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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lance Peterson

The 82nd Annual Meeting held at the Condado Plaza Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico was a success. Although attendance was off from previous years for any number of reasons, those of us there had a very good experience. A very special thank you must go out to the Puerto Rico Entomological Society and their president, Dr. Alberto Pantoja for being fantastic hosts. Alberto gave the Welcoming Address and their presence was obvious in every aspect for the rest of the meeting. They provided special music and dance at the mixer, samples of Puerto Rico's most famous export beverage and strengthened the program with contributed papers and posters.

Dr. Pauline Lawrence of the University of Florida presented the Pioneer Lecture, honoring Dr. George N. Wolcott. We had the unique honor of having Dr. Wolcott's daughter and grandson in the audience for the Opening General session. Nine graduate students enjoyed the 2nd Annual Student Lunch with the Pioneer Lecturer, sponsored by Dow AgroSciences. The feedback from this informal interchange from Dr. Lawrence and the students was very good, and we will attempt to make this event a permanent part of the program.

The formal program contained six symposia entitled: (a) Insect Behavioral Ecology; (b) Curculionids of the Caribbean Region: Importance to Agriculture; (c) Facing the Threat of Exotic Pest Invasion; (d) Biological Control of Pests in Ornamental Plants of the Caribbean; (e) Preserving Our View of the Past; Protecting Historic Structures from Wood-Destroying Insects; and (f) Sweet Potato Insect Pests. There were thirty-eight papers presented in 5 sessions of submitted papers

including four in the Student Competition; thirteen in Pest Management, Sampling and Biology; three in Biological Control; and three in Termite Biology. A special addition this year was a Spanish speaking session for submitted papers from the Caribbean. Fifteen papers were submitted to this session, primarily from the Puerto Rico Entomological society, but also from Cuba and elsewhere in the Caribbean. The Submitted Poster session contained 14 presentations on a wide variety of topics.

The Spanish speaking session went over so well that we are planning on including an opportunity for one at the 83rd Annual Meeting as well. This is an excellent chance to use the Open Forum on the Web page to get member feedback on this session and other ideas of how we can encourage more Latin American participation in all of our Society Meetings and Activities.

We managed to make room for some fun and exploration during the rigors of the meeting. One day was set aside for three sponsored excursion tours. One group went to the El Yunque Rainforest; a second group toured the Botanical Gardens and the Exotic Entomological Museum at the University of Puerto Rico. A third group went on a guided tour of 'San Cristobal' and 'El Morro' Forts, observing the history of the sites as well as measures being taken for termite control. Others found their way to historic Old San Juan for an afternoon of sight seeing and shopping.

All was not without some controversy, however. The program for the conference, as well as the submitted Abstracts, were posted on the FES web site for access by the membership, and were not provided at the conference in formal printed booklet form as in the past. This saved the Society considerable money in printing and postage costs. Unfortunately, many attendees had not downloaded

the program from the web site and arrived without printed programs. We will have to come to some solution that will be both cost efficient and accommodating to our membership. The Executive Committee is aware of the issue and will deal with it.

Among the projects that I hope to see develop in the next few months is a drive to recapture some of our lost members, individuals still active in the area of entomology in Florida, but that have drifted away for one reason or another. We need to find out if there is something about the way that we operate as a Society that can be improved to keep the interest of our members. If I am talking to you, please get on the telephone or web site and give us some feedback.

We are a bit late in announcing the site for the year 2000 annual meeting, but be assured that negotiations are underway. We are talking with a hotel in the Naples area, and hope to be able to make the announcement very soon. Watch the web site for further details.

I look forward to a challenging and exciting year as your 85th President. As always, we will be open to input and feedback from all of the membership, and pledge to work toward the growth of the Society. I encourage each member to take an active part in the affairs of their organization by making their opinions known. We have a fantastic web page that has plenty of room for everyone to participate.

