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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **Lance Peterson**

I want to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to make plans now to attend the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society at the Registry Resort Hotel in Naples, FL, August 6-9, 2000. Not only are you encouraged to attend, but also seriously consider presenting either a contributed paper or poster. It is everyone's active participation that keeps our society viable.

Here is another assignment for the membership: submit your nominations for one or more of the several society awards that are available to recognize contributions made by outstanding members. See this Newsletter (page 5) outlining these awards and procedures for making nominations.

Local Arrangements Chairman, John Capinera, continues to be very active in planning an excellent experience for all who attend the annual FES meeting. The Registry Resort is an absolutely beautiful venue, with very comfortable accommodations, spacious meeting rooms, direct access to the beach and the trolley line to shopping and dining in Naples. Plan on spending a day or two extra, either before or after the meeting, to enjoy the area with your family.

The program is going to be an exciting one as well. We are pleased to announce that M. Lewis Wright, one of our distinguished Past-Presidents, has agreed to present the Pioneer Lecture honoring Dr. John T. Creighton. Program Chairman Pat Greany has assembled several interesting symposia that promise to keep your attention. One in particular covers the topic: Mosquito-borne diseases: What's next in Florida? This particular symposium is being moderated by Walter Tabachnick and will involve presentations by a number of Medical Entomologists and mosquito control specialists. We

hope that by publicizing this symposium, we might entice an increased attendance by some of our Medical Entomologist colleagues.

We are also offering a session devoted to Spanish-speaking contributors. There was such a good response to the Spanish session in Puerto Rico that we thought we would try to make it a regular part of our program. The presenters will speak in Spanish, but are being asked to prepare their visuals in English, to assist the less fluent in the audience. I think that it is an excellent opportunity to increase an outreach to our Latin society supporters.

I am informed that at this time, renewal of individual memberships, both Full and Student, are down from previous years. Sustaining memberships are also off some. There is time to turn this around and I hope that this reminder will spur some action. Be sure that your membership dues are up to date and then encourage others to do the same.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The complete minutes of the December 9, 1999 Executive Committee Meeting, held at the USDA, CMAVE, Gainesville, FL, are available on the FES webpage. The edited version follows:

Executive Committee Members in Attendance: Pat Greany, Julie Stavisky, Marco Toapanta, John Capinera, Richard Mankin, and John Petti.

Committee Chairs and FES Members in Attendance: Norm Leppla, John Sivinski, Robert Meagher, Lois Wood, Bernie Sparks, Jeff Shapiro, Nancy Epsky, and Gary Leibee.

President's Opening Remarks: The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. on December 9, 1999, by President-elect Pat Greany. Pat presented an announcement from President Peterson stating that he had retired from Dow AgroSciences but intended to remain active as President of the Society. Pat distributed an agenda and asked those in attendance to review minutes from the September 23, 1999, Executive Committee meeting and turned the meeting over to Secretary Petti.

Secretary (John Petti): Minutes from the September 23rd Executive Committee Meeting were reviewed and accepted by unanimous vote. John announced the end of his three year term and asked that a request for nominations for the position of Secretary be included in the Newsletter.

Business Manager (Teresa DuChene): Pat presented Teresa's report as she could not attend the meeting. The vote to accept the report was unanimous. In order to better accommodate our members, especially those from other countries, Teresa would like the Executive Committee to consider offering Visa/Master Card as an optional method of paying membership dues and meeting registration. She is making inquiries to determine the overall cost and will present her findings at a future meeting. Teresa requested that space be reserved in the Newsletter to remind members that FES now has tax-exempt status and donations/contributions to the Society are tax-deductible. She suggested offering some type of recognition for their generosity to further encourage donations.

Florida Entomologist (Dick Baranowski): John Sivinski presented two sets of three galley proofs, one set shown in our standard format and the other shown in the proposed format similar to ESA. A few details still need to be ironed out so a final decision on whether and when to implement the change was tabled until the April meeting. If approved, the format change could appear in the first issue of 2001.

Pioneer Lecture (Norm Leppla): Norm announced that Louis Wright will be the Pioneer Lecturer honoring John T. Creighton at the 2000 Annual Meeting. The 2001 Honoree has not yet been determined. Clay McCoy will take over next year as Chairman of the Pioneer Lecture Committee. Due to special circumstances this year, the PLC will not need its \$1000 honorarium. Norm motioned, Pat Greany seconded, and the motion to transfer the funds to the Behavioral Ecology Symposium was passed unanimously.

Local Arrangements (John Capinera): John announced that the 2000 Annual Meeting will be held August 6-9 at the Registry Resort in Naples. He estimated the per night room charge at \$110, commenting that members should find the luxurious accommodations well worth the money. The Registry Resort is difficult to find so John intends to have directions and a map available on the FES website.

