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Dear SysEB Membership,

Greetings, SysEB members! As the temperatures rise, insect activity is increasing. Likewise, your leadership team is getting busy ramping up planning for the Annual Meeting. We want to let you know about several important dates, deadlines and opportunities coming up soon.

Annual Meeting: Branch meetings are behind us, so we are looking ahead to the 2024 Annual Meeting, scheduled for November 10-13 in Phoenix, AZ. This year, the meeting theme is "Empowering Tomorrow with Insect Science." We have an excellent roster of [SysEB symposia](#) that beautifully reflect this theme, focusing on addressing major challenges through innovative solutions for the future and highlighting the value of training and networking. Thank you, symposium organizers, for your proposals covering such an exciting breadth of topics! Stay tuned as accepted symposia will be announced soon. Meeting details can be found [online](#).



Annual Meeting Deadlines to keep in mind:

- **May 17:** Submissions to the ECP Recognition Symposium and Rising Stars of Entomology Award Symposium
- **May 31:** Submissions for 10-minute oral and poster display presentations
- **September 16:** Early Bird deadline for annual meeting registration

Call for Leadership Nominations: We are now accepting nominations for SysEB

leadership! Interested in joining our energizing team to shape the future of insect systematics, evolution, and biodiversity? Curious what a particular position entails? [Reach out to me](#), or anyone on our leadership team (contact information is listed [here](#)) and we'll be glad to speak with you about it. Students and ECPs, note that these positions can be especially good professional development opportunities. It's never too soon to step in! We are now accepting nominations for the following:

- Two elected positions:
 - SysEB Section Vice President-Elect
 - ESA Vice President-Elect (SysEB Section-endorsed nomination)
 - All nominees should [submit an application online](#) by **May 30**
 - Three committee appointments to serve as SysEB representatives:
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
 - Entomology Games Committee
 - Early Career Professionals Committee
 - All nominees should [submit an application online](#) by **May 30**
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Why Join Us: SysEB members are key players in policymaking, governmental agencies, and the private sector, driving systemic change in how insects are evaluated for conservation and perceived by the public. We produce critical research to evaluate and describe insect biodiversity including how insects respond to anthropogenic change. SysEB members also identify and describe insects, including those newly introduced or of special status. The SysEB Governing Council invites you to **reach out to us to ask about these roles and how you can participate!** In the fall, join us at the annual business meeting at ESA 2024, meet us in person, and we'll be happy to give you a sense of what we do. This event is our once-a-year opportunity to meet together and discuss and highlight how SysEB promotes our field through activities within ESA and the Section, with a special focus on networking opportunities for early-career professionals and students.

Student Update: SysEB students, see below for several exciting opportunities! If you have any student related topics to discuss, reach out to the SysEB student representative, [Judicaël](#).

Research Awards deadline: June 1

This includes nominations for the MS-level [Patch Memorial Research Award](#) and the Ph.D.-level [Snodgrass Memorial Research Award](#).

Student Debates Registration Opening Soon!

Registration can be individual or as a team. All of the details will be published [online](#). If you have any questions, please [reach out](#) so we can help.

Rising Stars of Entomology Award Symposium Submission Deadline: May 17

This is a high-profile opportunity for graduate students near degree completion to present an in-depth overview of their research. Six individuals will be selected for this competitive symposium, one from each ESA Section (two from P-IE). **Selected students will be awarded free registration to Entomology 2024 and free membership to ESA for the following year.** [Learn more and begin your submission](#).

SysEB Artwork Contest: We are excited to announce a **contest to design new artwork for the SysEB Section!** Submissions are due **June 1**. We are seeking designs that visually represent our diverse disciplines. The top design will receive \$250, and the runner-up will receive \$150. They will be highlighted in the section newsletter and at the Annual Meeting. The winner will have the glory of having their work displayed for years to come! The winning design will be used as a supplement to the SysEB official logo and printed on SysEB handouts and swag.

Submission criteria:

- Anyone, regardless of ESA or Section membership status may submit a design
- Design must be suitable to print on a variety of items, such as stickers, caps, shirts, and totes
- Limit the design to **5 colors**, using the [ESA color palette](#) and neutrals (white, black, gray, etc.)
- Use ESA's official font, [Nunito Sans](#)
- Design must include the following:
 - The words "Systematics, Evolution, and Biodiversity" or "SysEB"
 - the initialism "ESA"
- Design should incorporate topics relevant to SysEB, which include systematics, evolution, biodiversity, morphology, ecology, population dynamics, genetics, phylogeny, nomenclature, biogeography, and zoology
- Include a few sentences explaining the artwork with your submission

Submit any questions and your design as an SVG file to [Will Kuhn](#) by **12:00 p.m. ET on June 1**.

For inspiration, here is the artwork that was recently created for MUVE and P-IE Sections, respectively:



Best wishes,
Andrea
President, SysEB

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