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Sivinski

Dear Members: I would like to say how much I enjoyed being your President over the last year. Our society consists of remarkable scientists, naturalists, and agriculturalists, and I am always gratified to belong in the company of such an enquiring and dynamic group. A good deal has happened over the last year, including the consolidation of our move on to the internet, the "electronic" organization of our meetings, the completion of placing the entire 82 years of the Florida Entomologist on the web, and the first steps to reformatting the appearance of our journal. Some members have expressed concerns over the expenses involved with the construction of our web page, but these are one time costs and will be recouped over time (even small things, such as having the meeting schedule on the web rather than printed, will save the society hundreds of dollars a year). In addition, new revenues can be generated

through our web page, i.e., by banner advertisements, and the increased convenience for members and the increased exposure of our society to the world will be "priceless". While speaking of money, I should bring to your attention that our meetings have become increasingly expensive and that it was the opinion of the board that we needed to raise our registration fees. This added money, coupled to a modest increase in dues, should shortly see the society back into the "black". On a more serious note, our membership underwent a sharp decline this last year. This may be due to our having an out-of-country 1999 meeting, increasing dues, having the journal freely available on the web, or be part of general and poorly understood decline in the sponsorship of scientific societies. Whatever the reason, it is a problem that will require our close attention in the future.

Let me close by thanking the executive committee and all of our other members for making this an exciting year. I am looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting and wish our new president, Lance Peterson, a fulfilling and productive administration.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Edited minutes of the April 13, 1999 Executive Committee Meeting, held at the USDA, ARS Gainesville, FL, are as follows:

Executive Committee Members in Attendance: John Sivinski, Theresa DuChene, Pat Greany, Nancy Epsky, Julie Staviski, Richard Baranowski, and John Petti. Committee Chairs and FES Members in Attendance: Norm Leppla, Richard Mankin, Robert Meagher, Ellen Thoms, Tom Walker, Howard Frank, Gary Leibee, Clay Scherer, and Elzie McCord.

President's Opening Remarks: President Sivinski asked those in attendance to review minutes from the December 1, 1998, Executive Committee Meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously and the meeting was turned over to Dick Baranowski.

Florida Entomologist (Dick Baranowski) - E. O. Painter announced a new policy for handling manuscript reprint orders. Future orders that lack information, payment, or an acceptable form of

payment will be discarded without notice. Order forms with current pricing and payment instructions are sent to authors along with galley proofs. Some associate editors have suggested changes in the journal's format. Dick looked at twelve to fifteen other entomological journals and reported that most follow a format similar to that of the *Annals of the ESA*. Some suggestions include changing to two columns on a larger page and removing white space between headings and text by changing to contiguous bold headings. Jeff Johnston of Painter Printing estimates he could fit 18% more material per page even after changing to a larger font size. Questions were raised about how the changes would affect printing costs, the need to adjust authors' charge per page, and whether the journal should be self-supporting or a source of revenue. Dick brought up the possibility of changing the cover of the *Florida Entomologist*. President Sivinski reported getting no response from a newsletter request for input on the subject and brought up an unresolved issue over changing/modifying the firefly logo. Nancy Epsky suggested a competition to modernize the original butterfly logo which does not reproduce well. Ellen Thoms suggested using an illustration from one of the articles for the cover art. President Sivinski indicated that he got many firm "No" responses to the question of changing the name of the journal to make it more appealing to non-Florida readers. Pat Greany motioned to have Painter produce a dummy issue of the *Florida Entomologist* with the proposed format changes for evaluation by the Executive Committee. John Petti seconded and the vote was unanimous. Dick announced Sanford Porter, Al Wheeler, and Lois O'Brien resigned as associate editors. Dick also announced we are now on our third Associate Editor of the Spanish Abstracts and asked the Executive Committee to justify the need for the Resumen, pointing out the estimated \$1,000/year cost to the Society and logistical inconvenience to him. Pros and cons were discussed again and John Sivinski pointed out that the decision to keep the Resumen had been made. Tom Walker pointed out some technical solutions to the logistics problem using FTP. President Sivinski reported there is interest in publishing a Memoir Series, he has volunteers, and is looking at two kinds of special publications. Pat Greany motioned to increase the salary for the position of Editor of the *Florida Entomologist* by 10%. Nancy Epsky seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Florida Entomologist on World Wide Web (Tom Walker) - Tom Walker reports that library subscriptions are substantially down this year and he reminded us of a contingency plan he proposed some

time ago for such an event. His plan is to charge authors for making their manuscripts (reprints) immediately available over the Internet. This would bring in significant new revenue and/or encourage libraries to renew their subscriptions. The convenience of electronic reprints via the Internet is currently automatic and included in the page charge. A lengthy discussion ensued over how much to charge authors and how to collect or track the revenue separately from Painter. President Sivinski suggested postponing discussion and any decisions on the matter until the next meeting or when we have the dummy issue of the journal and know the new costs.

