the Pollinator Field Tour, including the Field Tour Agenda, Award Opportunities, and Frequently Asked Questions, are on the tour website. Any questions regarding the tour can be directed to Luis Gomez, Pollinator Field Tour Co-Organizer.

Apply Online by June 15, 2018

Invasive Species Tour Registration

Applications for participation in the Invasive Species tour remain open! Please visit the Invasive Species Field Tour website for more information.

Call for Judges and Moderators

Please support your Section by volunteering to judge or moderate P-IE student competitions and contributed paper sessions at the Joint Annual ESA Meeting in Vancouver, BC. Please contact Mark Wright if you would like to volunteer – please include “ESA volunteer” in the subject line.

Your contributions as voluntary judges and moderators are very important to the success of our student competition and symposia sessions.

P-IE Section Awards

Please note the following deadline for submitting P-IE award nominations:

Professional Awards – July 1, 2018
Please visit the P-IE Section Awards website for more information.

P-IE Annual Business Meeting
Invited Speakers

We pleased to announce that we will have two invited speakers addressing topics pertaining to pollinators, pollinator health and invasive species impacts at the P-IE Business Meeting, at the Joint ESA meeting in Vancouver. The invited speakers and their presentation topics are:

Julie Shapiro, Healthy Bees, Healthy People, Healthy Planet: How the Honey Bee Health Coalition is Fostering Collaboration for Pollinator Health.

Ethel Villalobos, Bee diversity and ecological interactions – why we stumble on issues of pollinator health.

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the P-IE Business meeting!

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