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2019 P-IE Science Policy Field Tour Selected: Joint ESA/WSSA Pest Resistance Management

P-IE is pleased to announce the 2019 Science Policy Field Tour, a joint activity sponsored by the Entomological Society of America's P-IE Section and the Weed Science Society of America. The topic is Pest Resistance Management. Tour organizers Clint Pilcher (ESA-P-IE), Ronda Hamm (ESA-PBT), and David Shaw (WSSA) have proposed a tour based in Iowa to be held this summer. Other ESA Sections are currently considering supporting the tour as well.

Tour Objective: Convene key stakeholders to engage in the possibility of enabling future initiatives aimed at improving implementation of local, community-based, sustainable pest and resistance management.

More details will follow in upcoming newsletter editions.

P-IE Tour Oversight Committee

The P-IE Governing Council calls for nominations to serve on the Tour Oversight Committee.

To facilitate communication with and oversight by ESA staff and the P-IE Governing Council (GC) and to improve efficiency of preparation for tours or workshops, a two-person committee will be appointed by the GC to guide and assist the organizers of new events. Every April, the GC will request applications from P-IE members. P-IE members who are alumni of the ESA's Science Policy Fellow program will be encouraged to apply. Each year, one person will be added to the committee for a two-year term. The first year will be a chance to learn the process and support the chairperson. The chairperson is the primary person providing the oversight and assistance to the organizers, which would range from administrative, operational, and scientific technical support. Each committee member will become the chairperson in their second year of service. The committee will work closely with the Treasurer of P-IE and with appropriate ESA staff. The committee members and the GC will vote during the annual selection of event proposals by the GC in late summer.

**2019 ESA Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO,
P-IE Networking Session Format**

The P-IE GC has selected two activities to include in our annual meeting networking session in St. Louis: 1) speed-networking and 2) hot topic discussions. Following the business and awards sessions, tables will be set up to facilitate speed-networking sessions (5 min each) between experienced and early-career members. Secondly, we will set up 'hot topic tables' with pre-selected topics where members can gather to discuss P-IE-related issues of interest. We will run these two active sessions in conjunction with our food and beverage refreshments (including pie!). Plan to participate and enjoy the company of your fellow P-IE members.

Mini Discussions of Hot Topics at Annual P-IE Networking Meeting

We are looking for P-IE members who would like to be responsible for initiating small group discussions during the social hour towards the end of the P-IE section networking meeting in November. Areas will be designated for members to gather and debate (but not throw food) issues related to Plant-Insect Ecosystems. The topics can be fun, useful, unusual or simply intellectual. If we get more than 10 proposals, the GC will select those of highest interest. Submit ideas to David Onstad, dwonstad@gmail.com.

**Marketing Entomology
Symposium Opportunity**

One of the Program Symposia for the 2019 annual meeting will be, *“Marketing Entomology in the 21st Century: Delivering knowledge, changing attitudes and encouraging action”*. The organizers, David Onstad and Keri Carstens, would like P-IE members to know that there will be contributed posters associated with this event at the national meeting in November. If you would like to contribute a poster to match the theme below, please let David know so they can make a plan (dwonstad@gmail.com). Official submission of posters will start in April.

THEME: Declines in undergraduate entomology programs. Insects missing from grade school text books. Legislators cutting funding for pest surveillance programs. It seems everywhere we turn, entomology struggles to receive the attention and funding worthy of a discipline so central to food security, agriculture, public health, and conservation. So, what can we, the practitioners, do differently? The purpose of this symposium is to demonstrate how entomologists and others use marketing and education principles to deliver knowledge, change attitudes, and affect action. Through formal presentations and a panel discussion, attendees will learn how to deliver information and make positive change for entomology from experts across diverse disciplines.

2019 P-IE Award Deadlines

Reminders for upcoming P-IE award nomination deadlines:

- May 1
 - Undergraduate Student Achievement in Entomology Award
- June 1
 - Kenneth and Barbara Starks Plant Resistance to Insects Graduate Student Award
 - Master’s Student Achievement in Entomology Award
- July 1
 - Lifetime Achievement Award in Entomology
 - Recognition Award in Entomology
 - Integrated Pest Management Team Award

Visit the ESA Awards webpage for more information: <https://www.entsoc.org/about/awards-honors>

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