Membership (Clay Scherer) - Clay reports getting negative feedback from prospective student members when he approached them about joining FES. Since the major benefits and advantages to students joining FES are derived from participation in the annual meeting, he attributed the lack of student interest to the high cost of traveling to Puerto Rico. Nancy Epsky and Ellen Thoms pointed out that mini-grants and scholarships could still be applied for and awarded without the student's presence and the possibility of being awarded one or both of them should be used to entice new membership.

Business Manager's Report (Teresa DuChene) - Teresa supplied copies of the Business Manager's Report, January 1 to April 10, 1999, for review. Of 533 post cards mailed in regard to membership approval/disapproval of the 1999 dues increase, 175 members responded. The increase was approved by a 91% majority. Several subscription exchange members have been receiving the *Florida Entomologist* without supplying an exchange journal. Out of 18 letters mailed, only three responded and only one is willing to pay for the journal. Those not responding will not get copies of the *Florida Entomologist* in the future. A number of subscription members have asked to receive the FES Newsletter. Teresa asked if she should comply. After some discussion, Teresa was instructed to inform them that it is currently available online and will soon be available only through the FES website. Teresa reviewed the 1999 Financial Report for period ending 4/10/99. Norm Leppla, noticing a deficit in projected membership revenue, asked Teresa if there has been a downward trend in membership. She reported that we are losing old members and attributed it to availability of the journal on the Internet. Pat Greany suggested limiting access to specific areas of the FES website to FES members. Julie Staviski pointed out some benefits derived from a mutual and cooperative

exchange of current scientific information via the Internet. Ellen Thoms suggested asking the Long Range Planning Committee to address the problem of declining membership. President Sivinski asked the Executive Committee to vote on accepting the Business Manager's report. The vote was unanimous.

Operating Guidelines and By-Laws (Joe Funderburk) - Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation were added when FES became a non-profit organization. Joe Funderburk questions how to incorporate these changes into the By-Laws and if they need to be voted on by the membership. A decision was made to present and vote on the amendments at the annual meeting. Julie Staviski presented a list of conflicts between the By-Laws and Operating Guidelines. Acting for Joe Funderburk, she asked the FES Board to review the conflicts and decide which should be addressed, what changes should be made, and suggest a way to have the membership vote on the changes. Ellen Thoms pointed out that the By-Laws are more difficult to change because they require approval of the general membership and suggested leaving them as simple as possible. Specifics concerning the responsibilities of individual positions and committees should be revised in the Operating Guidelines Handbook. Since many of the discrepancies involved the number of members serving on a particular committee, she further suggested simply inserting "a minimum of" before the number of members stated in the By-Laws Articles. Changing the specified number of members to a minimum was also discussed. It was suggested that Joe Funderburk edit the Articles revisions accordingly and submit them to Richard Mankin for posting on the FES website. An announcement should appear in the newsletter notifying members that they have the opportunity to review on the FES website. A vote will be held at the annual meeting.

Fiscal (Rob Meagher) - Rob presented a revised report on annual meeting expense trends including records from 1983 to 1992. He reported that while it has been more common to lose money than break even or make money from the annual meetings, the magnitude of the losses has increased.

Computer Resources (Richard Mankin) - Several links to Caribbean and South American home pages have been added to the FES website. It is now possible for members to access and update personal information in the website membership database online. Past members may also delete themselves from the database and soon new members will be able to add their personal data. A password is required to access the database and can be obtained by contacting Richard. The next major improvement to

the website database is to make it compatible with Teresa's, facilitating instant electronic updating of members' information on Teresa's database.

Caribbean Directory (Howard Frank) - Howard Frank commended Pat Greany and Richard Mankin for all the work they have done to get the Caribbean Directory to the point it is at. He would like to add fields to the database, make it searchable, and possibly provide additional versions in other languages. Technical difficulties and the financial feasibility of some aspects of the proposed additional features were discussed. President Sivinski suggested evaluating the alternatives later. Howard Frank is to visit Colony One and get some estimated costs for implementing the additional features and hosting them.

