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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Howard Frank

### There's no requirement for a permit in Florida

In the 1970s and 1980s, when I visited other countries, I delighted in keeping my eyes open for unusual insects. When I saw a specimen that might appeal to a taxonomist colleague who studied the family to which it belonged, I collected it or, better, a series of specimens. I also went out of my way to collect insects of a certain family of Coleoptera in which I had an interest. My justification was that all the specimens would be studied and all would immediately or eventually be donated to public collections (museums). I also learned from what my colleagues told me about the identity and habitats of the insects that I presented to them. I saw only benefit, and no harm, in what I did.

In the past two years I have been fortunate to visit Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Venezuela. I knew in advance of those visits that it would be illegal to resume my collecting habits. In Mexico, I would need a Mexican federal collection permit to collect any insects, whose identity, numbers, development stages, sexes, and collection localities and dates would need specifying in advance, and a Mexican federal export permit to bring them back to Florida. I obtained these permits, but only for specimens of the one species that was my immediate study objective. In Venezuela, I was advised not even to bother to apply for collection and export permits, because most likely I would not get one within the next 12 months, much longer, or ever – just don't collect. In Puerto Rico, I was advised that I needed a permit to collect insects anywhere in the island, and an additional permit to collect in forest preserves. To compound the "permit problems", the US Fish and Wildlife Service is authorized to inspect arrivals at US ports and airports, and apply additional severe penalties to violators of foreign laws under the federal Lacey Act. None of this

has anything to do with CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) – I had no interest in endangered species – but instead it seems to have been designed as a blanket set of regulations to protect all animal and plant species from exploitation of any sort. The laws apply to all species, from jaguars and parrots to bacteria, and the operative word is "species." In other words, all species, rightly or wrongly, are equally protected, no matter that they may be designated as pests.

Of course Mexicans, Venezuelans and Puerto Ricans likewise need such permits to collect insects in their own countries. It would be acceptable for them to apply a chemical pesticide over a field of crops, killing most insects, but not to collect insects. Not without a permit, no matter that they just wanted a few specimens for study, and they might expect to have to wait for weeks or months or years for issuance of the permits. **Can you imagine how such laws might impede entomological research?** Be happy that bureaucrats in the USA have not suggested such crazy laws! And if any bureaucrat should ever propose such laws, be ready to file a protest or march for freedom.

More than six months after I had applied for a Puerto Rican permit to collect insects (months too late for my 2001 visit), I was informed by the authority that I no longer needed such a permit – the law had been changed late in 2001 – I might now collect insects anywhere in the island except in forest preserves, provided the insects were not of species listed by CITES. That was all I wanted. Perhaps the Puerto Rican law got changed because the bureaucrats were flooded by applications from entomologists simply trying to do their job? Or, perhaps the absurdity of being legally able to kill insects with insecticides but not by collecting them stirred some bones. Let's hope that Mexico, Venezuela, and other countries will likewise change their laws.

**Be happy that Florida (or the USA) has no such set of crazy laws!** You may collect insect specimens anywhere in Florida, with few restrictions. You need a permit (and they are of varied form) in federal, state, and county parks, preserves, and forests. And, be aware of landowner rights – ask permission. At least you have no problem collecting insects on your own property (unlike in Mexico and Venezuela)! **Use this blanket permission, and study Florida insects. That's what our society expects you to do.** And be happy!

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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The edited minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, held December 17, 2002, at USDA-Center for Medical, Agricultural and Veterinary Entomology, are as follows:

### **Attendance:**

Ken Bloem, Eileen Buss, Teresa DuChene, Howard Frank, Steve Lapointe (via conference call), Richard Mankin, Rob Meagher, David Oi, Jan Sasser, Tom Walker, Lois Wood

**Computer Resources Committee (Richard Mankin) and BioOne and PubMed Central Progress Report (T. Walker) :** Jeff Johnson (E. O. Painter Printing Co.) quoted a price of \$5.85 per page for producing BioOne-compliant HTML and PDF files. Based on that price, the additional costs that FES will incur to produce compliant files for the 2002 issues of *Florida Entomologist* are \$2,591.10. Since the Executive Committee approved spending as much as \$3,032, Mr. Johnson was instructed to make the files. BioOne posts additional information about each journal it displays. Tom and Howard Frank wrote the information page for the display.

