PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
Joe Funderburk

The wonderful new Florida Entomological Society website is up at www.flaentsoc.org. There is no way to express adequate appreciation to those who helped make it a reality. Chair of the Computer Resource Committee Pat Greany helped spearhead the effort and deserves special praise. Please be sure to thank him, because he put tremendous time and energy in the planning and development of the site. Colony One On-Line developed the site at a tremendous value to the Society, and the Board agreed to retain their consulting services at the last Board meeting. I want to thank Richard Mankin for volunteering to serve as webmaster. I continue to be amazed at the willingness of members to serve the Society!

The Board has made a commitment to expand the member database this year to include email addresses. This will allow the Society to reduce costs of mailing membership renewal forms, meeting information, and the Newsletter. Members are being asked when renewing membership to indicate if needing to continue to receive this information by “snail” mail. The Society will continue to serve individual members, but I urge you to use the internet if possible. The Board decided that this is the last year that the program will be printed and mailed by a printing company. This will result in a substantial saving to the Society. Of course the program will be put on the website and like the Newsletter members will have access much faster than using the mail system. Xerox copies will be available at registration. Due to the cost, the Board decided not to develop a system of payment using charge cards. Members will need to continue mailing checks for membership dues and meeting registration to the Society’s business address.

Tom Walker tells me that the project to put all issues of Florida Entomologist on line is proceeding well despite a couple of delays. He still believes that the target date of July 1 for completion is a good possibility. Our Business Manager Teresa DuChene reported at the last Board meeting that despite the availability of Florida Entomologist online the number of institutional members has increased by eight this year. Teresa also reported that regular membership increased by 43. I want to thank the Membership Committee cochaired by Clay Scherer and Phil Koehler for a successful membership drive. The general membership also deserves thanks for telling people about this Society and the benefits of membership.

Program Committee Chair John Sivinski and the symposium organizers have a great program for Sanibel Island. Check out program highlights on the website. You can access information about the Sundial Beach Resort as well from our website. Wilmon Newell is the Pioneer Awardee, and a synopsis of his career is available by clicking on his name. He had a remarkable career that greatly impacted society in Florida, and he lead the first successful eradication of the medfly in 1929-30. This massive effort obviously ranks among the great achievements in entomological history. One can only ponder the face of the fruit and vegetable industry in the United States if this effort had not been undertaken and been successful. And click on Laurence Mound, this
Please print, complete and return this form to:

Teresa DuChene, Business Manager
Florida Entomological Society
P.O. Box 1007
Lutz, FL 33548-1206

PRE-REGISTER NOW! IT WILL SAVE MUCH TIME AND CONFUSION AT THE MEETING

All members must wear lapel badges to be admitted to program sessions.

Badge to Read: ____________________________________________________
(First Name) ______________________________ (Last Name) ______________________________
(Affiliation) ______________________________ (City) ______________________________

Area of Interest (1 or 2 words): ________________________________________________

Free spouse badge (upon request) to read: ________________________________________

REGISTRATION: Pre-registration fee is $70; registration on site is $85.

- Full/Sustaining (includes 1 banquet ticket) Pre-registration $70 ___
- Full/Sustaining (includes 1 banquet ticket) On site registration $85 ___
- Student (includes 1 banquet ticket) $20 ___
- Honorary or Emeritus (must purchase banquet ticket) No Charge

Do you plan to attend the awards banquet on Wednesday evening? Yes ___ No ___

Additional Awards Banquet Tickets: # of tickets ___ x $30 = ____

Pre-registration is required for the Pest Ant Identification Workshop, Wednesday, August 6, 10:30 AM - Noon. The workshop will be taught by Lloyd Davis, USDA.

Are you going to attend the Pest Ant ID Workshop? Yes ___ No ___

If you plan to attend the Pest Ant ID Workshop, do you want lunch in lieu of dinner Wednesday night (Awards Banquet)?
Yes ___
No ___

Annual dues for 1999*

- Regular $ 30 ___ NO CREDIT CARD CHARGES
- Student $ 10 ___
- Sustaining $ 55 ___
- Contributions $ ___
- Total $ ___

Are you currently a member of the Florida Entomological Society? Yes ___ No ___

*New members please give full mailing address, telephone, fax & e-mail.

