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President's Message

Scott Ferguson

As previous Presidents have opened with in their first message, it is indeed an honor for me to address you as the President of our outstanding Society. I would like to thank our most recent Presidents, Oscar Liburd and Rob Meagher, and our Business Manager, Teresa DuChene, for their guidance and tutorage.

Our recent annual meeting in Ft. Myers was a great success, with many excellent papers, posters, four symposia, two workshops and especially the great presentations by the graduate students in the graduate student paper competition. It is clear that the next generation of entomologists is well qualified to carry on and advance our discipline. Many thanks to all of the people involved in putting this meeting together, especially Teresa and President-Elect, Wayne Hunter. Also, congratulations to Dr. Gary Leibe, on his election as Vice President.

During my 12 months as President I have four major goals. The first, which others before me have also focused on, is to make sure that all of our committees are properly staffed with active members that are carrying out the responsibilities of their respective committees. The second goal is to continue with Oscar's effort to encourage students from all of the institutions within Florida to participate in our Society. The third goal is to increase the number of corporate members in our Society. The fourth goal is to ensure that our 2010 annual meeting is as successful as possible. The 2009 meeting was a tremendous success – it was very well

attended, had many excellent papers, posters, four interesting symposia and two sold-out workshops. Please start thinking now about presenting a paper or poster or possibly organizing a symposium for the 2010 meeting.

Past President's Message

Oscar E. Liburd

This July marks the close of my tenure as President of the Florida Entomological Society (FES). I appreciated the opportunity to serve as your President during the past year. My future plans involve continuing service to the Society and encouraging our younger scientists to take a more active role in FES. The 2009 annual meeting at Sanibel Harbor Resort and Spa hotel was a success. This was reflected in the diverse number of symposia, papers presented and the number of participants that attended the annual meeting. It is also the first meeting in years that the Society made a net profit from an annual meeting. The profit from the meeting was a result of the hard work of our Business Manager, Teresa DuChene and other members of the FES Executive Committee who work tirelessly to ensure that the annual meeting ran smoothly. Therefore, a special thanks to the entire executive board for their hard work and all members of the FES for your dedication to the society.

We have accomplished the goals that I initiated at the start of my tenure as President of the Society. Today, the Society is stronger than it has ever been financially. Our new President, Scott Ferguson is goal oriented. I feel strongly that he will continue to build upon the progress that we have made this past year.

Those of you that missed the President's address at the annual meeting may review the key points that were presented. A summary of the speech has been published in the December 2009 issue of the Florida Entomologist. Again, as your past President I look forward to continue working with the Society and thank you all for allowing me to be of service to you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS

Please welcome and support our 2009-2010
Executive Committee Members!

President Scott Ferguson
President-Elect Wayne Hunter
Vice-President Gary Leibee
Members-at-Large Cindy McKenzie
and Adrian Hunsberger

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The edited minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held June 2, 2009 at the USDA-ARS, Gainesville, Florida are as follows:

Present: Dan Hahn, Oscar Liburd, Scott Ferguson, Teresa DuChene, Jim Nation, Richard Mankin, Jeff Shapiro, Howard Frank, Rob Meagher, Oulimathe Paraiso, Rebecca Baldwin; by phone: Wayne Hunter, Adrian Hunsberger.

Business Manager Report (Teresa DuChene): Bank balances were reported. The early stages of planning for the 2010 meeting are in progress, and the Dominican Republic is a likely site.

Publications (Jim Nation): Pages published were: 640 (2004), 564 (2005), 551 (2006), 805 (2007), 722 (2008). Submissions: 112 (2006), 132 (2007), 172 (2008), and 66 to date in 2009). Number of submissions are increasing. In 2008, the rejection rate was 10.5%. For 2009, it is about 18%. Dr. Nation plans to continue as Editor through 2010, but a new Editor is needed by fall 2010 for 2011, and will receive help from Dr. Nation through March 2011. Perhaps two co-

editors would be better suited to handle ca. 150-160 manuscripts/yr.