Tom discussed the advantage of placing *Florida Entomologist* on PubMed Central (PMC). Since PMC accepts BioOne-compliant files, we should be able to put the journal on PMC at little additional cost. The major advantage of *Florida Entomologist* on PMC is that any search for free-access articles in the biological sciences should include PMC. Tom requested that the Executive Committee allow him to proceed with putting *Florida Entomologist* on PMC on the condition that the added expenditures not exceed \$50 per issue. Although the discussion was favorable, vote was delayed because of concern that we didn't have a quorum (see discussion at end of minutes). An email vote was planned for early January.

### **Business Manager Report (Teresa DuChene):**

The FES financial report is current through November 30, 2002: Morgan Stanley \$65,392.04, Bank of America \$24,739.58 for total assets of \$90,131.62. Invoices for unpaid 2003 membership dues will be mailed by the end of December.

We received notice to renew our domain name from Network Solutions (agent, Verisign). Verisign doesn't accept checks, and FES doesn't have a credit card. Teresa is looking into obtaining a credit card through Morgan Stanley. We can change our account to accommodate credit card transactions, however the annual fee is \$200. Teresa is seeking a lower cost solution.

We have signed the contract with the Marriott at Hutchinson Island for the 2003 Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for **July 27-30**.

### **Local Arrangements Committee (Steve Lapointe):**

Other members include Bill Overholt (UF, Indian River REC, Ft. Pierce) and Cindy McKenzie (USDA, ARS, USHRL, Ft. Pierce). Steve talked about a workshop for teachers in the St. Lucie Co. area, with the goal to provide classroom tools for FCAT standards. There was also discussion on how to increase industry participation in FES.

**Education Committee (Jim Price):** Although Jim wasn't present, there was discussion about the Florida Foundation for Future Scientists (FFFS) and the State Science and Engineering Fair by Jan Sasser. We need to have the Education Committee help design and obtain new FES certificates for deserving participants.

**Newsletter (Lois Wood and Eileen Buss):** Several items were requested for the Feb/Mar newsletter. We will contact Gregg Nuessly for student competition information. Also requested was the deadline for honors and awards nominations, provided straightway by Ken Bloem (June 1).

**Honors and Awards (Ken Bloem):** The committee needs nominees. To view lists of past awardees look in Aug/Sept newsletters or in March issues of *Florida Entomologist*.

**New Business:** Howard led a discussion about the use of our website (most hits for journal, second for Annual Meeting) and how we can get more of the public involved. Topics such as insect biodiversity and pest control should be linked. One inquiry was whether FES's website gets hit with the keywords, 'Florida' and 'insects.' The discussion led to how to get amateur entomologists and others involved. Many ideas were

also discussed on how to get more interest in our Annual Meeting, especially from the industry sector and local extension or county agents.

**Secretary's postscript :** There was some discussion about the number needed for a quorum. Let me briefly review our Bylaws as presented in the FES Operating Guidelines. The Executive Committee consists of the President, the President-elect, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Business Manager, two members-at-large plus 2 student members, the Chair of the Public Relations Committee, the immediate Past-President, a representative of each Affiliation, and the Editor of the *Florida Entomologist*. The presence of four members of the Executive Committee at any meeting shall establish a quorum, provided all Executive Committee members have been notified in advance of the meeting.

If you would like to attend an executive committee meeting, the next meeting will be held in early March (date not yet determined). To formally include an agenda item, contact President Howard Frank, 352-392-1901, X 128, [jhf@mail.ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:jhf@mail.ifas.ufl.edu). All members are welcome and committee chair persons are encouraged to attend.