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IF A RECEIPT IS NEEDED, PLEASE COMPLETE FORM BELOW:
Receipts will be available at registration desk.

Received from: ________________________________________ $ _______

Registration:
- Pre-registration $70 ___
- Onsite registration $85 ___
- Student $80 ___

Annual Dues for 1998:
- Regular $30 ___
- Student $10 ___
- Sustaining $55 ___
- Contributions $ ___

Additional awards banquet tickets: ___ x $30 $ ___
The Florida Entomological Society petition for nonprofit status has been approved by IRS. A big thank you to the Tax-Exempt Committee chaired by Jerry Hogsette and also to Business Manager Teresa DuChene for their efforts to get this accomplished. This represents a substantial tax saving to the Society each year and will provide potential tax benefits to members as well.

Joe Eger, Operating Guidelines Committee cochair, presented to the Board at its last meeting a draft document of officer and committee responsibilities. Thanks to members of the Committee and everyone else who helped put this together. It was decided that the immediate Past President would be responsible each year for updating and making recommendations for change in the Operating Guidelines.

Caribbean Conference Chair Abe White presented at the last Board meeting the Committee’s recommendations for potential hotels for our 1999 meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Lance Peterson and Teresa DuChene are traveling there in June to select the hotel based on an evaluation of value to the Society. Abe also showed a video about Puerto Rico. It will be an excellent meeting with plenty of interesting things to do and see.

The Society had to modify its By-Laws to include language about being a non-profit organization. This means that our By-Laws will need to be republished in Florida Entomologist. A couple of additional changes in the by-laws have been discussed. Member-at-Large Phil Stansly recommends that responsibilities of the members-at-large be expanded to chairing a committee. There also has been discussion about abolishing the Long-Range Planning Committee because of historical problems related to inactivity and lack of action by the Board in instituting past recommendations. My feelings are that the Society has a good vision of mission and the Board has been doing a pretty good job leading the Society with most decisions. And I think the Society has a rich membership and occupies a unique niche. Some members have expressed a belief that the Society should expand its niche internationally. Overall, I think we do need, one way or the other, to better define the Society’s niche in Latin America. One idea is to change the Long-Range Planning Committee to be made up of the immediate 5 Past Presidents. The reasoning is that these Past Presidents represent elected members that are most familiar with the business and issues of the Society. The Committee would then be charged with making strong recommendations to the Board concerning such long-range decisions. One thing is sure. Decisions need to be made in the best interests of the Society as determined by its members, so please let Board members know your opinions.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting of May 7, 1998 will appear in the next issue of the Newsletter. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at the Sundial Beach Resort on Sanibel Island, in the Osprey Room, 4 - 6 PM, on August 3, 1998. Committee members are urged to attend and all members are welcome.

VOTE!!!!!!!!!!!!

for new officers

Ballot on Page 7
SUNDIAL WELCOMES: FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY
August 3, 1998 to August 6, 1998

Please Refer To This Group Reservation # and Group Name When Calling:

GROUP RES. #: 325642
GROUP NAME: FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

CHOOSE ONE: ACCOMMODATIONS: NIGHTLY RATE:

_______________ 1 Bedroom Suites $95.00
_______________ 2 Bedroom Suites $165.00
_______________ Executive Suites (20 are available) $89.00
_______________ 2 Bedroom with Den Suites $210.00

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: July 3, 1998

Rates are PER NIGHT. Each type category is available on a limited basis. Should the category be sold out, the next higher category will be confirmed to you. Group rates are applicable for a maximum of (3) days total either immediately prior to or following the conference dates and are subject to availability. Prevailing rates will apply once this availability is exhausted. The maximum occupancy in our one bedroom suites is two adults and four adults in our two bedroom suites. In addition to the above rates, there is a daily service charge of $6.00 per adult. This charge covers bellstaff, housekeeping services, and conference set-up services. Suite rates are subject to 6% Florida state sales tax and 3% Lee County tax.

NAME: ____________________________________________________________

COMPANY: ________________________________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: __________________________________________________________________________________________

CITY: ______________________________ STATE: __________________________ ZIP: _____________________

TELEPHONE (DAYTIME): (____) _______________________________________________________________________

ARRIVAL DATE: __________________________ DEPARTURE DATE: _________________________________

ARRIVAL TIME: __________________________

(CHECK-IN TIME IS AFTER 3:00 P.M.)

