



News for members of the Entomological Society of America

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ESA Elections

It's time to start thinking about nominations for ESA leadership positions in 2012. The nomination procedures and the listing of open positions is available [online](#). Branch and Section nominations are due May 16, and member nominations are due June 1. The election will open July 12. Serving in a leadership position is a very rewarding experience and provides a tremendous opportunity to have a positive impact on your profession and the professional Society to which you belong. Please consider nominating yourself or a fellow colleague.

ESA is Linked In!

In addition to our [Facebook page](#), [YouTube videos](#), [Twitter account](#), and the [ESA Networks](#), ESA is now on [LinkedIn!](#) Extend your network of trusted contacts and connect to us today! LinkedIn is the world's largest professional network on the Internet with more than 90 million members in over 200 countries and territories.

Student Entomology Clubs Online

ESA recently updated a web page showing student entomology clubs in North America. There are currently over three dozen graduate and undergraduate entomology clubs. [Click here to visit the Entomology Clubs page](#). If you know of a club that should be listed there, please send the URL to rlevine@entsoc.org. **ALSO:** To reserve a complimentary student club table at Entomology 2011 where you can promote your club and sell your logo items, please contact Stacey Phelps at sphelps@sciencesocieties.org.

Systematics Resources Pages Updated

Floyd W. Shockley, Chair of the the Systematics Resources Committee under ESA's Systematics, Evolution, and Biodiversity Section, and a team of other ESA members have recently updated all of the Systematics Resources pages on the ESA website. The pages

include multimedia resources, collecting permit information, identification services, and much more. [Click here to visit the Systematics Resources pages](#). If you would like to suggest other resources or updated links, please contact Floyd at ShockleyF@si.edu.

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[Submit Functions for Entomology 2011](#)

Special events and related meetings ("functions") may be held in conjunction with Entomology 2011. Based on the type of event, date requested, and final approval by ESA's 2011 Annual Meeting Program Committee, a complimentary meeting room, standard signage, standard AV equipment, and a listing in ESA's official Program Book are made available at no charge. ESA will assign all available function space at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center and the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa in Reno, NV from November 11-16, 2011. The Function request website is now open. **To be included in the printed Program Book at no charge, functions must be submitted by June 28. After that, a late fee of \$175.00 will be charged.** The final deadline for all function submissions is October 4, 2011. [Click here for the Annual Meeting Functions page](#).

[Use Facebook to find Roommates for Branch Meetings](#)

Are you looking for a roommate during one of the ESA Branch Meetings in order to split costs? If so, you can communicate with others on the ESA Facebook page. All of the meetings will take place in March. [Click here](#) for more information on the ESA Branch Meetings. [Click here for the Facebook Roommates Discussion Page](#).

[Call for 2012 Insect Calendar Photos](#)

ESA is looking for the best insect photos to grace our *2012 World of Insects Calendar*. Submissions must be e-mailed to ESA headquarters (pubs@entsoc.org) by close of business on **May 16, 2011**. [Click here for a full list of submission requirements](#).

[Entomology Job Opportunities](#)

See the latest online employment opportunities for entomologists on the [ESA Job Opportunities Page](#). To place a job ad, [click here](#).

[ESA Buzz of the Week](#)

Each week or so, this page will feature an insect-related link to another website that is fun, interesting, intriguing, humorous, or all of the above. [For this week's Buzz, click here](#).

[Entomology Meetings and Conferences](#)

This web page lists upcoming [entomology-related meetings](#). To view the Entomology Datebook, [click here](#). To submit an entomological event to the Datebook, [click here](#).

[ESA Members in the News](#)

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[Wizzie Brown Tests Homemade Fire Ant Treatments](#)

Wizzie Brown, an integrated pest management specialist for AgriLife Extension in Texas, has been scientifically testing alternative, non-chemical means to control fire ants, including the use of club soda, coffee grounds, and cinnamon, but so far none have seemed to work. [Full article](#).

[Stink Bugs Meet Their Nemesis](#)

Kim Hoelmer, a research entomologist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Beneficial Insects Introduction Research Unit, is exploring the use of a tiny parasitic wasp to control the brown marmorated stink bug, a nuisance insect pest and a threat to fruit and vegetable growers in the eastern part of the U.S. Hoelmer keeps a collection of the wasps and the stink bugs alive so he can test the potential for a predator-prey control. [Full article](#).

[Entomologists Map Evolutionary History of Flies](#)

Brian M. Wiegmann, a professor at North Carolina State University, and collaborators across the globe have mapped the evolutionary history of flies in a project that has been dubbed the "fly tree of life". The project provides a comprehensive picture of fly-life over 260 million years, plugging many evolutionary gaps. The tree -- which comprises of more

than 152,000 named species -- should be able to help scientists to find out why some characteristics, for example blood feeding, have popped up over and over again across millions of years of evolution. [Full article](#).

Joel Smith Works on Aggie Honey

Joel A. Smith, a student at Utah State University and president of the USU Entomology and Bee Keeping Club, will begin raising honey bees this Easter and plans to eventually have a brand called "Aggie Honey." Smith's goal is to get the honey bees established, meaning the bees are healthy and there is a reliable source of honey, and then try to sell the honey at Aggie Ice Cream. [Full article](#).

Hamilton Identifies 24 New Species

Steven W. Hamilton, a professor of biology at Austin Peay State University, has identified 24 new species of *Polycentropus*, a genus of caddisflies, from Brazil. [Full article](#).

Ralph Berry Serves as Co-curator of New Butterfly Exhibit

Ralph Berry, emeritus professor of entomology at Oregon State University, is serving as co-curator of a new butterfly exhibit at the High Desert Museum in Bend, OR. The exhibit will run until March 26th. Visitors will discover new species metamorphosing and flying about every week. [Full article](#).

Four More Ant Genomes Deciphered

Neil Tsutsui, an associate professor at the University of California, Berkeley, and **Cameron Currie**, an associate professor at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, are featured in this article about decoding ant genomes. [Full article](#).

UD Researcher Launches Bumble Bee Pollination Project

Deborah A. Delaney, an assistant professor at the University of Delaware, will study the effectiveness of native bumble bees as pollinators of fruits and vegetables. Dr. Delaney will show growers how to pollinate a portion of their fields with native bumble bees, leaving the rest to honey bees. Ultimately, her experiment should help growers develop the best ways to use bumble bee units under varying field conditions and with different crops. [Full article](#).

Ted Snyder Speaks to Kansas Pest Control Association

Ted Snyder, the training and technical services manager at Batzner Pest Management of New Berlin, Wisconsin, was recently an invited speaker at the Kansas Pest Control Association Spring Conference, where he gave presentations on insecticides, carpenter ants, and on identifying unusual and damaged insect specimens. [Read his presentations](#).

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