

SysEB Newsletter - March 2022

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Message from the President

Hello SysEB Members!

The Governing Council hopes everyone is doing well during our seemingly endless crazy times. We care for all of you, and we are so encouraged with the future of our society and section due to the excellent students and Early Career professionals that we've met, mentored, and/or see their excellent works get published. Continue to show everyone your great works and accomplishments on social media!

As President of SysEB, I wanted our community to continue building on the movement of diversity and inclusion in entomology. During this time that I've been serving SysEB, we've seen some incredible initiatives start (e.g., EntoPOC). We should be proud of the changes we are seeing. Entomology is for everyone. Diversity makes a better community.

There are also going to be some changes. With the unfortunate news that BioQuip is closing, we are going to be suspending the BioQuip Products Undergraduate Scholarship and the Richard Fall Memorial Internship, until we as a governing council can come up with another way to continue funding similar awards in the future. One thing we, as a governing council, have voted on is to expand the Student Travel Award to include undergraduate travel to the annual meeting in Vancouver (2022).

We are excited for the upcoming meeting in Vancouver! There are going to be some exciting events this year, some that people know about (i.e., the new J.E. and Jean McPherson Entomology Undergraduate and Graduate Student Biodiversity Awards), and some that you don't (yet). We hope you all can make it; we miss seeing so many of our friends and colleagues.

I am (we are) happy to discuss any matters with you; please feel free to contact me (hamiltonlab@uidaho.edu) or other members of the Governing Council with your ideas. I'm looking forward to a great year with you all!

Chris A. Hamilton
President, SysEB

NEW AWARD THIS YEAR - The J.E. and Jean McPherson Entomology Undergraduate and Graduate Student Biodiversity Award

Biodiversity, in the broad sense, covers a multitude of areas at both the molecular and organismic levels. These awards are to support research in these areas with emphasis on non-taxonomic studies. Such studies could include natural history, morphology, behavior, conservation, paleobiology, biochemistry, physiology, and related areas. Expenses incurred could include travel, hotel/lodging, food, collecting equipment, laboratory rearing materials, chemical solutions, visual images of various kinds, and other related costs. Expenses associated with descriptive taxonomy could be considered but would be of lower priority.

Typical award amounts are approximately \$1,000–\$2,000 but will vary depending upon the number of qualified applicants and investment income of the endowment fund in any given year. Payment of the award will occur upon completion of travel as reimbursement. Students must provide evidence of travel (receipts, copies of travel/hotel bills, etc.) and copies of collecting and export permits (if applicable). If paying out of pocket is a hardship, students may request payment upfront. The payment upfront will be based on the proposed budget that is submitted with the application. Proof of travel will be required after the travel date. Applications are due April 18, 2022. Learn more and apply by visiting the [SysEB Awards page](#).

SysEB Professional Thomas Say Award

This award acknowledges significant and outstanding work in the fields of insect systematics, morphology, or evolution. "Insect" is defined here to include insect allies. This award consists of a plaque and cash award based on the interest earned from the Thomas Say Award endowment. The author(s) of the work is presented with the award at the SysEB Section Meeting during the ESA Annual Meeting. Prior to 2019, this award was the ESA Thomas Say Award. Applications are due June 1, 2022. Learn more and apply by visiting the [SysEB Awards page](#).

Student Research Travel Award (SRTA) Applications for 2022 Are Now Being Accepted

The Governing Council invites applications for the annual Student Research Travel Award (SRTA) Program. Current undergraduate and graduate students who are members of the SysEB Section are eligible to apply. Travel Awards provide funding for student fieldwork or research travel to other institutions to enhance research projects. Typical awards range from \$1,000 to \$1,500 USD. Applications are due April 18, 2022. Learn more and apply by visiting the [SysEB Awards page](#).

Other SysEB Awards Deadlines

As in previous years, the deadlines for the Edith Patch Memorial Research Award and the Snodgrass Memorial Research Award will be later in the year. The deadline for applications is

June 1, 2022. For more information about each of these award programs including eligibility requirements, application details, and deadlines, visit the [SysEB Awards page](#).