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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Our journal, the Florida Entomologist, is our means of communicating our discoveries amongst ourselves, and to an ever increasing extent, with entomologists around the world. It is in our best interest to maintain its intellectual standards, and when the opportunity arises, to improve its format and enhance its appearance. Our Editor, Richard Baranowski, and the Publications Committee are investigating the possibility of increasing the page size to the more standard 7"X10". Text would be printed in double columns, which would require fewer pages, and the larger format would improve the reproduction of illustrations. If this larger size is adopted we might want to consider some cosmetic changes as well. Do we want to keep the traditional yellow cover? If we move the table of contents to the inside page, should we illustrate the cover (like the Annals of the Entomological Society of America)? What about using our seal (the "Illuminating Firefly")? Your ideas would be appreciated.

I would also like to discuss a more important change in our journal, the title itself. As many of you know, there is a long running debate within the Society over whether or not the name "Florida Entomologist" should be retained. One "faction" believes that a widely read journal such as ours, with ambitions to attract authors internationally, does itself harm by appearing regional and provincial. After all, we no longer publish "The Florida Buggist", the journal's original name. The other group feels that after 81 years of publication the journal title represents an important tradition and has "name recognition". There is a sense that changing the name to something more "trendy" signifies a lack of self respect, and in

the long run would tarnish the reputation of the journal. In other words, we should be proud of our roots and let the ignorant think what they will.

I have to admit that I consider myself a "name changer" who thinks we have outgrown our title, and I even have a suggestion for a new name: "The New World Entomologist". Such an important issue deserves very careful consideration, and ultimately a vote, but in the mean time I would appreciate your comments.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Edited minutes of the September 24, 1998 Executive Committee Meeting, held at the USDA, ARS Gainesville, FL, are as follows:

Executive Committee Members in Attendance: John Sivinski, Joe Funderburk, Lance Peterson, Theresa DuChene, Pat Greany, Nancy Epsky, Julie Staviski, Chris Tipping, and John Petti. Committee Chairs and FES Members in Attendance: Norm Leppla, Gary Leabee, Lois Wood, Richard Mankin, John Capinera, Robert Meagher, and Clay Scherer.

**President's Opening Remarks:** Meeting called to order at 1:10 pm by President Sivinski. Bound copies of the Florida Entomological Society Operating Guidelines were distributed. Joe Funderburk was asked and agreed to head a group that, working with the Guidelines Committee, would look at and amend discrepancies in the current by-laws.

**Secretary's Report** (John Petti) The Executive Committee decided to use the FES lightning bug logo for the 1998 annual meeting and NOT to print and mail the 1999 Annual Meeting Program to

members. Those members without internet access will have to request a copy of the program, which traditionally is not available in print until the week before the meeting, from the Program Committee or obtain a copy from a member who does have access. Minutes from the 1997 Annual Meeting held in Daytona Beach were presented for approval, accepted unanimously, and will appear in the March, 1999 issue of the Florida Entomologist. Minutes from the 1998 Annual Meeting held in Sanibel Island were presented for approval. Photographs were not yet available and members decided to postpone voting until the next meeting in December, still allowing enough time to publish the minutes in March. John Petti acknowledged David Hall for acting as secretary at the 1998 meeting and producing the minutes. John Petti sent a letter to the Sundial Resort, including a copy of the resolutions, thanking the hotel for helping to make the 1998 FES Annual Meeting a success.

**Business Manager's Report** (Theresa DuChene) Theresa provided a financial report for the period ending August 31, 1998. Teresa recapped current 1998 annual meeting revenue (\$13,550.00) and expenses (\$19,318.19) and projects a deficit of \$5,545 after all accounts are settled. Following annual meeting deficits of about \$3,000 for 1996 and \$5,884 for 1997, Teresa requested ideas for providing a well-rounded and informative meeting without running way over budget. Increasing meeting registration fees and membership dues were discussed. Teresa advised those in attendance of the current procedure for handling delinquent membership dues. Alamo car rental offered a program to FES where members would receive a 10% discount and the society would receive a 2% rebate. No decision was reached.

### **Committee Reports:**

Fiscal (Rob Meagher) - No report was submitted. John Petti motioned that the Fiscal Committee, with the help of Teresa DuChene, be charged with the responsibility of investigating the alternatives presented in regard to annual meeting costs and, with the aid of data from previous meetings, develop cost guidelines for future meetings. Seconded by John Sivinski, the vote was unanimous.

Computer Resources (Pat Greany) - No written report. Changes and additions to the FES Website <<http://www.flaentsoc.org>> were demonstrated. It is possible to link abstracts in the 1999 on-line program to an author's website where other members may access a slide show or other accompanying information. Member information, including a 250-character "special interests" field, can now be updated by members. Richard Mankin

will develop and announce the procedure for obtaining a password. Pat Greany requested a "petty cash" fund for implementing changes that improve the utility of the FES website. John Petti motioned to budget up to \$500.00 per year to be used at the Computer Resources Committee's discretion. Motion was seconded by Lance Peterson and the vote was unanimous in favor. Nancy Epsky requested that unedited minutes of the Executive Committee meetings, a list of committee chairs and members, and other committee business be posted on the FES website. Richard Mankin reports little activity on the "On-Line Forum" site and requests members make submissions to the "Hot Topics" page of the FES website.

