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The Many Activities at the ESA Annual Meeting in November!

Hello everyone! The ESA Annual Meeting is just around the corner! ESA President Alvin Simmons provides a great overview of all of the unique opportunities to engage with your professional colleagues at this year's virtual [ESA Annual Meeting](#)! We have some [great symposia](#) that you won't want to miss.

This year's P-IE Networking and Awards Celebration is coming together. Please plan on joining us to help celebrate on [Tuesday, November 17th starting at 5:00 PM EST!](#)

For the latest information about P-IE and the Section's activities during the meeting, visit the P-IE Virtual Booth! Our booth can be found by going to the [meeting web site](#), clicking on Exhibitors, and searching for ESA P-IE Section under "Browse by Company." Thank you to everyone who submitted content for this year's P-IE Virtual Booth!

Submit Proposals for 2022 Science Policy Events

It's not too early to think about organizing a science policy field tour, workshop or other activity for 2022. Our 2020 "Invasive Species Tour", was postponed for 2021 due to Covid-19. However, we would like to provide members the opportunity to start planning for 2022 now! Collaborative events that promote learning and engagement on timely topics that challenge and promote plant-insect ecosystem science are encouraged. **The deadline for 2022 proposals is December 31, 2020.**

The P-IE Tour Oversight Committee, composed of Johanna Elsensohn and Tom Anderson, is excited to assist with event ideas and proposals. Contact Johanna (jeelsens@ncsu.edu) and Tom (tom@entoniche.com) with questions and for feedback on event ideas. Science policy activity guidelines, example budgets, and stakeholder invitation letters are posted on the [P-IE Tour Resources](#) webpage. Start brainstorming now on ideas for novel and engaging science policy educational events for 2022! Submit your proposals to Jeff Bradshaw (jbradshaw2@unl.edu).

Second Annual P-IE "Speed Networking" Event

The Second Annual P-IE "Speed Networking" Event will take place virtually on Friday, November 13th 5-6pm EST. This event is for registered participants only. Student and ECP members who have signed up for this event are asked to verify that they are able to participate in the event on that date and time. Please email Nicholas Larson (nicholas.larson@usda.gov) and confirm your participation. We would like to thank the following established members for volunteering to meet with the student and ECP participants during this event:

- Katelyn Kesheimer**, PhD (*Auburn University*)
- David Shapiro Ilan**, PhD (*USDA-ARS*)
- Timothy Kring**, PhD (*Virginia Tech*)
- Margaret Couvillon**, PhD (*Virginia Tech*)
- Christopher Brown**, PhD (*Bayer Crop Sciences*)
- Melissa Siebert**, PhD (*Corteva*)
- Angel Acebes-Doria**, PhD (*University of Georgia*)
- Isaac Oyediran**, PhD (*Syngenta*)
- Thomas Anderson**, PhD (*Entoniche Consulting*)
- Bridget O'Neill**, PhD (*Corteva*)
- Monique Rivera**, PhD (*UC Riverside*)
- Julie Urban**, PhD (*Penn State University*)
- Lauren Diepenbrock**, PhD (*University of Florida*)
- Jian Duan**, PhD (*USDA-ARS*)
- Peter Asiimwe**, PhD (*Bayer Crop Sciences*)
- Scott Williams**, PhD (*DTN*)
- Lisa Neven**, PhD (*USDA-ARS*)
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- Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris**, PhD (*USDA-ARS*)
- Matt Grieshop**, PhD (*Michigan State University*)
- Tom Kuhar**, PhD (*Virginia Tech*)
- Rob Morrison**, PhD (*USDA-ARS*)
- Don Weber**, PhD (*USDA-ARS*)
- Anna Wallingford**, PhD (*University of New Hampshire*)

Congratulations to Our New ESA Committee Appointees!

Rob Morrison, Awards and Honors Committee (3-year term)

Gwen Pearson, Education and Outreach Committee (3-year term)

Sarah Elzay, Student Affairs Committee (2-year term)

Find information about these committees at <https://www.entSOC.org/about/committees-boards/committees>

A huge THANK YOU to all who applied with interest in these open positions! There are so many ways to serve ESA through P-IE. Please always feel free to contact your P-IE Governing Council if you have interest in serving your professional society!

Hot Topics and Wildly Important Goals Event

We will be holding "Hot Topics" discussions again during this year's meeting. However, this year we will be hosting table discussions on topics that our P-IE membership chose through our WIG survey that we conducted this year. P-IE will be hosting facilitated discussions using the annual meeting "Video Chats" online function with separate virtual rooms for each topic. The following schedule is expressed in Eastern Time. Check the P-IE Section virtual booth for more details about registering for a session. Our booth can be found by going to the [meeting web site](#), clicking on Exhibitors, and searching for ESA P-IE Section under "Browse by Company."

Thursday November 12

3:00-4:00 PM EST	<i>Invasive and Outbreaking Species</i>
4:00-5:00 PM EST	<i>Sustainable Pest Management</i>
4:00-5:00 PM EST	<i>Public Education and Outreach</i>

Friday November 13

12:00-1:00 PM EST	<i>Diversity and Inclusion</i>
3:00-4:00 PM EST	<i>Biocontrol</i>
4:00-5:00 PM EST	<i>Pollinators</i>