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#### ANNUAL MEETING UPDATES

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The 87th Annual Meeting will be held July 27-30, 2003 at the Hutchinson Island Marriot Beach Resort and Marina in Stuart, FL. The address is 555 N.E. Ocean Blvd., Hutchinson Island, Stuart, FL 34996; Phone 800-775-5936, 772-225-3700; FAX: 772-225-0003; Website: [www.floridatreasures.com](http://www.floridatreasures.com). The room rate will be \$95 (specify that you are an FES member attending the annual meeting).

**A Wood Destroying Organisms Workshop** will be held on the morning of Tuesday, July 29. The workshop will include information on organisms such as termites, fungi, beetles, carpenter bees and ants, and possibly even woodpeckers. The organizers are Rudi Scheffrahn, Brian Cabrera, Bill Kern, and David Oi. CEU credits should be available. The cost of the workshop has not yet been determined. For more information contact: David H. Oi, USDA-ARS CMAVE, phone: (352) 374-5987, FAX: 352-374-5818, email: [doi@gainesville.usda.ufl.edu](mailto:doi@gainesville.usda.ufl.edu).

**The symposia topics have now been finalized.** Russ Mizell is organizing a session on the Fall Armyworm, Stephen Lapointe on Entomological Outreach/ Curriculum Development, and Wayne Hunter on Applications of Genetics in Insect Physiological and Behavioral Research.

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#### AUTHOR'S INSTRUCTIONS

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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 can provide in each of the 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.

- **Slide users:** please bring slides in your own 80-slide Kodak-type carousel

- **LCD projector users:** Symposium speakers should submit their Powerpoint presentations to the symposium organizer. Other presentations should be submitted to Steve Lapointe by **July 24, 2003**. Be sure to save your presentation using the "Save As..." command as a PowerPoint show (the .pps, not the .ppt, file extension). Powerpoint presentations can be emailed to:

[slapointe@ushrl.ars.usda.gov](mailto:slapointe@ushrl.ars.usda.gov)

or submitted on Zip disk or CD in IBM compatible format and sent to the address below. Please don't wait until "showtime" to provide your file. All presenters should not only confirm with the AV person an hour before session start time that their file has been loaded but should also have a backup copy of the presentation with them.

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**CALL FOR  
STUDENT COMPETITION PAPERS**  
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A competition for the best student paper will be held at the upcoming 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society (**July 27-30, 2003** at the Hutchinson Island Marriot Beach Resort and Marina). 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 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).

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**SCHOLARSHIPS, MINIGRANTS AND  
TRAVEL GRANTS**  
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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 30, 2003** and should be addressed to:

**Dr. Gregg Nuessly**  
Chair, Student Activities Committee  
Everglades REC  
P.O. Box 8003  
Belle Glade, FL 33430  
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### FIRST CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS, 2003

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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 1, 2003**, to either of the following:

Stuart Reitz  
 Co-Chair, Honors & Awards Committee  
 USDA-ARS  
 Center for Biological Control  
 310 Perry-Paige Bldg.  
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 FAX: 850-412-7059

### 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 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.

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This just in:

An announcement was received from Timber Press, Inc. to inform Entomologists of the re-publication of A Color Atlas of Pests of Ornamental Trees, Shrubs and Flowers, by David V. Alford. Inquiries can be directed to the publicity contact, Rebecca Ragain ([rebecca@timberpress.com](mailto:rebecca@timberpress.com)). With detailed descriptions of both pests and plant symptoms, and clear close-up photos, this text will be a great addition to the libraries of IPM enthusiasts, growers, and horticulturalists.

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## SUBMITTED PAPER FORM

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

**Return to:**

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**DEADLINE: Friday, May 30, 2003**

(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,  
page 3.***