Public Relations (Nancy Epsky): Nancy has brochures from the Registry Resort and plans to make them available at the ESA and SEBESA meetings in hopes of increasing the number of people attending. It was suggested that we could increase attendance by concentrating on other Florida groups like the Mosquito Control Society and County Extension Agents. The committee is looking into the cost to advertise the meeting in the *American Entomologist*. The Entomology and Bio-Control Bulletin Boards were suggested as ways to advertise the meeting without cost to FES.

Program (Pat Greany): There was a discussion about keeping the Behavioral Ecology Symposium as a set component of the annual meeting. It was recommended that additional topics be explored that address the diversity of interests of the members of FES. Other suggested topics were protected crop pest management, urban, and medical entomology, invasive species, GM crops, and vector biology.

Honors and Awards (Gary Leibee): Gary announced that he would be retiring as chairman of the committee after this year.

Computer Resources / Long Range Planning / Webmaster (Richard Mankin): Teresa has updated the membership database and Richard has submitted it to Colony One to update the Website. The estimated cost of improvements to and consolidation of the database is \$600. Tom Walker spoke to the company that currently converts the *Florida Entomologist* to HTML about changing those files from 1994 to present to SGML for posting on PubMed. He should have quotes soon. Plans are to make these manuscripts available on PubMed and get more input from Dick Baranowski before offering to post non-refereed manuscripts on PubMed. Nothing has been done to promote or solicit banners for employment opportunities and advertising on the FES Website. Pat is to speak to Lance about forming a new committee to take charge of the enterprise which was discussed and encouraged at an earlier meeting.

Publications (Tom Walker): Lance asked Pat to have the committee consider reducing the number of

undistributed journals from 300 to 100. He believes the number is excessive and we could save both printing and storage costs. John Capinera suggested finding out how much of a savings we would realize before committing to the idea.

Student Members (Marco Toapanta and Karen Young): Marco pointed out that many faculty and students of Mexican universities attend the SWESA Annual Meetings as their international meeting. He suggested encouraging Caribbean entomologists to view the FES Annual Meeting as their international meeting to boost our attendance. He also suggested we contact the Mexican Entomological Society about sharing links to our respective Websites.

Newsletter (Lois Wood and Nancy Epsky): Lois reported that a member, experienced in PageMaker, offered to update the look of the Newsletter. The January issue is about ready to publish, pending receipt of Lance's Presidential Address and the updated 2000 Committee Roster. John Sivinski is to write an announcement of the Florida Entomologist format change to be included in the next Newsletter. John Capinera is to put together the first announcement of the 2000 Annual Meeting for publication in the Newsletter and posting on the FES website. The Newsletter is to include an announcement that there will be a concurrent session for papers presented in Spanish. The paper submission form is to be revised to include a space to indicate the presenter's language preference. The possibility of having a simultaneous translator was discussed.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at 1:00 on Thursday, April 20, 2000, at the USDA/ARS, CMAVE Conference Room, Gainesville. All members are invited. Committee members are encouraged to attend and provide reports of current activities.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Deadline for submission of papers will be Wednesday, May 31st, 2000.

The submittal form is available on the FES website at www.flaentsoc.org The meeting format will be similar to those in the past with eight minutes allotted for presentation of oral papers plus two minutes for discussion. Confirmation of receipt of papers will be sent to the first author. There will be an oral student paper competition session with awards as in previous years. Students participating in the judged session must be members of FES and be registered for the meeting. A description of the format for the judging of the student submissions will appear in an upcoming Newsletter.

Special note: Titles and abstracts for presentations to be delivered in Spanish should be submitted in both English and Spanish.

Inquiries regarding papers, posters and symposia should be directed to:

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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR OUTSTANDING ENTOMOLOGISTS

The Honors and Awards Committee of FES is once again asking for your assistance in identifying and nominating entomologists for outstanding contributions to science and the public. A nomination form is included in this newsletter on page 5.

CALL FOR STUDENT COMPETITION PAPERS

A competition for the best student paper will be held at the upcoming 83rd Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society (August 6-9, 2000 at the Registry Resort in Naples, FL). Awards of \$150, \$125 and \$100 will be made to the first, second and third place papers, respectively. Students wishing to present a paper in the student paper competition must be members of the Florida Entomological Society. Students should submit paper title and abstract using the standard submission form and should indicate that the submission is for the student competition. Papers should be 8 minutes long with 2 minutes allowed for questions.

The judging criteria are as follows:

Organization (20 points) - sequence of topics logical and effective; introduction, body of talk, and conclusions coherent; time well used.

Delivery (20 points) - poise, audibility, expression, eye contact, use of pointer.

Visual aids (20 points) - appropriate for subject matter, legible, eye-appealing.

Subject matter (30 points) - important questions addressed, appropriate methods.

Handling of questions (10 points) - questions made clear to audience; answers logical and appropriate.

