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Submit a Proposal for a 2019 Science Policy Field Tour

P-IE has helped host three highly successful science policy field tours in 2017 and 2018. Based on the popularity of the field tours, the P-IE Governing Council is putting out a call for field tour proposals in 2019. The tours need to emphasize networking among content specialists, early career professionals, students, and stakeholders, including government agencies, NGOs, crop consultants and producer communities. The field tour objectives should address development and demonstration of innovative solutions for challenging issues in plant-insect ecosystem sciences. View past tour programs and outcomes [here](#).

Tour proposals should include a tentative title, organizer name(s) and contact information, general tour location, a list of key site visits and topics to be discussed at each site, tentative dates, a list of key stakeholders to invite, and other general logistical plans (e.g., bus tour, hotel accommodations, arrival airport, etc.). P-IE will support 1 or 2 tours in 2019. **Submit proposals to Diane Alston (diane.alston@usu.edu) by February 15, 2019.** David Onstad and Melissa Willrich Siebert developed helpful tour preparation materials, including guidelines, sample stakeholder recruitment letter, and a budget template. Contact Diane to request a copy of tour preparation materials.

P-IE Section Symposia Selection Criteria for 2019 ESA Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO

Theme: Advocate Entomology!

The Plant-Insect Ecosystems Section encourages all members to consider submission of a Section Symposium proposal. Due to program constraints, there will be a limit on the number of proposals accepted. The P-IE Governing Council will use the following guidelines to evaluate the submissions. High- ranking symposia not selected as Section Symposia may be recommended as Member Symposia.

- Successful symposia submissions should relate to the meeting's theme, "Advocate Entomology!" Example topics include communication, policy, societal benefits from entomology, and others.
- We encourage organizers to be innovative, wildly 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.
- 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 diverse P-IE membership.
- Clearly 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.'

[Online Section Symposia Application](#)

Section and Member Symposia applications are due March 1, 2019. For questions about the application process, contact Becky Anthony (banthony@entsoc.org). Find past Section Symposia for the [2018 Joint Annual Meeting](#)

Volunteer to Serve on a P-IE Committee

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Member volunteers are needed to fill P-IE committee openings (all are 3-year terms):

- 1) **Academic representative** on the P-IE Awards Committee

2) **Pacific Branch representative** on the P-IE Nominations Committee

Please submit a brief statement of your interest and experience for one of these volunteer committee positions to Jeff Bradshaw (jbradshaw2@unl.edu). Thank you!

ESA Seeks Co-Editor-in-Chief for JEE

ESA is seeking candidates to serve as co-editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Economic Entomology* (JEE), alongside current editor-in-chief Frank G. Zalom. Read the press release <https://www.entsoc.org/call-co-editor-chief-journal-economic-entomology> for the full position description, including details on how to apply. The deadline for applications is **5 p.m. EST on March 6**. If you have questions, contact ESA's director of publications Lisa Junker at ljunker@entsoc.org.

Suggest Important P-IE-related Anniversaries And Milestone Events to Celebrate

Do you know of an upcoming important entomological milestone or event anniversary, such as the 150th anniversary of C.V. Riley solving the phylloxera problem in European grapes with American rootstock, founding of USDA or EPA, etc. We're looking for suggestions for upcoming anniversaries and milestones ≥ 25 years old that we can target for upcoming P-IE events and celebrations. These anniversaries could be used to inform a future science policy field tour, P-IE annual meeting networking event, special journal paper section, or other activity. Please send your important entomological anniversary ideas to David Onstad (dwonstad@gmail.com).

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