

Entomological Society of America Plant-Insect Ecosystems Section

December 2016 Newsletter

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2016 P-IE at ICE - Recap

In case you missed ICE 2016, we had a very good meeting in sunny Orlando, Florida! P-IE members were very active in the meeting. Thanks to each of you that organized symposia, presented your research, and volunteered as student paper and poster judges and session moderators.

P-IE Networking Session on Sept 25th:

A P-IE Business Update was provided to membership presenting on the following content. The [full presentation](#) is archived on the P-IE website:

- ESA President's comments by May Berenbaum
- P-IE Treasurer's report
- Recognition of P-IE members serving on P-IE and ESA committees
- Presentation of P-IE Awards (listed below)
- Report on the progress of the P-IE Pollinator Initiative (newsletter section below)

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Congratulations to all of the following award winners!



Undergraduate Student Achievement:

Lidia Komondy
Michigan State University



Master's Student Achievement:

**MaLisa Spring
The Ohio State University**

**Kenneth and Barbara Starks
Plant Resistance to Insects:**

**Lina Bernaola
Louisiana State University**



**Lifetime Achievement:
William Showers, USDA-ARS and Iowa State University**

Following the business meeting was a symposium designed to align with the P-IE Pollinator Initiative and the ESA's broader communication initiative. Following all of the presentations was an interactive and open discussion. The title and speakers included:

Pollinator Issues: Interactions with the Public

Dr. Jennifer Saunders, Acting Senior Entomologist, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency presenting "Pesticides, Pollinators, Policy, and the Public: Balancing Stakeholder Perspectives and Ensuring Scientific Integrity".

Dr. Jeffrey Harris, Extension Professor in Apiculture, Mississippi State University presenting "Finding Common Ground Among People with Different Perspectives of the Pesticide-Pollinator Conflict".

Dr. Art Schaafsma, Professor in Integrated Pest Management, University of Guelph presenting "Neonic Bans: North American Beach Head".

P-IE Pollinator Initiative Committee Update

The P-IE Pollinator Committee has made significant progress in executing our special section initiatives that were defined in Fall of 2015. The first defined goal was: *"By the end of 2017, enhance knowledge of P-IE members on pollinator protection through the development and dissemination of technical educational materials."* At the P-IE Business meeting held during ICE, committee chair Sujaya Rao rolled out the proposal to launch a Video Competition.

[Full details of the P-IE Pollinator Video Contest objectives and submission criteria.](#)

Background related to the P-IE Pollinator Section Initiative is also described in a [December 2015 newsletter](#).

Opening, P-IE Pollinator Committee - Graduate Student Representative

The graduate student committee representative position on the P-IE Pollinator Committee will become available in February 2017. Interested applicants should prepare a summary not to exceed one 500 words describing their interest in serving and qualifications as it relates to apiculture, native pollinators, crop protection and crop production. Interested applicants should send their statement of interest to [Melissa Siebert](#) by **Tuesday, January 31, 2017**. (Note: The select graduate student would not be permitted to enter the video contest)

P-IE Member Committee Representation

The P-IE Governing Council would like to extend our sincere THANKS to those P-IE members serving on various P-IE and ESA committees. There is regular turnover in these assignment and we encourage other members to become involved. If anyone has interest in any positions listed

below, please let [Melissa Siebert](#) know so she can capture your name in a database of volunteers the Governing Council can reach out to.

