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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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**The 90s: A Golden Decade for
Florida Entomology**

Sometimes it is fun to look back and see where we've been. We probably don't do it enough, as current issues are so demanding. Take a minute, however, to look back at some of the events of the 1990s, because past and future are inexorably linked. Let us hope that they are indicative of the future.

The last decade was good for Florida's entomologists. Despite a massive budget cut in 1990, the University of Florida Entomology-Nematology Department moved into a much-needed, magnificent new building. The academic program prospered at both the undergraduate and graduate level, both quantitatively and qualitatively. Faculty were added at UF-Gainesville, Immokalee, Ft. Lauderdale and Homestead, including initiation of endowed chairs. New facilities were developed at UF-Immokalee, Apopka, and Quincy. UF-Homestead was rebuilt following the devastation of Hurricane Andrew. An undergraduate teaching program was instituted in Ft. Lauderdale. Funding was provided for a new biocontrol quarantine facility at UF- Ft. Pierce, to be staffed by new UF faculty. Entomology at the U.S. Department of Agriculture also prospered. The USDA-Miami location, after being threatened with closure, has been reinvigorated with new staff. USDA-Ft. Lauderdale moved ahead with construction of a long-awaited quarantine facility. A modern and expansive new research facility was constructed at USDA- Ft. Pierce for the Orlando research group. Florida A&M and USDA-Gainesville both benefited from assignment of new USDA staff to Tallahassee in cooperation with FAMU. The USDA-Gainesville facility received a major renovation, a boost for both research performance and staff safety. From the facilities and personnel perspective, only the private sector seemed

diminished, resulting primarily from company consolidation. On the other hand, industry introduced some amazing new insecticide chemistry that is revolutionizing pest control: a notable accomplishment indeed!

It was a good decade for bugs (bug problems, actually) as well. Florida continued to be invaded by exotic insects, about 15 species per year in the last decade. Some serious new pests arrived, including Asian tiger mosquito, palm thrips, silverleaf whitefly, broad mite, brown citrus aphid, citrus leaf miner, citrus psyllid, and Mediterranean fruit fly. Not remarkably, given the caliber of entomologists in Florida, we have found ways to live with most of these insects, usually through improvements in cultural management practices, importation of biological control agents, or improved insecticide chemistry. As always, success in meeting the challenges brought about by these invaders resulted from a federal-state-private sector partnership. Nowhere was this better seen than in the "Medfly Wars" of central Florida, where the Florida Department of Agriculture and USDA-APHIS led their public and private sector partners in a successful eradication campaign.

The Florida Entomological Society has prospered along with the discipline. While many scientific societies suffered serious loss in membership, journal subscriptions, and revenue, FES has held steady. Our members loyally support and participate in our activities, including the annual meeting. Our officers, committees, journal editor and business manager excel at their duties. The Florida Entomologist was the first biological science journal to be available on the Internet. The Journal has a new format, and is prospering despite library budget constraints, reduced interest in biology as a profession, and changes in technology.

So we enter a new century with a legacy of success. Will we build on our successes and continue to thrive? The tragic events of September 11 have exacerbated an

already weak economy. Will we, like the stock market and the nation's economy, enter a period of decline? The signs are mixed. The academic enterprise continues to thrive, with a M.S. program now being initiated at UF-Ft. Lauderdale and a new Lepidoptera Research Facility being built in association with the Florida Museum of Natural History. However, the State of Florida threatens potentially disastrous budget cuts, and the economic recession in both the state and nation threaten to inhibit important programs on which the profession is dependent. So stay tuned, but pay most attention to the long-term trend, not the short. Entomologists and the Florida Entomological Society are creative and resourceful. Like bugs, we are survivors.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The edited minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, held September 26, 2001 at USDA-ARS, are as follows:

Executive Committee Meeting Attendees: John Capinera, Pat Greany, Richard Mankin, Teresa DuChene, Jeff Shapiro, Rob Meagher, David Oi, Faith Oi, Stuart Reitz, Lois Wood, Eileen Buss, Norm Leppla, Lance Peterson, Ken Bloem, and Stephanie Bloem.

