

MUVE Newsletter

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MUVE News Briefs

MUVE Communications Committee (**NEW**)

In order to better communicate with the MUVE membership and beyond, we have launched an ad hoc Communications Committee. This Committee will be enhancing member communications (such as this newsletter) and strengthening our section's social media presence. Be sure that you're following us on Twitter [@MUVE ESA](#), and look for more MUVE-related content on ESA's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) soon. Have ideas for content or want to get involved? Contact muve.esa@gmail.com.

MUVE Awards Committee

The MUVE Awards Committee has been reorganized and now consists of the MUVE Vice-President, President, Past President (Chair), MUVE Representative to the Diversity and

Inclusion Committee, and a MUVE member appointed by the president. All members serve a 3-year term except the appointed member, who serves a 1-year term.

Summer Elections: MUVE and ESA Leadership Opportunities

Nominations are now open for the two MUVE and two ESA governance positions below. All nominations are submitted through the [ESA Nomination Submission Form](#) and are due by **June 1**.

1. Remember that anyone can nominate and self-nominations are accepted! Open positions include:

- MUVE Vice President-Elect
- MUVE Treasurer
- ESA Vice President-Elect
- ESA Student Representative to the Governing Board

The following MUVE officer opportunities are also available, but are not part of the summer elections. If you are interested in nominating or self-nominating or would like more details, please contact the Nominations Committee chair [Justin Talley](#), or MUVE President, [Dana Nayduch](#).

- Representative to ESA Diversity and Inclusion Committee
- Representative to ESA Early Career Professionals Committee
- Representative to ESA Committee on Student Affairs
- MUVE Nominations Committee (must have Urban entomology focus)

MUVE Initiatives

Do you have an idea to improve capabilities in outreach, research, or program development for the MUVE membership? We are seeking new Medical, Urban, Veterinary, and overall MUVE section initiatives. Learn more about our past and current initiatives [here](#), and contact MUVE president [Dana Nayduch](#) if you are interested in leading a new initiative.

MUVE Section Awards

2020 MUVE and ESA award nominations are open through **June 1**. Consider nominating (or self-nominating!) for the following:

****NEW ****

[Medical, Urban, and Veterinary Entomology Early Career Award \(MUVE-ECA\)](#): This award recognizes an early professional member of the MUVE section of ESA who has demonstrated excellence in research, extension, teaching and/or outreach. The candidate will have made outstanding contributions to Medical, Urban and/or Veterinary entomology appropriate to

their early career status, demonstrate potential to be a leader in their chosen career, and be a substantial contributor to the MUVE section. The recipient will receive a \$500 check and an award plaque.

[Recognition Award in Medical, Urban, and Veterinary Entomology](#): Recognizes a professional member of MUVE and encourages outstanding research, teaching, outreach/extension and service contributions in the fields of medical, urban, and veterinary entomology.

[Medical, Urban, and Veterinary Entomology Student Travel Awards](#): Recognize MUVE student members who have demonstrated excellence in Medical, Urban, and Veterinary Entomology.

[Medical, Urban, and Veterinary Entomology Shripat Kamble Urban Entomology Graduate Student Award for Innovative Research](#): Recognizes a doctoral student who is currently conducting research demonstrating innovative and realistic approaches to urban entomology.

Other ESA awards and their eligibility requirements can be found here:

<https://www.entsoc.org/about/awards-honors>

MUVE Member Spotlight

Dr. Dong-Hwan Choe was awarded the Medical, Urban, and Veterinary Entomology award from the Pacific Branch of ESA.

Dr. Mustapha Debboun is representing MUVE in the [Vector-Borne Disease Network](#) (VBDN).

Additional ESA volunteer and leadership opportunities

ESA Science Policy Fellows

Interested in advocating for science? The [ESA Science Policy Fellows](#) program is a two-year active training program to teach entomologists the skills needed to successfully advocate for the discipline. The training focuses on federal policy in Washington D.C. and has rapidly become one of the most sought-after opportunities in ESA's recognition portfolio. Applications are due **July 5**.

American Entomologist

American Entomologist is looking for a new Editor in Chief. Interested parties can contact [Glen Scoles](#), MUVE representative on the publications council, or [Lisa Junker](#), ESA Director of Publications, Communications, and Marketing.

Judging panels for ESA Foundation Awards

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

- [Early Career Professional Outreach and Public Engagement Award](#)
- [Early Career Professional Teaching Award](#)

Being a member of an ESA Judging Panel is a great honor, but does not require you to devote a large amount of time. The judging process begins the first week of June and is done electronically (no traveling involved). **Judging Panel terms are typically 3 years.** If you're interested in serving on a Judging Panel, please email [Pia Olafson](#).

Other Announcements

MUVE section symposia and the 2020 annual meeting

The following MUVE section symposia were selected for the 2020 meeting in Orlando:

- **Advances in German Cockroach Biology and Management;** Organizers: Changlu Wang, Chow-Yang Lee, and Michael Rust
- **Chemical and Microbial Ecology of Disease Vectors;** Organizer: Baldwyn Torto
- **Delusions of Infestations (DI): Identifying Issues and Providing Answers;** Organizer: Gale Ridge
- **Oviposition Ecology of Hematophagous Arthropods: Patterns, Processes, and Applications;** Organizers: Gideon Wasserberg, Eduardo Hatano
- **Research and Development of Insect Repellants;** Organizers: Mustapha Debboun, Caleb Corona, and Joel Coats
- **There and Back Again: A Tale of Challenges and Breakthroughs of Understudied Dipteran Vectors;** Organizers: Mary Mills and Simon Carpenter

**Note: ESA has [posted a statement regarding COVID-19](#), which will be updated weekly. ESA will issue a full refund of registration fees to any registrants who elect to cancel their meeting registration due to COVID-19 concerns, and is looking into virtual platforms for presentations to ensure everyone can participate even if they cannot attend.

Public Health Entomology Certificate

Endorsed by and developed in conjunction with the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA), this NEW certificate is designed to provide better visibility, opportunities, and jobs for practicing pest management and vector control professionals with 5+ years of experience.

[Learn more and apply.](#)

MUVE-related conference cancellations

The following conferences have been canceled or postponed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic:

- 2020 Livestock Insect Workers Conference - canceled
- 2020 Society for Vector Ecology - canceled
- 2020 International Congress of Entomology - rescheduled to July 18-23, 2021 in Helsinki, Finland