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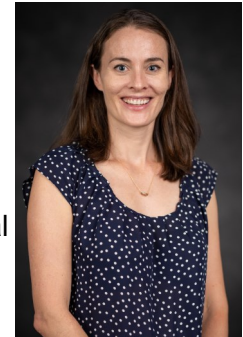
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Message from the President



Greetings P-IE members! We have several great things planned for the coming year and are looking forward to working with you. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your P-IE President and am optimistic about what we can achieve in 2025. One area I am especially interested in promoting this year is engaging and connecting members with volunteer and recognition opportunities in the P-IE Section. As a student and then early career member of ESA, I was embarrassingly ignorant of what the P-IE Section was, who the leadership and volunteers were, or what they were doing. As far as I knew, P-IE was just an affiliation and a sticker to put on my name badge at the ESA meetings. A few years ago, I was lucky to be asked to volunteer for the P-IE Nominations Committee, which was my first introduction to Section activities. This year, we will be making a strong effort to recruit nominations for election positions, volunteer committees, and recognition awards, especially from our student and early career members, who may not be familiar with P-IE, but represent the future of our Section. Please stay tuned for many upcoming opportunities.

Recap of the 2024 ESA Annual Meeting

The P-IE awards celebration and networking session at the annual meeting in Phoenix was well-attended with more than 200 members joining us for networking, awards, and eating delicious pie. We congratulated our award winners, including the recipients of the new P-IE travel awards (pictured below) for undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdocs. Erin Hodgson shared about the success of the 2nd annual Sketchapod arthropod illustration workshop that received a P-IE grant. This year, we also gave away travel mugs and pins with a new P-IE design made by Julien-Remi Nguyen Pstragowski [more pictures on page 3].



P-IE travel award winners from the 2024 meeting

Meet your P-IE Governing Council!

President



Anjel Helms

Anjel is an associate professor in the Department of Entomology at Texas A&M University. Her research program is focused on the chemical ecology of plant-insect interactions. Anjel has been a member of ESA since 2012 when she attended her first meeting in Knoxville, TN!

Past-President



Cesar Rodriguez-Saona

Cesar is a professor and extension specialist in the Department of Entomology at Rutgers University. His research focuses on pest management in blueberries and cranberries, insect-plant interactions, biological control, and chemical ecology. A member of the Entomological Society of America (ESA) since 1992, he attended his first ESA Pacific Branch meeting in Portland in 1993.

Vice- President



Lauren Diepenbrock

Lauren is an assistant professor at the UF/IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center studying Integrated Pest Management and Insect Ecology.

Vice- President Elect



Katelyn Kesheimer

Katelyn is an entomology team lead with Bayer AG in Union City, TN and works in plant biotechnology in corn, cotton, and soybean. She has been a member of ESA since 2009 and looking forward to this new role with P-IE!

Secretary



Whitney Crow

Whitney is an associate professor and extension entomologist in the Agriculture Science and Plant Protection Department at Mississippi State University. Her extension and research efforts are focused on insect pest management in the major Mississippi row crops.

Treasurer



Tim Nowatzki

Tim is a research entomologist with Corteva Agriscience in Johnston, IA, and is presently a Biotechnology Capabilities leader for trait efficacy. Tim has been a member of ESA since 1995, is a Board Certified Entomologist, and is looking forward to working with the P-IE Governing Council in 2025.

Student Rep.



Macey Wildermuth

Macey is a Ph.D. student at the University of Arizona.

ECP Rep.



Rachel Harman

Rachel is a post-doctoral researcher at the USDA-ARS Center for Grain and Animal Health Research in Manhattan, KS. She investigates changes in organisms' distribution and behavior in disturbed landscapes. Rachel is due with her second baby in late February and loves bringing her family to ESA meetings!

Governing Council Rep.



Surendra Dara

Surendra is a professor and extension entomologist for horticultural crops at Oregon State University focusing on IPM and microbial control. He has been a member of ESA for 30 years serving the Society both at the Pacific Branch and national levels in various capacities.

Help us with WIG Proposals

This year, we are seeking new proposals for our Wildly Important Goals (WIGs), which promote P-IE related activities. Please contact Anjel Helms amhelms@tamu.edu with any questions about WIGs or to submit your proposals.



What's going on in P-IE?

Recent updates, news and more

Please submit your symposium proposals for the annual Meeting (DUE: 03/14/25)!

The theme for Entomology 2025 is Bridging Generations with Innovation, Legacy, and Passion and is scheduled for November 9-12, 2025 in Portland, Oregon. The deadline to submit proposals for symposia is March 14, 2025.

If you are interested in coordinating a P-IE Section Symposium, please follow the guidelines below when preparing your submission:

The P-IE Governing Council will use the following guidelines to evaluate submissions for P-IE Section Symposia. High-ranking symposia not selected as Section Symposia may be recommended as Member Symposia.

- Relating symposia submissions to the meeting's theme, "Entomology 2025: Bridging Generations with Innovation, Legacy, and Passion", is encouraged.
- We encourage organizers to be innovative, creative, and thoughtful in proposing sessions that are engaging and visionary. Proposals that cover a diversity of topics, such as concepts, disciplines, ecosystems,

taxa and others are highly encouraged.

- In addition to research topics, we also encourage formal and informal education methods and related topics that contribute to the mission of P-IE and the theme of the annual meetings. Such symposia may be proposed jointly with the FIT section.
- Proposals should explain how the symposium meets the selection criteria of the P-IE Section. Submissions for joint symposia across multiple sections are welcome.
- Proposals are strongly encouraged that include collaborations and feature speakers from a variety of backgrounds and geographic regions (including gender, ethnicity, career stage, and organization/affiliation), reflecting the diversity of our members. Submitters should indicate how they have made an effort to ensure their proposal is inclusive and representative of the diversity of scientists that work on plant-insect ecosystems.
- Proposals should define symposia objective(s), statement of purpose, speakers, and presentation topics.
- Symposia proposals must provide an indication of speaker confirmation, and not just an 'idea list.' Priority will be given to proposals with a greater proportion of confirmed speakers.
- At least one organizer must be a member of the P-IE Section at the time of submission.

New P-IE design and award winners from the 2024 meeting

