

SysEB Newsletter - May 2023

SysEB is the home of Systematics, Evolution and Biodiversity

The upcoming Entomology 2023 meeting, scheduled for November 5-8 in National Harbor, MD, has the theme "Insects and Influence: Advancing Entomology's Impact on People and Policy," which aligns with SysEB's focus on biodiversity. Our members play important roles in policymaking, governmental agencies, and the private sector, driving systemic change in how insects are evaluated for conservation and perceived by the public. They also identify and describe new insect species, including those newly introduced or of special status. With this in mind, the SysEB Governing Council invites all members to submit 10-minute talks focused on insect biodiversity for the 2023 meeting, with a submission deadline of May 15. We look forward to hearing from you!

It is time to nominate the next SysEB Governing Council members. Interested in becoming more involved in ESA? [Now open for nominations.](#)

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Message from the President

Dear all,

I look forward to a great year as SysEB president and the SysEB Governing Council is excited to work with ESA Leadership to address global insect declines. The SysEB Section is home to many professionals who work in biodiversity, conservation, systematics and related disciplines that can make a difference through science and policy. We are participating in a series of working groups and keep an eye out for more information about how you can get involved.

I am pleased to congratulate the winners of the SysEB Student Poster and 10-Minute Paper competitions from the 2022 Meeting in Vancouver. The work of our undergraduate and graduate students and early career professionals continues to inspire us, and their accomplishments are featured in the "From the Sections" section of the spring issue of the American Entomologist. The complete list of winners from the meeting can be found on the ESA website, where you can also learn more about the meeting and these talented students.

We want to ensure that our students feel connected and supported within ESA. Our SysEB Student Representative, Amelia Smith, has launched a SysEB Student Section in our newsletter (see below). Please contact Amelia for any questions or comments, including information on our upcoming student-focused grants, such as the Student Research Travel and McPherson awards.

I am looking forward to a productive year collaborating with all of you to advance the science and practice of systematics, evolution, and biodiversity. If you have any feedback, please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of our leadership team. We are continuously seeking dedicated individuals to participate in the section, whether by serving on the awards committee, joining the social media team, running for a leadership position, or volunteering as a judge or moderator during the annual meeting. To explore these opportunities further, please visit the ESA volunteer tool. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Katja C. Seltmann

President, SysEB

Call for SysEB Section and Member Symposia Submissions

We are pleased to announce that Entomology 2023 will occur from November 5-8, 2023 in National Harbor, MD. This year's theme is "Insects and Influence: Advancing Entomology's Impact on People and Policy."

To ensure the success of this event, we are currently accepting symposia and workshop submissions. The deadline for all submissions is Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Please note that Section Symposia should have a cohesive theme that serves the interests of one or more sections, while proposals with engagement and scientific communication components are highly encouraged. Member Symposia may cover a wide range of topics and subject matter and may be more narrowly focused.

We invite you to submit your symposium through the ESA website. Additionally, please note that all ESA symposia submissions, including Program, Section, Member Symposia, Organized Meetings, and Workshops, are due by March 1.

We look forward to hearing from you and are excited to collaborate with you to create a successful Entomology 2023.

SysEB Student Section

Welcome to the new SysEB student section for our newsletter! Here we will answer questions and address topics important to our student members. Please feel free to submit questions or topics you wish to discuss to Amelia Smith through email at amelialbsmith@gmail.com or on Twitter @afroamelia. If you are not a student member but wish to discuss topics that are relevant to our student body, please feel free to also contact Amelia Smith as well. We hope this section will be a useful resource for our student members as they interact with our section and move further into their careers and fields of study.

Call for Social Media Volunteers

The SysEB community is dynamic and continues to grow, and we are committed to broadening our reach and connecting with even more members. We are currently seeking new ideas and enthusiastic volunteers to help support our social media outreach efforts. If you have any suggestions or would like to get involved, we warmly encourage you to reach out to us.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to Chris Beatty for his many years of dedicated service in keeping our members informed via Twitter (@SysEB_Entsoc). We are deeply grateful for his invaluable contributions and the significant impact he has made on our community. We also extend a warm welcome to Sandra Schachat, who has taken over Chris's responsibilities.

We believe that social media is an essential tool for connecting with our members and sharing important updates, and we are committed to providing high-quality content through this platform. If you have any updates or announcements that you would like to share with the community, please feel free to get in touch with Sandra Schachat at schachat@stanford.edu.

Student Research Travel Award (SRTA) applications for 2023 are now being accepted.

The SRTA Program This program is specifically designed to support SysEB undergraduate and graduate students by providing funding for research travel to other institutions and fieldwork. Additionally, SRTA funds can be used to attend our 2023 annual meeting in National Harbor, MD. The ultimate goal of the program is to enhance research projects and support the scientific study of biodiversity. Awards typically range between \$1,000-\$1,500 and are available to current undergraduate or graduate students who are members of the SysEB section. The Council welcomes applications from highly motivated and talented students who have a passion for the scientific study of biodiversity. If you are interested in applying for the SRTA Program, please visit our website for detailed application guidelines and instructions. The deadline for submissions is April 18, 2023.

The J.E. and Jean M. McPherson Entomology Undergraduate and Graduate Student Biodiversity Awards applications for 2023 are now being accepted.

The J. E. and Jean M. McPherson Entomology Undergraduate and Graduate Student Biodiversity Awards are now open for applications to SysEB undergraduate and graduate students. These awards support research in biodiversity, with emphasis on non-taxonomic studies such as natural history, behavior, conservation, and more. Eligible expenses include travel, lodging, food, equipment, materials, and related costs. The award amounts typically range from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Please visit our website for more information. The deadline for submissions is April 18, 2023.

Other SysEB Awards deadlines

Similar to previous years, the deadlines for the Thomas Say Award, the Edith Patch Memorial Research Award, and the Snodgrass Memorial Research Award will be later in the year. The deadline for all these awards is June 1, 2023. You can find detailed information about eligibility requirements, application procedures, and deadlines for each award program on the SysEB Awards website.