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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
John Capinera

The Florida Entomological Society once again sponsored the Insect Encounter exhibit at the Florida State Fair in Tampa from February 7-18. The exhibit was coordinated by Jeff Shapiro, Chair of the FES Educational Committee. It follows a well-established format that has been in place since the inception of the "Encounter" in 1996. Exhibits are provided by some of the agencies with significant entomological programs, namely Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry; the Florida Mosquito Control Association; the University of Florida, Department of Entomology and Nematology; and the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service. In recent years, USDA, APHIS and Disneyworld have also assisted. This is a wonderful educational exhibit for "children of all ages," with lots to see and learn about. It is a favorite for adults, who are drawn in like moths to a flame, continually protesting how they dislike "bugs," but spending an inordinate amount of time fascinated by the variety of displays. And kids arrive by the bus-load, all anxious to see and touch (the hissing cockroaches are the best to touch - yuck!), and to share a bug story or two with anyone who will listen. The Bug Display of the Year Award goes to Lawrence Cutts and the apiculture crew at the Division of Plant Industry who entertain the crowds from within a giant plexiglass display box. Lawrence is known both for his ever-popular bee beards and for his bee songs, with which he serenades the crowds. Now in truth there is no Bug Display of the Year Award, but if there were, Lawrence and crew would claim it annually!

Insect Encounter occurs only because there are generous people willing to give freely of their time. Some donate a day, staffing the booths and answering

questions about insects. Other brave souls spend the entire duration of the State Fair. What better way to popularize the discipline? What better way to inform our youth of the interesting world of insects? This year we even had excellent involvement by the "worm-guys," the nematologists. Though technically not insects, these "legless insects," (the nematodes, not the nematologists) were present, along with their "handlers" every day of the exhibit. Thanks to Billy Crow for organizing this innovation, and I hope it encourages others to offer up some new displays or participants next year. Although it is undoubtedly the most popular exhibit in the Hall of Agriculture, the Insect Encounter exhibit would benefit from some additional involvement by FES members. Can you spare a day or two next year? Got an idea for a new exhibit or exhibitor? Let us hear from you, please.

The 85th Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society will be held at the Clearwater Beach Hilton in Clearwater Beach from July 28-31, 2002. Note that this is a week earlier than usual. The change was made to accommodate families, as many school districts have moved up the start of the school year to early August. Let us know, please, if this proves to be better or worse than the usual meeting date. You will enjoy the casual atmosphere of the Clearwater Hilton. The beautiful, expansive beach is just one step from the hotel. Immediately adjacent to the hotel are many other attractions for those who have had too much sun. Plan on attending, and count on having a good time.

Symposia are one of the most interesting aspects of the FES annual meetings, and there is still time to organize a symposium on your favorite topic. Contact Program Committee Chairman, Howard Frank, if you have an idea for a symposium.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The edited minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, held December 17, 2001, at USDA-ARS, will be published in the next FES newsletter. The minutes will also be posted on the FES website (www.flaentsoc.org).

CALL FOR STUDENT COMPETITION PAPERS

A competition for the best student paper will be held at the upcoming 85th Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society (July 28-31, 2002 at the Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort). Awards of \$175, \$150, and \$125 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 **10 minutes long** with 2 more 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: (1) 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. (2) 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 **Friday, May 31, 2002** and should be addressed to:

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Chair, Student Activities Committee
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FIRST CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS, 2002

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

- 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

To nominate an individual or group, please provide the Committee with: 1) Name(s) and address(es) of nominee(s). 2) Category of nomination. 3) Description of present employment including position. 4) Specific contribution to the profession of entomology, science, the community, or FES. 5) The name, address, and telephone number of the individual submitting the nomination.

Please limit the nomination to a maximum of two pages. Nominations may be mailed, e-mailed, or FAXed by June 30, 2002, to either of the following:

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UPDATE ON UPCOMING WEED BIOCONTROL MEETING

Dr. Julio Medal is organizing the "First Latin-American Short Course on Biological Control of Weeds." It will be held on June 24-28, 2002, at the Barcelo Hotel in Montelimar, Nicaragua. Participants will gain a basic understanding of the principles and concepts of biological control of weeds using insects and pathogens, and receive training in how to implement a weed biocontrol program. Group discussions will focus on the prospects for and limitations of biological weed control in Latin America. About 20 weed biocontrol experts and 200 trainees from at least 15 developing countries will be involved. After completing this course, participants will be able to implement weed biocontrol programs in their own countries, as well as work with international agencies in their region.

Visit the **Registration Website** at
<http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/bcw/reg.pdf>.

For more information contact Dr. Julio Medal, Course Coordinator, E-mail: medal@gnv.ifas.ufl.edu, or visit <http://biocontrol.ifas.ufl.edu/materials/nicaragua.htm>

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AUTHOR'S INSTRUCTIONS

All submitted papers, except student competition papers, should be 8 minutes long with 2 minutes for discussion; student competition papers are 10 minutes long.

The organizers will provide in each of two meeting rooms a 35mm slide projector, a laptop computer and LCD projector, and an overhead projector, but you must indicate your needs and follow directions concerning their use.

- For slide users, please bring slides in your own 80-slide Kodak-type carousel

- For **LCD projector users**, you need to get your Powerpoint presentation to the symposium organizer (for symposium speakers) or to Richard Mankin (for normal submitted papers) by **July 12, 2002**.

Powerpoint presentations can be emailed to:

rmankin@gainesville.usda.ufl.edu

(if your email server handles files >3MB) or submitted on Zip disk in IBM compatible format.

Send presentations (e.g., USPS or FedEx) to:

Dr. Richard Mankin
USDA-ARS Center for Medical, Agricultural
and Veterinary Entomology
1700 SW 23rd Drive
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CALL FOR MEMBERS AND EVENTS

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 Eileen Buss.

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.

SUBMITTED PAPER FORM

- Oral presentation
- Poster Presentation
- Student Competition Paper (Judged)
- Symposium Participant

Return to:

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DEADLINE: Friday, May 31, 2002

(Please type or print)

Author's Name(s): (UNDERLINE presenting author)

Presenting author's contact information (for confirmation of paper's receipt);

Mailing address:
Email address:
Phone number:
FAX number:

Title of Paper:

Affiliation and address of the first (presenting) author:

Abstract: (Must be provided in 75 words or less)

Equipment Needed (check)

- slide projector
- LCD projector
- overhead projector

***NOTE: See Author's Instructions,
previous page.***