Conforming to time constraints (maximum of 8 penalty points; 1 point for each 15 sec overtime or 30 sec undertime).

SCHOLARSHIPS, MINIGRANTS AND TRAVEL GRANTS

Each year the Florida Entomological Society presents three scholarships and ten minigrants to students at the Annual Meeting. Travel grants are also awarded at the meeting. The format for applying for each of the Florida Entomological Society-sponsored awards follows:

Scholarships: The Florida Entomological Society will award three \$500 scholarships to students majoring in entomology or a related discipline. The application requirements are:

The student must be a member of the Florida Entomological Society and a full-time student with at least one year remaining in his or her degree program. Applications from undergraduate students will be considered.

The application should include a transcript, letters of recommendation from two faculty members, a curriculum vitae, and a statement from the student about his or her future plans in the field of entomology.

Minigrants: The Florida Entomological Society will award ten minigrants of \$100 each to student members for entomological research. Applications should consist of a one-page description of the research and a list of the items to be purchased.

Travel grants: The Florida Entomological Society allocates funds to assist students with the cost of attending the society's annual meeting. Students requesting travel funds should send a letter stating their purpose for attending the meeting and their other potential sources of travel funds.

Applications for scholarships, minigrants and travel grants should be postmarked no later than Monday, **June 19, 2000** and should be addressed to:

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TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

The Florida Entomological Society is now officially a nonprofit organization. Your donations are deductible! You can make unrestricted donations, or donate to specific worthy causes like student travel or awards. Contact Teresa DuChene, Business Manager, for further details.

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NOMINATIONS FOR HONORS AND AWARDS

The Honors and Awards Committee needs your assistance in identifying and nominating entomologists for the following awards:

- 1) Entomologist-of-the-Year
- 2) Annual Achievement Award for Teaching in Higher Education
- 3) Annual Achievement Award for Teaching in K-12
- 4) Annual Achievement Award for Research
- 5) Annual Achievement Award for Extension
- 6) Annual Achievement Award for Industry
- 7) Annual Achievement Award for Research Teams, Laboratories, or Agencies, etc.
- 8) Certificates of Appreciation for Special Service to the Society.

I (name: _____ address: _____ phone: _____)
would like to nominate _____
(address: _____ phone: _____)

for this honor or award (CIRCLE ABOVE) because (100-150 words):

Nominations may be mailed, E-mailed, or FAX'd by June 15, 2000 to:

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FLORIDA EVENTS

Following are upcoming meetings, which are being held in Florida, that may be of interest to Entomologists.

National Conference on Urban Entomology. 14-16 May, 2000, Fort Lauderdale. (Contact R. E. Gold, Dept. Entomol., Texas A&M Univ. 409-845-5855)

Third Annual Agro-Ecology Conference: Eco-Tourism on Public and Private Lands in Florida. 15-18 May 2000, Palm Beach Gardens. (www.ces.fau.edu/projects/agroecology/ecotourconf)

DOACS Florida Pesticide Residue Workshop. 16-19 July 2000, St. Petersburg Beach (doacs.state.fl.us/~fs-prw)

International Food Safety Congress 2000: Food Safety - A Global Priority. 19-21 July 2000, Orlando. (www.restaurant.org/congress2000)

American Society for Horticultural Science 2000 - Building a Bright Future for Horticulture. 23-26 July 2000, Orlando. (www.ashs.org/events/ashs2000/ashs2000.html)

American Agricultural Economics Association 2000 Meeting. 30 July - 2 August 2000, Tampa (www.aaea.org/meetings/m2000)

Some of the listings were obtained from the Agriculture Network Information Center listing (www.agnic.org/mtg/2000.html).

Use the nomination form on Page 5 to nominate a worthy colleague for a Florida Entomological Society Honor or Award!

Check out the FES Homepage for updates and links for the 83rd Annual Meeting in Naples, Florida!

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CALL FORMEMBERSANDEVENTS

In the Newsletter, we would occasionally like to include information about FES members. Please refer to the requested items for each category and let your colleagues know what you have been up to lately. This information should be sent to Lois Wood or Nancy Epsky.

1. Invitational talks, keynote speeches etc...: Speaker, organization, meeting, date, location and title of talk.
2. Honors & Awards: Recipient, title of award, given for and given by.
3. International Activities: Person, date, activity and funding source.
4. Grants/Contracts: Principal investigator(s), project title, funding source and project description.
5. Major Publications (Books, Monographs, Chapters): Authors, title and citation.
6. National or Branch Offices: Person, office held, organization and dates.
7. Moving up: Person on the move, old position, new position, location, date of change and responsibilities.
8. Visiting Entomologists: Visitor(s), visiting from, dates, purpose of visit, host and location.
9. On Leave: Person, new location, dates and activity.
10. Community Activities: Person, project description, organization, location and dates.