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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 led 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

year's Pioneer Lecturer, for a biographical synopsis of his career. The Thysanoptera are a very unusual order of insects. Dr. Mound has contributed greatly to an understanding of the life-history strategy and his lecture will be very interesting. I expect his lecture also will provide useful insights into strategies for managing thrips as crop pests and the tospoviruses they vector. John Sivinski has been busy preparing the program and I expect by the time you are reading this that the program will be available on the website.

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 Plan-

ning 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

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RESERVATION REQUEST

**Mail to: Sundial Beach Resort, Group Reservationist
1451 Middle Gulf Drive, Sanibel Island, FL 33957
Reservations: 800-237-4184 Fax: 941-472-8892**

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

<u>CHOOSE ONE:</u>	<u>ACCOMMODATIONS:</u>	<u>NIGHTLY RATE:</u>
_____	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 **PERNIGHT**. 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.)

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: _____

*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

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.

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.

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