(CHECK-OUT TIME IS PRIOR TO 11:00 A.M.)

# OF ADULTS: _______________ # OF CHILDREN (14 YRS AND YOUNGER): _______________

I will share with (Name): ____________________________________________________________________________

(NOTE: If one person(s) departs, the full nightly rate will be charged to the person(s) occupying the accommodations.)

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A DEPOSIT* by credit card in the amount of one night’s rate is required to guarantee the reservation. The credit card will be charged for one night’s rate.

Credit card (Circle one) (Discover, Visa MasterCard, Diner’s Club, or American Express).

Card Number: __________________________ EXP __________________________

Signature: _______________________________________________________________________________________

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*DEPOSITS are fully refundable upon receipt of cancellation at least (14) days or more prior to arrival. Failure to cancel (14) days prior to arrival will result in forfeiture of deposit.
**NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR OUTSTANDING ENTOMOLOGISTS**

The Honors and Awards Committee of FES is once again asking for your assistance in identifying and nominating entomologists for outstanding contributions to science and the public. A nomination form is included in this newsletter on page 6.

In addition to the annual awards, FES is seeking nominations for **Honorary Members**. The FES Constitution and By-Laws provide for 10 active **Honorary Members**. We currently have 9. A letter should be sent to Secretary John Petti to nominate an individual for Honorary Membership in our society. Following approval by the Executive Committee, the nominee is presented on a ballot to the general membership.

**MEMBERS AND EVENTS**

Congratulations to **Dr. Maxine S. Heath**, who retired from the University of Illinois, Dept. of Molecular and Integrative Physiology. She is now living in Texas where her husband and she have built a laboratory at home and hope to continue their studies on Cicada biology for many years to come. They are located about 70 miles NW of Austin in the “hill country” and welcome visitors interested in the fauna and flora of the area. Dr. Heath can be reached at Route 1, Box 217, Buchanan Dam, TX 78609, (512)793-2907; email: jheath@tstar.net.

Congratulations to **Mr. M. Lewis Wright, Jr.**, who has informed the Newsletter staff not only of his imminent retirement, but also his receiving, in 1997, recognition by the National Pest Control Assoc., the membership and PCT magazine as one of the 10 top **Leaders in the Industry**. He had just returned from a trip to Washington, D.C., where he served on a Nominating Committee for the 1999 officers of the National Assoc. Mr. Wright often makes presentations to various groups, sharing information about arthropods affecting man and animals and other topics. His office has established a very diversified museum and encourages any and all age groups to come in and look.

**MOVING UP**

In November, 1997, **Dr. Michael K. Hennessey** transferred from ARS to US EPA, Office of Pesticide Programs, Biological and Economic Analysis Division, Herbicide and Insecticide Branch, in Arlington, VA, as an Entomologist. He provides scientific analysis to support insecticide emergency exemption, reduced risk, registration, re-registration, and special registration decisions. He can be reached at the following e-mail address: hennessey.michaelk@epamail.epa.gov

**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, project description, organization, location and dates.
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/Regional 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.
NOMINATIONS FOR HONORS AND AWARDS

The Honors and Awards Committee needs your assistance in identifying and nominating entomologists 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) Special Achievement Awards for Research Teams, Laboratories, or Agencies, etc.
8) Certificates of Appreciation for Special Service to the Society.

I (name: _________________________ address: ________________________________________
_______________________________________________________ phone: _______________)
would like to nominate _____________________________________________________________
(address:   __________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________ phone: _______________)

for this honor or award (CIRCLE ABOVE) because (100-150 words):

Nominations may be mailed, E-mailed, or FAX'd by July 1, 1997 to:

Gary L. Leibee
Chair, Honors and Awards Committee
CFREC
2700 East Celery Ave.
Sanford, FL 32771
E-mail: GLLE@GNV.IFAS.UFL.EDU
FAX: (407) 328-5575
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PLEASE VOTE for one individual for each office and return the ballot by July 15, 1998 to Dr. David G. Hall, Research Department, U.S. Sugar Corp., P.O. 1207, Clewiston, FL 33440.