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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Oscar Liburd

It is an honor for me to address the members of the Florida Entomological Society (FES) as President. I have been a member of the FES since 1989, when I was an undergraduate studying at the Florida A&M University. The FES is an important organization as it fosters an entomological research network composed of professionals from academia, industry, and government agencies. The training that I have received over the past three years has prepared me to lead this organization for the next year. I have obtained substantial briefings from the Past President, Rob Meagher. In addition, I have reviewed the Society's operating guidelines so that I can become more familiar with my duties as President, as well as the routine operations of the Society.

As President, I would like to thank everyone that volunteered and contributed their time to making the 91st annual meeting this past July in Jupiter, Florida, a success. We had four great symposia with excellent speakers. In addition, there were many competitive student presentations. Thank you to the leadership of our Past President, Rob Meagher, as well as the support of our President-Elect, Scott Ferguson, who ensured that all of the presentations, electronic visual aids, and poster boards were facilitated. Although the attendance number at the Jupiter meeting was lower than in the past, the contributing factors for this were beyond our control. There were other meetings that conflicted with our meeting dates, including the Car-

ibbean Food Crops Society meeting in Miami and the International Congress of Entomology meeting in South Africa.

For the next 12 months, I would like to focus on four objectives. First, I would like to continue pursuing a goal Rob Meagher initiated: making sure that all committees have active members and are carrying out the responsibilities of their respective committees. Second, I would like to fill vacant committees, including our Fiscal Committee, which has remained vacant for some time. Third, I would like to encourage all students from institutions within the state of Florida, to play a more participatory role in the Society's affairs. Therefore, we will have a broad students' representation at the executive board meetings. Finally, I am asking members of the Long-Range Planning and Caribbean Conference Committees to work together towards developing a stronger relationship with other entomological or related societies in the region, such as the Southern Lepidopterists' Society or the Caribbean Food Crops Society. The goal is to have a joint meeting at some future date, as well as to hold a Caribbean Conference as we have had in the past.

Plans are in action to host our 2009 annual meeting on Sunday July 26-29, 2009 at the Sanibel Harbor Resort and Spa in Fort Myers, Florida. As the date gets closer, we will be making final arrangements and updating you with symposia, workshops, and general presentations.

Past President's Message

Rob Meagher

I want to thank all of the members who attended the FES meeting last July in Jupiter Beach. It was a successful meeting and brought an end to my tenure as President (of course, I thought it brought an end to my Newsletter messages but apparently not!). I really enjoyed the last three years as Vice President, President-Elect and President and learned a great deal under Past Presidents Rudi Scheffrahn and Geri Cashion. My next duty as Nominating Chair is to find an able and willing (first part easy, second part not as easy) academic-type to assume the Vice President's office next year. I have some ideas and since being a maverick is trendy, I'm thinking out of the box (if I can find the lid). Stay tuned.

We had our first Executive Committee meeting under the administration of Oscar Liburd and Scott Ferguson. The Society is in for a great year as both officers are very organized and ready to lead us into the following months.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The edited minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held July 14, 2008 in Jupiter Beach, Florida are as follows:

Business Report (Teresa DuChene, Rob Meagher reporting): Due to a post office problem, backlog issues of the Florida Entomologist were sent late.

Honors & Awards (Chris Tipping): More participation in nominating individuals for honors and awards is needed.

Membership (Michael Franks): There are currently 3 corporate members, 233 full members, 27 student members, and 8 sustaining members. All categories are down. More membership committee members are needed.

Publications Committee (Jim Nation): We need volunteers to be Associate Editors. Last year, 132 manuscripts were submitted and of those, 129 were published.

Computer Resources Committee (Richard Mankin): Next year, presentations can be brought to and loaded at the meeting instead of pre-submitting. Next year, copies of the printed schedule must be purchased at the meeting if not downloaded prior to that. Announcements will include the newsletter and other

links. Email addresses for emailing to members can be a problem – please contact Richard Mankin with your current email addresses, if in doubt.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS

Please welcome and support our 2008-2009
Executive Committee Members!

President Oscar Liburd
President-Elect Scott Ferguson
Vice-President Wayne Hunter
Members-at-Large Dan Hahn and
Adrian Hunsberger

HONORS AND AWARDS

1) Entomologist of the year is **Oscar Liburd** for his research programs involving small fruit production as well as his extension efforts.

2) Annual Achievement Award for Teaching in Higher Education is awarded to **Dan Hahn** for his excellence in teaching undergraduate honors and graduate courses in insect physiology at the University of Florida's Entomology and Nematology Department in Gainesville.

3) Annual Achievement Award for Teaching in K-12 is awarded **Rebecca Baldwin** for her work with high school teachers involving the use of insects in the classroom as well as her involvement in school IPM programs and 4H clubs.

4) Annual Achievement Award for Research goes to **Stuart Reitz** for his innovative research in the creation of IPM programs to control thrips, diamond back moth, and yellow-margined leaf beetle. Stuart is also Co-Director for the Center for Biological Control and an Adjunct Associate Professor at Florida A&M University.

5) Annual Achievement Award for Extension winner is **Jennifer L. Gillett**. Jennifer serves as the UF, IFAS IPM Program Associate Director. She conducts seminars, lectures, and workshops for Extension in-service training and is responsible for the creation and maintenance of the Florida IPM website.

6) Annual Achievement Award for Industry is awarded to **Tim Gast** for his contributions in the fight against the Asian citrus psyllid and citrus greening disease in Florida.

7) Annual Achievement Award for Research Teams is presented to **David G. Hall, Carl C. Childers, and Joseph E. Eger** for creating formal sampling procedures for detecting and estimating citrus rust mite population densities on fruit in citrus trees. They have researchers that developed a grower friendly database that produces sampling guidelines for research investigations and commercial scouting programs.

8) Annual Achievement Award for Regulatory Entomology goes to **David Dean** for his years of innovative research relating to biocontrol.

9) Certificate of Appreciation for Special Service to the Society is awarded to **Richard Mankin** for his tremendous efforts in maintaining and upgrading the Florida Entomological Society's webpage.

10) Pioneer Honoree and Lecturer award
Thanks to **Freddie Johnson** for his colorful yet insightful pioneer lecture honoring Madeline and Dr. H. Charles Mellinger.

11) Outgoing President award: **Robert Meagher**.
Great job Rob!

2008 STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

Scholarships

Scholarships of \$500 were awarded to **Gaurav Goyal, Hou-Feng Li, and Kelly Sims**, students in the Entomology and Nematology Department at the University of Florida.

Minigrants

Minigrants were awarded to **Spencer Ingley, Hou-Feng Li, Craig Roubos, and Kelly Sims**.

Travel Grants

Travel grants were awarded to **Rosie Gill, Gaurav Goyal, Hou-Feng Li, Elena Rhodes, Craig Roubos, Hardy Sandhu, Kelly Sims, and Ricky Vazquez**.

Student Paper Competition

The winners in the M.S. category were **Margaret Pfiester** with 1st place and \$200.00, **Wai-Han Chan** with 2nd place and \$150.00, and **Maria Ferreira** with 3rd place and \$125.00.

The winners in the Ph.D. student competition were **Teresa Cooper** with 1st place and \$200.00, **Hou-Feng Li** with 2nd place and \$150.00, and **Joseph W. Diclaro II** with 3rd place and \$125.00. All students are from the University of Florida.

Please take a moment to personally congratulate these students for their outstanding efforts and activities within the FES!

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 Cara Vazquez.

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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