Florida Entomologist on World Wide Web (Tom Walker) - Tom Walker submitted a progress report on posting back-issues of the Florida Entomologist on the WWW. The Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA) estimates that the back-issues (1969 forward) should be searchable by Thanksgiving. Tom Walker reports that the project is within budget, projects a \$700.00 surplus, and suggests that these funds be used to integrate the recent issues (1994-date) with the earlier ones if the Executive Committee finds that FCLA's user interface is superior to the interface that we are currently using.

Florida Entomologist (Dick Baranowski) - Dick Baranowski submitted a letter in favor of discontinuing the Spanish resumen and asked President Sivinski to bring the subject up for further discussion. After much discussion, President Sivinski motioned to keep the resumen. Pat Greany seconded and the vote was unanimous. The issues of cost and who would do future translations was not resolved. President Sivinski introduced the idea of publishing a memoir series of the Florida Entomologist, initially dedicated to Caribbean biodiversity. Dick Baranowski supports the idea and has offered to make the first submission (Hemiptera in the Caribbean). Jim Lloyd has volunteered to serve on the editorial staff and submit a monograph on fireflies. Tom Walker is also in support of the idea. President Sivinski wants ideas from the membership. The question of accepting papers from authors with institutional membership status was introduced. The by-laws state that authors must be members of FES to submit papers. After much discussion, Pat Greany suggested that the pros and cons of accepting submissions from institutional members be published on the society's Hot Topics web page where members could contribute their input. Rob Meagher volunteered to present the pros and President Sivinski agreed to ask Dick Baranowski to present the cons.

Program (Lance Peterson) - Lance Peterson is

soliciting symposia.

Newsletter (Lois Wood and Nancy Epsky) - The next issue of the newsletter will include short announcements encouraging membership to submit e-mail addresses and watch the website for inclusions of society business discussed at this and future meeting.

Public Relations - (Nancy Epsky) Faith Oi was welcomed as a new member of the committee.

Awards (Gary Leibe) - Gary reported having mailed awards to members that did not attend the annual meeting.

Miscellaneous - Pat Greany suggested that it is not too early to begin looking for a location of the year 2000 Annual Meeting and offered to post potential locations on the FES website. Members could suggest locations and, as the meeting date approaches, vote on the general location from which a specific hotel will be chosen. President Sivinski agreed and added that it would be good to get their input now that we have the capacity to poll the membership electronically.

The following meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Tuesday, December 1, 1998, at the USDA, Gainesville. Minutes from that meeting will be posted on the website and edited for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

**The next Executive Committee meeting will be held April 13, 1999,** at 1 pm at the USDA/ARS, CMAVE Conference Room, Gainesville. All members are invited to attend. Committee members are encouraged to attend and provide reports of current activities.

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**THE 4TH INTERNATIONAL  
CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE  
OF ENTOMOLOGY  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
82<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

The 4<sup>th</sup> International Caribbean Conference of Entomology and the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society will be held **July 25-29, 1999** at the Condado Plaza Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. **Deadline for submission of papers will be Friday April 30, 1999.** (Submittal form available in last Newsletter (Vol.13(3):8) and on the main page of the FES homepage).

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Due to plans for new construction, the Caribe Hilton is no longer available as the 1999 Annual Meeting site. The meeting has been moved to another beautiful hotel in San Juan - the Condado Plaza Hotel. The Condado Plaza Hotel is conveniently located just 15 minutes from the airport and 10 minutes from historic Old San Juan. This luxury ocean front resort is the only one located directly on both the Atlantic Ocean and picturesque Condado Lagoon. It is conveniently located 40 minutes from El Yunque Rain Forest. The Hotel recently received a prestigious 4- star rating by AAA. All guest rooms feature individually controlled air conditioning, ceiling fan, color Cable TV with VCR and Spectravision movie library, in-room safe, alarm clock radio and two telephones with modern data ports. Facilities include 3 outdoor swimming pools, including one saltwater and swim-up bar; 2 tennis courts, lighted for night play; complete water sports center and fitness center. For additional information, see [www.williamshosp.com/cond.htm](http://www.williamshosp.com/cond.htm) or go to the "Hot Topics" button on the FES webpage.

## COLLECTING IN PUERTO RICO

Puerto Rico requires a permit to collect any kind of wildlife on the island. Those of you that wish to collect insects during the annual meeting in Puerto Rico must complete the

### Collecting Permit Application Form

that can be found on pages 7-8 of this newsletter. Another permit is required to collect in state forests, of which there are many. That permit is estimated to cost ~ \$25 per person. A different permit is required to collect in the Caribbean National Forest (which operates much like a national park). Granting of the National Forest permit is contingent on possession of a Puerto Rican permit. Application for permits should be done as soon as possible. February is not too soon to begin the process for the July meeting.

