

MUVE Newsletter
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MUVE news briefs

Your 2019-2020 MUVE Officers are listed [here](#).

[Dr. Chris Geden](#) of USDA-ARS was elected at the national meeting in November and starts his term as MUVE Secretary (2019-2022).

Dr. Ed Vargo of Texas A&M University is MUVE VP-elect (2019-2020)

Dr. Mustapha Debboun, past-president of MUVE, began his term as Governing Board Representative (2019-2022)

Dr. Meaghan Pimsler, University of Alabama, former [ESA Science Policy Fellow](#), began her term as Representative to the ESA Science Policy Committee

Sydney Crawley was selected as an [ESA Science Policy Fellow](#) and will work to identify funding opportunities for urban entomologists based on new and existing federal legislation.

Meredith Spence Beaulieu has agreed to serve as MUVE representative to ESA's [Linnaean Games Committee](#).

Update from the Science Policy Committee relevant to MUVE:

The Kay Hagan TICK Act, aimed at improving the government's response to Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, was included in the federal appropriations and signed by the President <https://www.lymedisease.org/tick-act-appropriations/>

ESA and several other groups have joined to form a Vector-Borne Disease Network, a stakeholder group of non-profit organizations, including membership and trade associations, vector control groups, and educational institutions such as the CDC regional Centers of Excellence (see this flyer to learn more about the COEs). The group advocates for VBD research

and management funding, seeks to connect the community of vector professionals, and envisions a world where human suffering from arthropod disease vectors is reduced. ESA leads the effort and assumes an organizing role in developing and sustaining the network. More information can be found here: <https://www.entsoc.org/sci-pol/VBD-Network>

ESA annual meeting

Our 2020 MUVE Highlights speakers have been selected and will be:

- Medical Entomology – Dr. Chris Stone, Illinois Natural History Survey
- Urban Entomology – Dr. Alexander Ko, Bayer Environmental Science
- Veterinary Entomology – Dr. Kim Lohmeyer, USDA-ARS

2020 ESA Awards

Nominations for 2020 Honorary Members, Fellows of the ESA, and the Founders' Memorial Award are due by **March 16th**. Read more about why it's important to nominate, and how to overcome barriers to honoring all entomologists:

<https://entomologytoday.org/2020/02/12/impostor-syndrome-bias-doubt-overcoming-barriers-honoring-all-entomologists/>.

Don't miss the opportunity to honor careers and contributions from across the diverse realm of entomology!

MUVE Volunteer Opportunities

We are in need of six volunteers to represent MUVE on judging panels for ESA and Foundation Awards!

The duty of serving as a Judge does not require you to devote a large amount of time. The judging process will take place beginning the first week of June. During this time you will be provided with nomination information, and you will review and submit your scores via Confex (online judging tool). The entire judging process is done electronically (no traveling involved). Some panels may deem it necessary to have a conference call or two. In this case, an 800 conference call number will be provided by ESA. **Judging Panel terms are typically 3 years.**

The judging panel vacancies are listed below along with a link to a description of the award:

Nan-Yao Su Award for Innovation and Creativity in Entomology -

<http://entsoc.org/awards/professional/nan-yao-su>

Early Career Innovation Award -

<http://www.entsoc.org/awards/professional/ecia>

Early Career Professional Outreach and Public Engagement Award -

<http://www.entsoc.org/awards/step-outreach-and-public-engagement-award>

Early Career Professional Research Award -

<http://www.entsoc.org/awards/step-research-award>

Early Career Professional Teaching Award -

<http://www.entsoc.org/awards/step-teaching-award>

Early Career Professional Extension Award -

<http://www.entsoc.org/awards/step-extension-award>

Being a member of an ESA Judging Panel is a great honor as well as a large responsibility. You will be working with other panel members on judging your colleagues/peers and making the best decision possible (based on information that is provided in the nomination package) on who will be the current year award winner.

If you're interested in volunteering to serve on a Judging Panel, please email [Pia Olafson](mailto:pia.olafson@entsoc.org)

MUVE Initiatives

MUVE is in need of new Medical, Urban, Veterinary or overall MUVE section initiatives. Please see examples of our past and current initiatives [here](#), and contact MUVE president [Dana Nayduch](#) if you are interested in leading a new initiative.

Announcements

The [National Conference on Urban Entomology](#) takes place May 18-20 in Mobile, AL. Registration is open. MUVE's Changlu Wang and Sydney Crawley are hosting a symposium which will center on IPM in low-income communities

The 86th Annual American Mosquito Control Association conference, which was scheduled to be held March 16-20 in Portland, Oregon, has been **cancelled** over concerns surrounding coronavirus transmission (<https://www.mosquito.org/page/annualmeeting>)

The American Mosquito Control Association 22nd Annual Washington [conference](#) is set to take place May 12-13, 2020 in Alexandria, VA, and provides an important opportunity to advocate for vector and vector-borne disease control needs at the federal level.

The [Biology of Vector-Borne Diseases](#) 6-day training course will take place June 21-26 at the Center for Health in the Human Ecosystem at the University of Idaho. The course provides accessible, condensed training and "knowledge networking" for advanced graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, faculty and professionals to ensure competency in basic biology, current trends and developments, and practical knowledge for U.S. and global vector-borne diseases of plants, animals and humans. Apply [here](#).

The 2020 Livestock Insects Workers Conference will be held in Dallas, TX June 14-17. Hotel reservations should be made by May 21 through the following link : <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/dallas-park-west/meetings/liwc-june-2020-room-block-06142020> . Contact [Chris Holderman](#) if you have any questions.