Oscar Liburd: Oulimathe Paraiso has joined the Executive Committee as a student representative from FAMU (she is a student of Moses Karo). The last FAMU student to serve on the Committee was Dr. Liburd himself. Oulimathe studies regulatory aspects of biological control agent importation. Welcome, Oulimathe!

Caribbean Conference Committee (Stephen Lapointe): Puerto Rico was the previous site for the Conference. A package is being prepared for the Dominican Republic as a potential site for 2010. If there is no progress soon, it will be abandoned for 2010 and revisited in 2011. Communication has been difficult, and costs for facilities are unknown.

HONORS AND AWARDS

1) Entomologist of the year: **Lukasz Stelinski** for his active role in several research projects beneficial to the Florida citrus industry.

2) Annual Achievement Award for Teaching in Higher Education: **Rebecca Baldwin** for her dedication to teaching.

3) Annual Achievement Award for Teaching in K-12: **Emily Torlak** for her creative use of insects in the classroom.

4) Annual Achievement Award for Research: **Steve Lapointe** for his research in Florida and with several international research groups.

5) Annual Achievement Award for Extension: **Bill Kern** for his ability to provide homeowners with valuable information relating to pest management.

6) Annual Achievement Award for Industry: **Henry Yonce** for over 25 years of research with industry and cooperation with Florida growers.

7) Annual Achievement Award for Research Teams (12 awards): **Cindy McKenzie, Robert G. Shatters, Jr., Galen Frantz, Felicia Parks, Leon Lucas, Lance S. Osborne, Frank Byrne, Greg Hodges, Dave Schuster, Gary Leibee, Joe Chamberlin, and Lin Schmale** for their vital research into monitoring the distribution of the Q-biotype of the silverleaf whitefly.

8) Annual Achievement Award for Regulatory Entomology: **Paul Skelley** for his years of contributions to the Center for Systematic Entomology and as a collections manager at the Florida State Collection of Arthropods.

9) Certificates of Appreciation for Special Service to the Society: **Jennifer Gillett-Kaufman** for her critical work in public relations for The Florida Entomological Society.

10) Pioneer Honoree and Lecturer: Thanks to **Jan Peters** for their interesting and informative lecture honoring **Bill Peters**.

11) Past President award: **Oscar Liburd** for his tremendous contribution of time and energy to the Florida Entomological Society. Thank you Oscar!

2009 STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

Scholarships

Scholarships of \$500 were awarded to **Rosie Gill and Teresia Nyoike**, students in the Entomology and Nematology Department at the University of Florida.

Mini Grants

Mini grants were awarded to **Daniel Fitzpatrick, Teresia Nyoike, Rosie Gill, Elena Rhodes**.

Travel Grants

Travel grants were awarded to **Rosie Gill, Gaurav Goyal, Craig Roubos, Olga Kostromytska, Vivek Jha, Garima Kakkar, Teresia Nyoike, and Cecil Montemayor**.

Student Paper Competition

The winners in the M.S. category were **Cecil Montemayor** with 1st place and \$200.00, **William Saunders** with 2nd place and \$150.00, and **Kevyn Juneau** with 3rd place and \$125.00.

The winners in the Ph.D. student competition were **Teresia Nyoike** with 1st place and \$200.00, **Craig Roubos** with 2nd place and \$150.00, and **Elena Rhodes** 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!

STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT WINNERS

The following students were awarded a travel grant from the Florida Entomological Society to assist them with attending the 2009 Entomological Society of America annual meeting in Indianapolis, IN: **Frank Wessels, Craig Roubos, Teresia Nyoike, Vivek Jha, Rosie Gill, Gaurav Goyal, Elena Rhodes, Daniel Carillo, Hardev Sandhu, and Cecil Montemayor**. Congratulations to all of you!

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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