Editorial Boards	Name	End Date
American Entomologist Editorial Board	Peter Asiimwe	11/14/2018
Annals of the ESA Editorial Board	Louis Hesler	11/18/2019
Arthropod Management Tests Editorial Board	Jonathan M. Babcock	11/20/2020
Environmental Entomology Editorial Board	Diane G. Alston	11/14/2018
Environmental Entomology Editorial Board	Robert Koch	11/14/2018
Journal of Economic Entomology Editorial Board	Jarrad R. Prasifka	11/8/2017
Journal of Insect Science Editorial Board	Sanford D. Eigenbrode	11/20/2020
Journal of Integrated Pest Management Editorial Board	Paula M. Shrewsbury	11/20/2020
Journal of Integrated Pest Management Editorial Board	Michael J. Brewer	11/8/2017
Journal of Medical Entomology Editorial Board	Aqeel Ahmad	11/8/2017
New Systematics/Evolution Journal Editorial Board	Scott Bundy	11/16/2017
Thomas Say Editorial Board	Janet J. Knodel	11/14/2018
ESA Committees		
Awards & Honors	Silvia I. Rondon	11/8/2017
Education & Outreach Committee	David Held	11/15/2018
ESA Certification Corporation Governing Board	Sujaya Rao	11/15/2018
ESA Diversity and Inclusion Committee	Bill Hendrix	11/15/2018
ESA Governing Board, P-IE Governing Council	Sujaya Rao	11/15/2018
ESA Science Policy	Cheri Abraham	11/15/2018
Membership Committee	Alicia Bray	11/15/2018
Publications Council	Melissa Willrich Siebert	11/8/2017
Student Affairs Committee	Carlos Esquivel	9/30/2019
Judging Panels		
Fellows Judging Panel	open	
Horticultural Entomology Judging Panel	Dr. Sue L. Blodgett	11/15/2018
Horticultural Entomology Judging Panel	Dr. Robert Morrison	11/15/2018
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Monsanto Student Research Award Judging Panel	Dr. Cesar Rodriguez-Saona	11/30/2017
P-IE Committees		
P-IE Awards Committee - Academia	Joe Louis	11/15/2018
P-IE Awards Committee - Government	Lisa Neven	11/4/2019
P-IE Awards Committee - Industry	Chris Sansone	11/15/2017
P-IE Nomination Committee - Eastern Branch	Robert Morrison	11/15/2017
P-IE Nomination Committee North Central Branch	Bruce Hibbard	11/15/2017
P-IE Nomination Committee Pacific Branch	Silvia Rondon	11/15/2018
P-IE Nomination Committee - Southwestern Branch	Cheri Abraham	11/15/2018
P-IE Nomination Committee - Southeastern Branch	open	
P-IE Nomination Committee	Mao Chen	11/15/2018
P-IE Nomination Committee	Fred Musser	11/15/2017

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Sujaya Rao
Judy Wu-Smart
Caydee Savinelli
Christina Grozinger
Thomas Anderson
MaLisa Spring

Meet Diane Alston, Vice-President Elect, new member of the P-IE Governing Council

Diane is a native of southern California and received her BS in Biology from the University of California, Riverside before heading to North Carolina State University to complete MS and PhD degrees in nematology and entomology. Diane has served as an extension and research entomologist at Utah State University (USU) for 27 years. She also serves as the coordinator for the Utah Extension Integrated Pest Management Program, co-director of the Utah Plant Pest Diagnostic Lab, and co-director of graduate programs for the USU Department of Biology. Her major responsibilities are in development and testing of novel integrated pest management technologies for horticultural crops (fruits and vegetables) and urban communities, including public gardens. She studies key and secondary pests of tree fruits, brambles, and onions, and develops conservation approaches for natural enemies in these cropping systems. She has published over 120 research and extension publications and mentored numerous graduate and undergraduate students. Extension publications, newsletters, slideshows, pest advisories, research reports and other products of useable knowledge are available on the [Utah Pests website](#).

Diane has been a member of the Entomological Society of America for over 30 years. She is a long-time member of the Pacific Branch and Plant-Insect Ecosystems section. She has served the society through many avenues, including Pacific Branch President and Executive Board member, ESA Awards and Honors Committee, Environmental Entomology Editorial Board, and numerous outings as a judge and moderator for student paper competitions at the branch and national meetings. Diane's most satisfying accomplishments as an entomologist are mentoring students and learning new things about insects through field observations. Outside of work, Diane's passion is trail running.



Upcoming Deadlines for Entomology 2017: Ignite, Inspire, Innovate

Program Symposia: January 31, 2017
Workshops (NEW): January 31, 2017

[Learn more about Entomology 2017](#) and criteria for program symposia and workshops.
Also **new** in 2017 are three-minute Lightning Bug Talks.

P-IE Governing Council

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