Student Activities (Elzie McCord) - An announcement of and information regarding student awards and grants will appear in the next issue of the FES Newsletter and be posted on the FES website.

Honors and Awards (Gary Leabee) - A full page nomination form for FES awards will appear in the Newsletter. Winners of the Florida Entomological Society Special Awards at the State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida have been selected.

Public Relations (Nancy Epsky) - A report indicating that a press release on the Insect Expo at the Florida State Fair was prepared in consultation with the Education Committee. It was sent to contacts at the Orlando Sentinel, Tampa Tribune, St. Petersburg Times, and will also appear in the FES Newsletter. Information on the Annual Meeting was sent to the ESA Newsletter for publication and posted on the ESA Homepage.

Newsletter (Lois Wood and Nancy Epsky) - The March issue of the FES Newsletter is in the mail.

Pioneer Lecturer Award Series (Norm Leppla) - Norm announced that Dr. Pauline O. Lawrence of the University of Florida, IFAS, Department of Entomology and Nematology will be the 1999 Pioneer Lecturer. Her lecture will honor Dr. George N. Wolcott, a pioneering and visionary entomologist in the Caribbean.

Local Arrangements (Lance Peterson) - Speaking for Lance, Pat Greany revealed plans for tours in Puerto Rico to El Yunque National Rainforest, the Botanical Gardens and the Exotic Entomological Museum at the University of Puerto Rico, and a guided tour of San Cristobal and El Morro Forts, observing the history of the sites as well as measures being taken for termite control.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be on Dec. 9, 1999, at USDA/ARS, CMAVE Conference Room, Gainesville. Submitted by John Petti, Secretary

NO STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS FOR ESA ANNUAL MEETING

Student travel grants for the 1999 Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, have been exhausted. The FES Executive Committee decided that it was relatively inexpensive to travel and stay in Atlanta compared to Puerto Rico. Therefore, residual dollars that were traditionally reserved for this meeting were distributed equally.

2000 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Call for Symposia

I am soliciting ideas and inputs for symposia topics for the annual meeting. I would like to have at least 4 symposia that will represent current issues as well as recognize the presence and interests of our Latin American colleagues. If you have ideas please send them to me by **January 1, 2000. If you would like to suggest or organize a symposium**, please send a proposed title and list of possible participants.

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*******FES WEBPAGE NEWS*****
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CALL TO UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP DATA!!!!

To make full use of our website for all membership data, and to facilitate email distribution of the newsletter and other important society information quickly and inexpensively - we need your membership data! Check your data on the FES webpage, and if it needs to be updated/corrected/improved - contact Richard Mankin (webmaster) or

Pat Greany to obtain a password so that you can get in and do online editing. We have made progress in updating the membership database, but need your help if you have not yet checked on your listing. Thanks for your help!

Recent Additions to the Webpage

Remember to check the webpage periodically and to share your thoughts and ideas with the computer resources committee! Following are just some of the items recently posted on the webpage:

You're only a click away from the Boletín de Entomología Venezolano, a Spanish-language journal produced by the Sociedad Venezolana de Entomología, our counterpart Society in Venezuela. To enhance collaboration between the two Societies, plans are in progress to begin exchanging advertisements for each other's journals. P. S. Their web site has an English version. And other Caribbean/South American web sites can be found on our Links page.

The Florida Mosquito Control Association will hold its 1999 Annual Fall Meeting, Monday, November 15, through Wednesday, November 17, 1999 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Daytona Beach.

The Southeast Public Health Pest & Vector Management Conference will be held February 22-24, 2000, at the Sheraton 4-Point-Boardwalk Beach Resort in Panama City Beach.

New Links -
Florida Keys Mosquito Control District
Amelia Island Mosquito Control District
Entomological Society of Colombia

Message from the XXI International Congress of Entomology

In exactly one year we have an appointment in Iguassu Falls, for the XXI International Congress of Entomology. The International Council, the Organizing and the Scientific Committee have worked hard, during the last three years, to make the XXI ICE one of the most profitable Entomology Congress ever held. You can help us promoting the ICE: during the next 30 days, please include a message on all the mails you send to entomologists, encouraging them to visit our homepage (www.embrapa.br/ice). And also, do not forget to

place a message on the discussion lists you are subscribed to, announcing our homepage. Doing so, you are helping our Congress to be even better.

