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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Sivinski

In previous issues of the newsletter I addressed a couple of topics that I felt were important to the future of our society. The first was our ties to entomology in the Caribbean basin, and how they might be strengthened. A number of you suggested means of improving our relationship with Latin American colleagues, but I want to mention one in particular. For the last 5 years, annual meetings of the American Mosquito Control Association have had a Spanish language session. This has grown to the point where there is a full day of Spanish presentations (now with simultaneous translation) and a Spanish poster session. A Spanish session allows scientists who might be uncomfortable speaking English in a public forum an opportunity to present their work to an international audience. As a consequence, it also allows them to approach their administrators for funds to attend meetings where they will be presenting papers. Several members of the AMCA have told me what a great success this program has been, and I hope that we will consider making a similar session a part of our future meetings both in Florida and abroad.

The other issue I've put before you concerns our journal, the Florida Entomologist. There were actually two proposals: that we change the format and that we change the name. Our editor, Richard Baranowski, has suggested we enlarge our page size and adopt a two column format. The advantages are fewer pages per issue and better reproduction of figures. Those of you that responded were almost universally supportive, although details, such as moving the Table of Contents to an inside page, were a little more controversial. There is still a chance for you to get your ideas about the design of the cover to Richard or myself. The second proposal, that we change the name of the Florida

Entomologist to something less regional sounding, did not get the same enthusiastic response. Most of you do not like the idea, and point out the value of continuity. I have to admit that I am a "changer", but since there seems to be little support for the idea at the moment, I am leaving the problem to some future reformer.

Our annual meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico is coming up soon! I hope you will have time to look at our Web Page (www.flaentsoc.org) and get some information on the location and contributors.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Edited minutes of the December 1, 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, Sylvia Joseph, and John Petti. Committee Chairs and FES Members in Attendance: Norm Leppla, Lois Wood, Richard Mankin, Robert Meagher, Ken Bloom, Ellen Thoms, and Jeffrey Shapiro.

President's Opening Remarks: Meeting called to order at 1:08 pm by President Sivinski.

Secretary's Report (John Petti) Sylvia Joseph of Florida A & M was introduced as the new student member of the Executive Committee, replacing Andy Rasmussen. The Operating Guidelines Committee, changed to the Operating Guidelines and By-Laws Committee, will be chaired by Past President Joe Funderburk. Minutes from the September Executive Committee meeting the 1998 Annual Meeting held in Sanibel Island were

approved and accepted. Pat Greany invited Beth Miller-Tipton of IFAS Office of Conferences and Institutes to address the committee. At President Sivinski's request, Rob Meagher and volunteers Lance Peterson, Ellen Thoms, and Pat Greany will consider suggestions presented by Beth for planning future annual meetings.

Business Manager's Report (Theresa DuChene)
The issue of possibly increasing membership dues had been raised so when Teresa announced that 1999 billing was ready, President Sivinski asked to move on the dues increase before the mailing. After some discussion, Lance Peterson motioned to increase all but subscription member dues by \$10.00. Joe Funderburk seconded, and the vote was unanimous. It was later discovered that this action could not be taken without approval from the general membership and was deferred until that time. Theresa provided members in attendance with a financial report for the period ending November 30, 1998 and a 1999 budget. Teresa reported a 1998 deficit of \$9,478.33 resulting from expenses attributed to going on-line, travel to South America and Puerto Rico in planning for the 1999 Annual Meeting, and excess costs from the 1998 Annual Meeting. She emphasized the need to decrease expenses and reverse the decline in revenues. As a result of gaining tax-exempt status, FES saved \$427.11 on the Sundial contract and \$530.20 on the invoice from E. O. Painter for the 3rd issue of the *Florida Entomologist*. Teresa reported receiving \$50.00 in member contributions so far and asked that the newsletter and Hot Topics page on the website be used to make members aware that contributions to the society are tax deductible. Pat Greany motioned that a Benefactor's Fund be established, allowing donations to be designated for specific uses and providing for recognition of contributors in the newsletter and/or at the awards banquet. It was pointed out that the By-Laws already accommodate receiving both reserve and designated funds and that Pat's suggestion could be easily implemented. The motion was approved. Teresa prepared 35 letters to be sent to members claiming student status who have done so for more than four years or have changed their university mailing address to a private one. She asked if we should limit the number of student membership years or require a minimum number of credit hours. John Petti pointed out that ESA requires a student status verification form be signed by an academic advisor and accompany payment of dues. It was generally agreed that FES should require similar verification, and a formal way of implementing the change was left up to Teresa.

Committee Reports:

Fiscal (Rob Meager) - The Fiscal Committee compared revenues and expenses associated with 1996 through 1998 annual meetings. According to attendance at the 1998 meeting, a \$30.00 increase of on-site and preregistration cost (\$70/\$85 to \$100/\$115) would have decreased the deficit from \$6,268.19 to around \$2,700. Student registration (\$20) was roughly 1/2 the cost of the banquets at the 1997 and 1998 meetings (\$42 and \$38, respectively). Similarly, 40 banquet tickets were sold at the 1998 meeting for \$30.00 each to cover a meal that cost \$38.00 (a loss of \$320). Lance Peterson agreed that, in the future, the cost of the banquet could be fixed in advance and the cost of a banquet ticket adjusted to a break-even amount. Rob questioned the benefit of having both a mixer and a banquet and whether or not FES could get industry support for one of the events. President Sivinski pointed out the mixer is usually supported by industry. The possibility of changing the awards banquet to a less-expensive luncheon awards banquet was discussed.