Business Manager Report (Teresa DuChene): The total revenue to the end of August was \$14,650.00, with expenses to the same date of \$17,505.43. This leaves a net loss of \$2,855.43. Fixed costs were left out. Despite the net loss, it was lower than for previous meetings. Invoices for the 2002 membership will be mailed in late October or early November. Bank balances are: Morgan-Stanley, \$71,864.21; and, Bank of America, \$17,247.62, for a total of \$89,111.83. The 2002 meeting will be held at the Clearwater Hilton on Clearwater Beach. The cost per room will be \$99.00. Room rates apply 3 days before or after the meeting dates for members. Happy hour arrangements are being made to defray the beverage costs for the first hour.

Public Relations (Faith Oi): Denise Johanowicz is no longer on this Committee as she has moved to Wisconsin. Pat Greany suggested that Herb Oberlander or Stephen Hight could be approached.

Honors and Awards (Ken Bloem, Stuart Reitz): Stuart reminded everyone that it is never too early to submit nominations.

Fiscal Committee (Rob Meagher): Susie Legaspi has agreed to serve. She is an ARS scientist stationed in Tallahassee. This Committee approved having Teresa prepare the tax paperwork for the Society.

Student Activities (Gregg Nuessly): There will be no substantial activities by this Committee until February, 2002.

Long Range Planning Committee (Richard Mankin): This committee now consists of Tom Weissling, Phil Koehler, Greg Hanig, Steven LaPointe and Michael Hubbard.

Newsletter (Lois Wood, Eileen Buss): The August/September Newsletter was sent out. The schedule for Newsletters was distributed. The first announcement for the 2002 Annual Meeting is needed for the Nov./Dec. issue. The preferred format is Word Perfect, but Word is OK. The list of new Committee Members and Executive Committee Minutes are also needed for this issue.

Computer Resources (Richard Mankin): Updates to the Society Membership Page need to be approved. The three updates are: 1) enable members to check if they are current on their membership dues, which could be done through an update record form; 2) enable members to edit the field that designates whether they want to receive the newsletter by e-mail or by mail; 3) change the text of the password form to tone down the warning and have options to bypass the password if a member cannot remember it. Now is a good time to make changes because we will be sending Colony One an updated database with several new fields and they will have to adjust the update record form to accommodate it. All updates were approved.

Sustaining Membership (Lance Peterson): Last year, 2 letters were sent out to all current sustaining members plus those that had recently been members encouraging continued participation as sustaining members as well as requesting donations for the Annual Meeting. Few people responded. Sustaining membership is only \$65.00 per year. Faith Oi suggested that attendees to the ant workshop be targeted.

Education Committee (Jeff Shapiro): John Capinera announced that the new student member will be Katie Barbara. The committee will continue to have representation from FAMU. Another UF student will also serve. The State Fair exhibit needs to stress homeowner insect problems like fire ants. Mosquito control people were there last year. The general public shows little interest in basic insect knowledge.

Caribbean Conference for 2003 (Howard Frank):

Having a meeting in 2003-2004 in Venezuela was discussed. Howard had queried the Venezuelans and got only one response suggesting 2004. A meeting this year would conflict with the International Congress. The Venezuelan Entomological Society will hold their 2003 meeting in Cordova.

Pioneer Lecture (Norm Leppla): The other committee members are Joe Fundeburk, David Hall, John Sivinski, Harold Denmark, and Howard Weems. Everybody is new except Harold and Norm, who will continue to serve to give some continuity and direction to the new members. The committee unanimously voted for Reese Sailer as the Honoree for the Pioneer Lecture and Manya Stoetzel as the lecturer. Some discussion included Dale Habeck and Jerry Klune or someone from SEL as speakers. David Hall was nominated as next Chairman. Three manuscripts from the Pioneer Lectures still need to be published: Waldy Klassen is editing the Knipling-Baumhover lecture on screwworm; Howard Weems is editing the paper honoring John Creighton, submitted by Lewis Wright; Phil Callahan is editing the manuscript about Carrol Smith and his own research. They will all be published in the *Florida Entomologist*. This committee meets once a year and brings its recommendation of Honoree and Speaker to the Executive Committee. Biographical information for the Honoree is acquired and a Pioneer Lecture dinner is organized that takes place the night before the presentation. A student luncheon is arranged through the Business Manager. Since 1998, this luncheon has been paid for by Dow AgroSciences. The funds also help publish the manuscripts. Comments on the luncheon were voiced. This year, even though 27 students guaranteed attendance, only 12 came. Perhaps the student representative should ask the students if this is something that they want to continue.

