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President's Message

Scott Ferguson

Hopefully this newsletter will arrive along with warmer weather, as it has been an especially cold winter. As an entomologist that conducts a large amount of research in the field, I am looking forward to a warm spring.

Our charter calls for a meeting in the Caribbean (every fifth year is the normal interval for the Caribbean Conference, unless, due to extenuating circumstances the Executive Committee votes to either shorten or extend the interval) to foster closer ties with entomologists in that region. Our last meeting actually held in the Caribbean, however, was in 1999 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Over the past 2 years the Executive Committee in general and the Caribbean Conference Committee (Howard Frank and Steve Lapointe) in particular, have spent a great deal of time and effort looking for a suitable meeting site in the Caribbean. Two sites were identified in the Dominican Republic and our Business Manager, Teresa DuChene, visited both sites in December 2009. Both sites would have been good choices. The final decision on where to hold the annual meeting rests with the President.

Prior to coming to a decision for the location of our 2010 meeting, I polled the Executive Committee and spoke with a large number of industry colleagues to get an idea what the actual attendance would be. Among the Executive Committee members, the response was 50% for holding the meeting in the Dominican Republic and 50% for staying in Florida. Among the approximately 20 industry colleagues contacted, only 1 said that they could definitely attend a meeting in the Caribbean. The major factor to consider was the current state of the economy and members' budgets. In speaking

with a number of members from different areas, their 2010 budgets are either the same as in 2009 or have been reduced. One industry colleague told me that the travel budget in their company was reduced by 50% this year. An academic colleague told me that the ability of being able to drive to a meeting in Florida with 4 graduate students, and possibly saving a night's hotel stay, far outweighed flying to another country, in which case they would not be able to attend. And finally, the USDA's policy for attending foreign meetings is that 20-25% of individuals from a site may be able to attend. At our 2009 meeting, scientists from one USDA facility in Florida presented about 12 posters and 5 talks. USDA scientists as a whole are a large part of the annual program and even if the reduction was only 50% this would leave a large void in the program. Thus, after much deliberation and discussion, I have decided that it is in the best interest of the Society to hold the 2010 annual meeting in Florida. I realize that this decision will disappoint some of you but I believe that it is the right decision to make this year.

One of my major goals is to have a highly successful meeting, such as our 2009 meeting, which was well attended with 4 symposia and 2 sold out workshops. There is probably an argument to be made that a smaller meeting, while resulting in a loss of revenue to the FES, could be considered a success if the attendance from and interactions with Caribbean entomologists was sufficiently large, and I understand that. However, we have not held a meeting in the Caribbean since 1999 and it may be time to discuss a more effective way of providing outreach to Caribbean entomologists, given the new technologies available – video conferencing, Skype, etc. There are probably more cost effective and affordable ways to include interested parties from the Caribbean than either holding a meeting there or having them travel to

Florida, as their budgets are probably at least as tight as ours. This decision was not made hastily.

I greatly appreciate the efforts of Howard Frank and Steve Lapointe in searching for a site in the Caribbean and especially to Teresa DuChene, who has spent a tremendous amount of time in emailing and talking with managers at the 2 facilities in the Dominican Republic in an attempt to get accurate numbers on the cost of a meeting and spending time traveling there to visit the sites.

Our annual meeting will be held July 25-28 at the Jupiter Beach Resort. I would strongly encourage you to present a paper or poster at the meeting and consider organizing a symposium or workshop.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The edited minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held February 9, 2010 at the USDA, ARS, USHRL, in Ft. Pierce, FL are as follows:

Business Manager Report (T. DuChene): All 2010 membership categories except subscription were notified of membership renewals by email for members who provided their email address. For all other members that we have no email address record, a paper invoice was sent. All membership categories have been slow to respond. This is the first year we have used email for renewal requests so some members may be looking for the standard paper request as sent in years past.

Recommendations include:

- Make this an agenda item and review it again with the membership at the next annual meeting and in future newsletters.