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## Heading to the Florida State Fair?

Check out the Insect Encounters Display in the Ag Hall of Fame Building at the Florida State Fair, Feb. 4 - 15 in Tampa. The FES Education Committee has been very active in coordinating a number of interactive displays for the fair that highlight the important role of entomology in daily life and will show an array of insect activities in Florida. Over 450,000 people attended the State Fair in 1998, so this has been a great opportunity to introduce Floridians to the wonderful world of insects. Included will be live insect and informational displays from the Dept. of Ent./Nem., UF; the Division of Plant Industry, FDACS; USDA/ARS; Epcot Science, Walt Disney World; FL Mosq. Cont. Assoc. and the FL Beekeepers. Live insect displays include demonstrations of a "bee beard" - always a crowd pleaser. Parents, bring your cameras for a new parent/child photo opportunity! More information on the Florida State Fair is available at [www.fl-ag.com/statefair](http://www.fl-ag.com/statefair). Hope to see you there!

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### FES WEBPAGE NEWS

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If you have visited the FES homepage recently, you will see that several changes have been made by webmaster Richard Mankin. Hopefully these changes will make the pages more accessible and easier to navigate. Several new buttons have been added and some new links have been established. One of the new buttons is a **HELP** button. Click on this button, and you will find answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ).

The **HOT TOPICS** button provides news of interest to FES members. A link to the Condado Plaza Hotel, site of the 1999 Annual meeting in Puerto Rico, is available here. Use it to get a preview of the accommodations awaiting attendees of the meeting in July.

### Looking for Emailed Newsletters?

Several members have asked when the "snail mail" newsletters will be replaced by email newsletters for members who have sent in email addresses. As you can tell, not yet. It is hoped that when the membership database maintained on the FES homepage is fully updated, it can be used to produce separate mailing lists for members that wish to receive their newsletters by regular mail and by email. This database is still under construction, so we will continue to use the address list maintained by

the business manager for the newsletter mailing. When we do send out emailed newsletters, they will be in the \*.pdf format - the same format that is used for the newsletters on the FES homepage. The Adobe software needed to read \*.pdf files is free and can be downloaded from the Newsletter section of the FES homepage. If your computer can not use this software, you may want to continue receiving the newsletter through regular mail. The newsletters will continue to be available on the FES homepage.

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### MEMBERS AND EVENTS

**Kevina Vulinec** is back at UF after one year of research in the Amazon region of Brazil as a Fulbright Scholar. Welcome back Kevi!

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This newsletter is published irregularly between issues of the Journal of the Society, *The Florida Entomologist*. It is intended for the publication of subjects of interest to the members of the Florida Entomological Society. Articles, announcements, awards and other news about FES members are solicited from the membership and should be addressed to the co-editors Lois Wood or Nancy Epsky.

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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 Nancy Epsky.

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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Solicitud para la observación, colección y/o captura  
de la flora y fauna silvestre

- Propósitos científicos  
 Propósitos educacionales  
 Propósitos artesanales  
 Propósitos comerciales

I. Información del solicitante

A. Nombre \_\_\_\_\_

B. Núm. Seguro Social \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

C. Dirección Postal \_\_\_\_\_  
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D. Dirección residencial \_\_\_\_\_  
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E. Teléfono residencial \_\_\_\_\_ Teléfono trabajo \_\_\_\_\_

F. Si el solicitante es representante de una Institución, Agencia Pública o Entidad Privada, favor de contestar lo siguiente:

1. Nombre Entidad \_\_\_\_\_

2. Dirección \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Nombre de la persona contacto \_\_\_\_\_

a. Título \_\_\_\_\_

b. Teléfono \_\_\_\_\_

II. Información de la Actividad

A. Actividad solicitada  
 Observación  
 Colección  
 Captura

B. Tipo de solicitud  
 Nueva  
 Renovación  
 Enmienda

Núm. de permiso anterior \_\_\_\_\_  
Núm. de permiso \_\_\_\_\_

C. Lugar donde se llevará a cabo la actividad \_\_\_\_\_  
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D. Municipio \_\_\_\_\_

E. Cantidad de organismos por especie \_\_\_\_\_  
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F. Método a utilizarse \_\_\_\_\_  
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G. Periodo durante el cual se propone efectuar la actividad  
Desde \_\_\_\_\_ Hasta \_\_\_\_\_

H. Breve descripción del propósito y la actividad que se propone efectuar:  
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I. Ha sido correcto por violación a las leyes o reglamentos, estatales o federales, en materia de fauna o vida silvestre  
\_\_\_\_\_ Si \_\_\_\_\_ No

Certifico que la información aquí vertida es a mi mejor entender cierta.

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Firma

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Fecha

**Nota:** Por cualquier actividad que se realice en los Bosques Estatales y este dirigida a desarrollar técnicas para la repoblación forestal, el manejo de bosques y utilización de productos forestales, el Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales como facilitador para la realización de la misma podrá recibir donativos mediante cheque certificado o giro postal pagadero al Secretario de Hacienda. Gracias.