Operation Guidelines (from Lance Peterson to Pat Greany): Information on the Bylaws and Awards committees have been included. Committee membership needs to be updated.

IFWA Charge for *Florida Entomologist*: The current charge of \$100.00 per manuscript and \$50.00 per scientific note will remain in place for another year.

Other Business: ProQuest, a gateway to electronic information, wants to make our journal contents available through their service. Royalties of up to 10% will be paid to the Society from sales of printed copies. We could give them 1 copy of the journal. ProQuest can purchase back issues of *Florida Entomologist* directly

from the company in New York that stores them. The President or Business Manager needs to write a letter stating that we do not want to enter into a formal agreement with them.

There is no news on the logo update. Gregg Nuessly used it for the awards and it is now available in several formats. Richard Mankin will bring it to the next meeting.

More judges need to be identified for future Science Fairs. The Science Fair was a bit disorganized this year. FES participation was not acknowledged. Student winners have not been paid their award (\$100.00). The Executive Committee agreed that FES should pay the students directly and copy the Science Fair office.

The Executive Committee re-affirmed and passed the motion of having a "cap" of \$1,000.00 plus 2 complimentary registrations per symposium.

The postage for mailing journals is not going up.

Discussion came up to consider scheduling the Awards Banquet as the last event of the Annual Meeting. This is to avoid low attendance at presentations given the last morning of the meeting (Wednesday). Perhaps we could negotiate with the Hotel to have late check-out in order to accommodate late departures.

Teresa's husband, Steve, always helps diligently with registration. All agreed that he be offered a complimentary banquet ticket.

Lance Peterson (also a member of the Executive Committee of the GA Entomological Society) shared with us that the 2002 GES meeting will be taking place in Statesboro, GA, 3-5 April, 2002. The GES Program Committee will ask the GA students, both UGA and Georgia Southern, to sponsor a student symposium with topics in the area of biology or ecology. Lance asked if it would be appropriate to send an invitation to the FL students to participate in the symposium by submitting a paper or just attending the meeting. The price of registration and membership is quite low. John thought it was a great idea.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm. The next meeting will be held December 17 in Room 125 of the USDA lab in Gainesville. All members are invited to attend. The complete version of the minutes will appear on the FES webpage, www.Flaentsoc.org. Minutes were prepared by S. Bloem, Secretary, from recorded tapes and notes.

**85th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

The 85th annual meeting of the Florida Entomological Society will be held July 28-31 at the Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort, 400 Mandalay Avenue, Clearwater Beach, FL. 33767. Phone 727-461-3222. Fax 727-466-1583. The hotel will hold rooms until June 21, 2002, so please make your reservations before then!

Please contact Howard Frank, Program Committee Chair, if you have a symposium proposal.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The deadline for submission of papers to the 85th Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society will be Friday, May 31, 2002. Time allotted for submitted oral papers will be 8 minutes for presentation and two minutes for discussion. Facilities for posters will be available. Confirmation of receipt of papers will be sent to the first author. An awards session for students will be held as in previous years. A description of the format for judging student sessions will be printed in the next Newsletter. Students participating in the judged sessions must be members of the Florida Entomological Society and be registered for the meeting.

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**A LETTER FROM OUR
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

The 2001 membership year is almost over. As chair of the Membership Committee for The Florida Entomological Society I hope you have enjoyed the benefits of membership this year and will renew your membership once again.

In an effort to maintain the FES as a leading professional society I am encouraging all current members to participate in this year's membership drive. Currently there are just under 400 members of FES. Our goal during this year's membership drive is to increase membership by 15%. In order to accomplish this, the

membership committee will be working hard to retain current members and sign up new members. We cannot do it alone.

I hope each of you will discuss the benefits of membership with your colleagues and encourage them to become members. All we ask is for each member to find one additional member between now and December 31st. The membership year begins in January and with your help we will celebrate the new year with a successful membership drive!

When discussing membership with a colleague feel free to use the enclosed membership form. Additionally you can suggest interested persons log onto the web at www.flaentsoc.org and simply print out a membership form and send it in.

Please help the society in this important function. Please forward any suggestions you have to the membership committee. We will provide results of the membership drive in the Winter newsletter.

Sincerely,
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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.

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