- Another factor is we do not have a secure website for credit card payments. We explored this option in the past and it was cost prohibitive at that time. We should look for a cost effective online payment option.

In the next week a second notice will be sent for all remaining unpaid dues members.

Below is the number of email renewal requests sent by member category:

Full -	188
Student -	33
Sustaining -	5
Total	226

Total number of failed emails due to an invalid address: 28.

Number of renewals to date:

Full -	64
Students -	3
Sustaining -	0

Student Activities (D. Hahn) – There was a discussion about how to enhance student participation in the annual meeting. One idea was to make an announcement at the faculty meeting at UF about the upcoming deadlines for the annual meeting and the positive nature of the meeting for students. Other Florida universities and colleges that have an entomology department or that have faculty that research or teach entomological subjects will be contacted about the meeting.

Computer Resources (R. Mankin) – The website was updated with the 2009 pictures, revisions to the committee memberships, and revisions to the Committee Guidelines and Awards lists. Many thanks to all who helped in these updates.

FIRST CALL FOR OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The FES Nominations Committee invites you to nominate individuals for the following positions for 2010-2011:

(a) Member at large

Member-at-Large _____

The Nominations Committee will put together a final nominations list. An election ballot will be printed in the June Newsletter. Winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting in July during the Business Meeting.

Please email your nominations (feel free to nominate yourself) to:

Oscar Liburd
P.O. Box 110620
Gainesville, FL 32611
352-273-3918
Email: oliburd@ufl.edu

Annual Meeting

93rd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

July 25-28 2010

Jupiter Beach Resort & Spa
5 North A1A
Jupiter, FL 33477

Reservations: 1- 800-228-8810
<http://www.jupiterbeachresort.com>

Hotel Room **Registration Deadline** is
July 12, 2010

Roomrates:
Guestrooms: \$129/day
Jr suites: \$179/day

Pre-registration form:

<http://flaentsoc.org/2010annmeetregistrationform.pdf>

For annual meeting updates visit: www.flaentsoc.org

FIRST CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Today, take some time from your busy schedule and think about your fellow coworkers. Many of them are deserving of recognition. Remember, our society gathers strength from the service provided by our members. A listing of past winners can be found on the FES website at: <http://www.flaentsoc.org/archives.htm#commmemb>. Then click on '2010 Revisions to Guidelines/Awards Lists' and go to page 72 of this document.

Nominate someone today for the following awards:

- 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) Annual Achievement Award for Regulatory Entomology
- 9) Certificates of Appreciation for Special Service to the Society

To nominate an individual or group, please provide:

- 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 10, 2010** to:

Christopher Tipping
Delaware Valley College
700 East Butler Avenue
Doylestown, PA 18901
office: (215) 489-2449
fax: (215) 489-4960
Christopher.Tipping@delval.edu

STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

A competition for the best M.S and Ph.D. student paper will be held at the upcoming 93rd Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society, **July 25-28 2010**, at the Jupiter Beach Resort and Spa, Jupiter, FL. Awards will be made to the first, second and third place papers in each category, respectively. Students wishing to present a paper in the student paper competition must be current members of the Florida Entomological Society. Students should use the standard presentation submission form, but indicate that their paper is for the student competition. Papers should be **10 minutes long** with 2 minutes allowed for questions. The judging criteria are as follows:

Relevance of Research (15 points) – importance of subject matter to the field of entomology, proper justification of hypothesis, important questions addressed. Why should anyone care about this work? Use the first part of the talk to make us sit up and take notice of what you are doing.

Subject matter (30 points) – establishment of hypothesis and objectives, appropriate methods to accomplish objectives, appropriate conclusions on results and future directions.

Organization (20 points) – sequence of topics logical and effective; introduction, body of talk (material and methods, results), and conclusions coherent; time well used.

Delivery (15 points) – poise, audibility, expression, eye contact, use of pointer.

Visual aids (10 points) – appropriate for subject matter, legible, eye-appealing.

