



## MUVE Newsletter

### August 2019

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### Update from the Science Policy Committee relevant to MUVE

1. President Trump signed the Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2019 into law, which included most of the language from the Strengthening Mosquito Abatement for Safety and Health Act, aka SMASH Act. The purpose of the legislation is to improve the Nation's public health and medical preparedness and response capabilities for emergencies, whether deliberate, accidental, or natural.
2. The Ticks: Identify, Control, and Knockout Act, or TICK Act for short, is a federal bill that has been submitted for consideration that would provide funding for tick related activities. ESA has [supported this legislation](#). MUVE members interested in supporting this bill should reach out to their [Senators](#) or [House of Representatives](#).
3. The science policy committee has chosen the Class of 2019 ESA Science Policy Fellows. Among [them](#) is MUVE member Dr. Sydney Crawley.
4. At their June meeting, the ESA Governing Board approved a revision of the Tick-Borne Disease position statement. It can be found on the ESA website under the [Position Statements section](#).

### ESA Annual Meeting

Please [register](#) for the 2019 ESA Annual Meeting before 9/23 to take advantage of the advance rate. The "Highlights of Medical, Urban, and Veterinary Entomology & MUVE Business Meeting" will be held in the Monday afternoon from 2:30-5:30 pm in America's Center, Room 263. This is the only opportunity for all MUVE members to be in the same room to share their knowledge and socialize. Please attend this event. In addition, there will be eight MUVE section symposia:

1. Advocate Research and Development of Insect Repellents  
Organizer: Mustapha Debboun
2. Can We Really Eliminate Mosquito-Borne Disease in the 21st Century?  
Organizer: Byron Reid
3. Emerging and Neglected Infectious Diseases: Innovative Vector Research  
Organizers: Baldwin Torto and David Tchouassi
4. Indoor Pests and Human Health: Advocating for Interdisciplinary Interactions

Organizers: Zachary DeVries and Coby Schal

5. Promoting Warfighter Readiness: DoD-Funded Entomology Research and Product Development

Organizers: Gabriela Zollner and Erica Lindroth

6. Urban Pests and Vectors: Emerging Impacts, Sustainable Management, and Future Research

Organizer: Paul T. Leisnham

7. Vectors, Hosts, and Pathogens: Advocating Cross-System Dialog and Research in Entomology

Organizers: Cynthia Lord, Christopher Vitek, Chelsea T. Smartt, and W. Braswell

## ESA Awards

### ESA Annual Meeting 2019 MUVE Section Awards Winners:

1. Recognition Award in Medical, Urban, & Veterinary Entomology.

**Laura Harrington**, Ph.D., Cornell University

2. Shripat Kamble Urban Entomology Graduate Student Award for Innovative Research.

**Aaron Ashbrook**, Ph.D. candidate, Purdue University

3. Student Travel Award

- **Paula Castillo**, Louisiana State University
- **Hannah Greenberg**, Pennsylvania State University
- **Hannah Quellhorst**, Kansas State University
- **Shannon Sked**, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- **Caixing Xiong**, Texas A&M University

There were two applicants for the Recognition award, three applicants for the Shripat Kamble award, and 15 applicants for the Student travel award

**ESA ECP Extension Award:** Erika Machtinger, PhD Pennsylvania State University

## Call for Judges at ESA Annual Meeting

We are looking for judges for student competition during the ESA Annual Meeting. Interested members can view the list of available sessions and decide which session(s) you prefer to judge. Deadlines for sign up is **October 10**. Link for Judges Sign-Up:

[Student 10-min & 3-min Paper Competition Sessions](#)

[Student Poster/Infographic and Virtual Poster/Infographic Competition Sessions](#)

Thank you for volunteering. It is greatly appreciated!

## Announcements

1. The *Journal of Medical Entomology* published a special collection of papers highlighting important events and research in the fields of medical, urban, and veterinary entomology, as well as a paper describing activities of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as related to entomology. The collection is based on the highlight presentations during the MUVE section meeting at the ESA annual meeting in 2018, and is freely available [to read and download here](#).
2. Tick IPM Academy will be held November 6 - 7, 2019 Russell Laboratories, University of Wisconsin Madison. Please contact [Maria Weber](#), or [visit website](#) for more information.
3. Public Tick IPM Working Group. The Working Group meets via conference call on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00PM CT. A recording of the call on August 14th, 2019 and presentation is available by visiting this [link](#).
4. The MUVE Section leadership was asked to provide a review of the ESA's review of the 2019 Draft Guidelines on the Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Lyme Disease, prepared by the Infectious Disease Society of America. ESA HQ had sought comments from the general society membership and then MUVE provided a review of those suggestions, which became the input from the Society for the document.