As requested by various participants, we inform that you can register to the XXI ICE by:

1. Credit card - Contact pjeventos@pjeventos.com.br (fax +55 41 3721415);
2. By check in US Dollars, payable in an USA Bank - and US based agency - to the following address:
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MEMBERS AND EVENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS

Please welcome and support our new Executive Committee Members!!!

President Lance Peterson
President-Elect Pat Greany
Vice-President John Capinera
Member-at-Large Susan Webb

HONORS AND AWARDS

This year the Florida Entomological Society recognized 33 individuals for achievement, contribution to the discipline of entomology, and service to the Society.

Awards

Awards presented: **David F. Williams**, Entomologist-of-the-Year; **Jeffrey P. Shapiro**, Achievement Award for Research; **Philip A. Stansly**, Achievement Award for Extension; **Charles H. Matthews**, Achievement Award for Industry; **Thomas R. Fasulo**, **Philip G. Koehler**, and **Clay W. Scherer**, Achievement Award for Team Research; **Cynthia Cranford**, Achievement Award

for Education (K-12); **Marjorie A. Hoy**, Achievement Award for Higher Education; and **John M. Sivinski**, Recognition of the President. An account of the accomplishments behind these awards can be found in the Minutes of the Society. Presidential Recognition Awards were presented to: **Nancy D. Epsky** for outstanding and dedicated service as Co-editor of the Newsletter, **Lois A. Wood** for outstanding and dedicated service as Co-editor of the Newsletter, **David G. Hall** for extraordinary and dedicated service as Secretary to the Society, **Richard W. Mankin** for outstanding and dedicated service as Webmaster for the Florida Entomological Society, and **Alberto Pantoja** for invaluable service to the Florida, Puerto Rico, and Caribbean Entomological Societies.

Certificates of Appreciation

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to: **Teresa DuChene** and **Lois A. Wood** for outstanding service in achieving tax-exempt status for the Florida Entomological Society; **Phoebe A. Wilson** for invaluable contributions in the development of the on-line Florida Entomologist; **Lois B. O'Brien**, **Al Wheeler**, and **Michael D. Hubbard** for outstanding service as Associate Editors of the Florida Entomologist; **David H. Vickers** and **Gary L. Leibe** for outstanding service as Special Awards Judge for the 44th Annual State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida; **Lance G. Peterson** for exemplary service as Chairman of the Program Committee for the 82nd Annual Meeting; **Patrick D. Greany** for exemplary service as Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee for the 82nd Annual Meeting; **Elzie L. McCord, Jr.** for outstanding service as Chairman of the Student Activities Committee; **John M. Petti** for outstanding service as Secretary to the Florida Entomological Society; **Clay W. Scherer** and **Philip G. Koehler** for outstanding service as Co-chairmen of Membership Committee; **Abe White** for outstanding service as Chairman of the Caribbean Conference Committee; and **Norman C. Leppla** for outstanding service as Chairman of the Pioneer Lecturer Award Series Committee.

Certificates of Achievement

Certificates of Achievement were presented to **Edward J. Fernandez** of Trinity Catholic School, Tallahassee, Florida and **Gadi Hus** of Cooper City High School, Cooper City, Florida for receiving the Florida Entomological Society Special Awards at the 44th State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida.

This award includes \$100 cash and an invitation to the FES Annual Meeting. Edward won in the junior section for his project *Bessbug Beetle Behavior: Phase 2 of a Two-Year Study*. Gadi won in the senior section for his project *Foraging/Aggressive Behavioral Studies of Coptotermes formosanus and Reticulitermes flavipes*.

STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

Scholarships (\$500): **Marco Toapanta**

Minigrants (\$100 each): **Juan Alvarez, Xiaochun Zhang, Alonso Suazo.**

Travel grants for 1999 FES annual meeting: **Juan Alvaraz, Julieta Brambila, Kevina Vulinec**

Student paper competition: **Marco A. Toapanta** (1st place, \$150), **Juan M. Alvaraz, Julieta Brambila, S. Moya-Guzman** (tied for 2nd place, \$125)

Congratulations and Good Job!

COMMUNICATE

Please e-mail us your e-mail address if you haven't yet done so. FES wants to be able to communicate with the membership more efficiently and effectively, electronically. Just contact the Society at flaentsoc@worldnet.att.net.

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.