Handling questions (10 points) – questions made clear to audience by repeating the question so everyone can hear it; concise answers to questions, logical and appropriate. We are looking for knowledge beyond what was given in the slide presentation and your confidence in your knowledge.

Conforming to time constraints – maximum of 8 penalty points; 1 point for each 15 seconds overtime or 30 seconds undertime.

SCHOLARSHIPS, MINIGRANTS AND TRAVEL GRANTS

Each year the Florida Entomological Society presents scholarships, mini-grants for student research, and travel grants to student members at the Annual Meeting. All student information in packets should be submitted via e-mail as a SINGLE PDF document! Letters of recommendation should come via e-mail under separate cover. The format for applying for each of the Florida Entomological Society-sponsored awards are as follows:

Scholarships - The Florida Entomological Society will award \$500 scholarships to students majoring in entomology or a related discipline. The application requirements are:

1. The student must be a current 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. A letter from the applicant, stating his or her future plans in the field of entomology.
- b. A *curriculum vitae*.
- c. Letters of recommendation from two faculty members.
- d. Transcripts.

Minigrants - The Florida Entomological Society will award mini-grants of \$250 each to student members for entomological research.

Applications should include:

1. A one-page description of the student's research (include name and contact information). Note that this description should be more than just a list of methods. Structure it as a very brief grant proposal including the question you are addressing in the research and its bigger implications to the field in general. Convey to the committee that your question is important and interesting enough for us to support it.

2. A list of the items with the final cost to be purchased.

Travel grants - The Florida Entomological Society allocates funds to assist students with the cost of attending the society's annual meeting. We really want to enhance student participation at the annual meetings, so these funds are to help you come out and interact with your local society. Students presenting posters and talks will have priority to receive these funds.

Applications should include:

1. A letter stating their purpose for attending the meeting (include name and contact information).
2. A budget including all potential sources of travel funds.

All applications should be sent via e-mail attachment no later than **June 21, 2010** and should be addressed to:

Dr. Dan Hahn,
Student Activities Committee Chair,
E-mail: dahahn@ufl.edu

AUTHOR'S INSTRUCTIONS

All submitted papers, except student competition papers, should be 8 minutes long with 2 minutes for questions. Student competition papers are 10 minutes long with 2 minutes for questions. Posters should be no larger than 48" x 48". The deadline for submission of titles and abstracts is **June 14, 2010**. Titles and abstracts should be sent to Wayne Hunter {Wayne.hunter@ars.usda.gov} (contact information on SUBMITTED PAPER FORM located on page 6).

Authors must submit as PowerPoint® presentations to their Symposium Organizer. Equipment provided for each symposium: A laptop computer (preloaded with presentations provided by Symposium Organizer), a LCD projector, and a laser pointer will be provided for each session. **Please bring your presentation to the meeting (saved on a USB flashdrive or CD) and give to Gary Leibe on Monday morning (July 26th) for general sessions.**

NOTE: Symposium speakers should submit their presentations directly to their organizer.

For questions, contact:

Gary Leibe
Local Arrangements Chair
Email: GLLeibe@ifas.ufl.edu

Please submit Electronic copies of your poster presentations in pdf format to:

Richard Mankin
Email: rmankin@nersp.nerdc.ufl.edu

VOLUNTEER FES WEBMASTER NEEDED

FES is looking for someone to work on updating and maintaining the FES website. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering to work on this project please contact:

Richard Mankin
Email: rmankin@nersp.nerdc.ufl.edu

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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SUBMITTED PAPER FORM

- Oral presentation
- Poster Presentation
- Symposium Participant

Return to: Wayne Hunter
Email: Wayne.Hunter@ARS.USDA.GOV

Student Paper:

- M.S. Competition
- Ph.D. Competition

DEADLINE: Monday June 14, 2010

(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:

Title of Paper:

Affiliation and address of the first (presenting) author:

Abstract (75 words or less):