



i- Branch Newsletter – October 2018

Updates from the International Branch:

1. International Branch Virtual Symposia

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's first ever International Branch Virtual Symposium held April 16-18, 2018. The symposium was a great success! A total of 182 attendees from 25 countries participated. A post-symposium questionnaire sent to attendees showed that 89% of participants were satisfied or very satisfied with the event, and 72% would attend a future IB virtual symposium. Because of the success of this 2018 symposium, preparations for the second annual International Branch Virtual Symposium are already underway. **The symposium will be held April 8-10, 2019.** The three themes will be: 1. Plant-Insect Interactions (April 8); 2. Medical Entomology (April 9); and 3) Biological Control (April 10). In addition, there will also be a general poster session for presenters whose work falls outside of the three theme areas. Stay tuned for more announcements about this exciting event!

2. International Branch Business Meeting

Are you attending Entomology 2018 in Vancouver, Canada? If so the International Branch Annual Business Meeting and symposium will take place on **Tuesday November 13th (3:30PM-5.30PM) in Meeting Room 302/303** in the Vancouver Convention Centre. All members are welcome to attend! Items on the agenda include presentation of the 2018 International Branch awards (see below), and research presentations from award winners. There will be reports from governing board members and IB representatives, an open discussion about the 2019 Virtual Symposium hosted by IB, and confirmation of the 2019 IB Governing Board Members.

3. 2018 International Branch Award Winners

The winners of the 2018 IB Awards are as follows:

- *Distinguished Scientist Award* - Dr. Silvia Dorn (ETH Zurich)
- *J.H. Comstock Graduate Student Award* - Ximena Cibils-Stewart (Western Sydney University)
- *Early Career Research and Leadership Award* - Dr. Boyd A. Mori (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)

There were no applications for the Graduate Student Award in 2018.

All of our winners will be acknowledged at the International Branch Business Meeting on Tuesday November 13th (3:30PM-5.30PM) in Meeting Room 302/303 at the annual meeting in Vancouver. Congratulations to our 2018 winners!

4. International Branch Bylaws

Several changes to the International Branch Bylaws were voted on and approved in 2018.

Changes included:

- a. Clarification of wording describing branch membership.
- b. The addition of a new Early Career Professional to the International Branch Governing Board.

The approved byelaws can be viewed at

https://www.entsoc.org/sites/default/files/files/International_Branch_Bylaws_Amended_August_2018.pdf

5. Volunteers needed

Are you interested in being more involved with the International Branch? If so, Please contact Zeyaur Khan (zkhan@icipe.org) for volunteer opportunities in 2018-2019.

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

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