Computer Resources (Richard Mankin) - Adam of Colony One will be adding email addresses to the member database soon at a cost of \$125.00.

Florida Entomologist on World Wide Web (Tom Walker) - The Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA) estimates that the back-issues (1969 forward) should be online by January 1, 1999. Tom Walker reports that the project is within budget, projects a \$750.00 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. The issues from 1917-1968 (6,648 pages) have been sent to Barbados for processing and are expected no later than December 4, 1998.

Florida Entomologist (Dick Baranowski) - Dick asked President Sivinski to have the Executive Committee consider changing the format of the *Florida Entomologist* to 7" X 10" with two columns, similar to the *Annals of the Entomological Society of America*, and to move the table of contents inside the jacket. While such a change was generally favored, many questions were raised, such as what effect this would have on scanning and publishing the journal on the internet. Most questions were in regard to cost and Rob Meagher and Teresa DuChene confirmed that at present we have no written contract with E. O. Painter and do not know what the itemized charges associated with printing the journal are. While no formal action was taken on the change, it was generally agreed that it was worth investigating. President Sivinski is to get

Dick to contact E. O. Painter and arrange for himself, Rob, and Teresa to meet with them to discuss the changes. As a result, current charges will be revealed to compare to proposed charges, killing two birds with one stone.

Program (Lance Peterson) - . A contract is in the works with the Condado Plaza Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico for the 1999 meeting on July 25 - 29. One day of the conference will be reserved for tours.
Newsletter (Lois Wood and Nancy Epsky) - The next issue of the newsletter will include a call for papers. An announcement of the newsletter being posted on the FES website will be sent to members by email.

Caribbean Directory (Howard Frank) -Pat Greany reports the problem of including accent marks on the FES website should be solved soon and facilitate publication of the Caribbean Directory on the Net.
Operating Guidelines and By-Laws (Joe Funderburk) - Joe will be getting with other committee members in January and plans to publish the revised by-laws on the FES website.

Pioneer Lecturer Award Series (Norm Leppla) - Norm announced George Wallcott as the 1999 honoree and reports he will start the search for a guest speaker and requested suggestions

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be April 13, 1999, at 1 PM, at the USDA/ARS, CMAVE Conference Room, Gainesville. All members are invited to attend. Committee chairs are encouraged to attend and provide reports of current activities. Minutes from that meeting will be posted on the website and edited for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

The Florida Entomological Society is now officially a nonprofit organization. Your donations are deductible! You can make unrestricted donations, or donate to specific worthy causes like student travel or awards. Contact Teresa DuChene, Business Manager, for further details.

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***** REMINDER *****

82 nd Annual Meeting of the the Florida Entomological Society

July 25-29, 1999 - Condado Plaza Hotel

San Juan, Puerto Rico

CALL FOR PAPERS DEADLINE:

Please send title and abstract to the Program Chairman, Lance Peterson, by **April 30, 1999**. See the FES website www.flaentsoc.org for more details on meeting, hotel, and instructions for submitting abstracts and titles. Please send by email to: lgpeterson@dowagro.com.

CALL FOR STUDENT COMPETITION PAPERS

A competition for the best student paper will be held at the upcoming 82nd Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society (July 25-29, San Juan, Puerto Rico). Awards of \$150, \$125 and \$100 will be made to the first, second and third place papers, respectively.

Students wishing to present a paper in the student paper competition must be members of the Florida Entomological Society. Students should submit paper title and abstract using the standard submission form and should indicate that the submission is for the student competition.

Papers should be 8 minutes long with 2 minutes allowed for questions. The judging criteria are as follows:

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

Delivery (20 points) - poise, audibility, expression, eye contact, use of pointer.

Visual aids (20 points) - appropriate for subject matter, legible, eye appealing.

Subject matter (30 points) - important questions addressed, appropriate methods.

Handling of questions (10 points) - questions made clear to audience; answers logical and appropriate.

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

SCHOLARSHIPS, MINIGRANTS AND TRAVEL GRANTS

Each year the Florida Entomological Society presents three scholarships and ten minigrants to students at the Annual Meeting. Travel grants are also awarded at the meeting. The format for applying for each of the Florida Entomological Society-sponsored awards follows:

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

The student must be a 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.

The application should include a transcript, letters of recommendation from two faculty members, a curriculum vitae, and a statement from the student about his or her future plans in the field of entomology.

Minigrants: The Florida Entomological Society will award ten minigrants of \$100 each to student members for entomological research. Applications should consist of a one page description of the research and a list of the items to be purchased.

Travel grants: The Florida Entomological Society allocates funds to assist students with the cost of attending the society's annual meeting. Students requesting travel funds should send a letter stating their purpose for attending the meeting and their other potential sources of travel funds.

Applications for scholarships, minigrants and travel grants should be postmarked no later than **Monday, June 15, 1998** and should be addressed to:

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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.

FES WEBPAGE NEWS www.flaentsoc.org

FES MEMBER DATABASE UPDATE

If you haven't already done so, we would greatly appreciate your assisting us by updating your member profile on the FES website. We would like to use email whenever possible, rather than "snail mail". This will help us save time and \$\$\$\$. It will help you, too, when you want to locate someone by name, location, discipline, etc.

For a temporary password to update your profile on the FES member database, please email Rmankin@gainesville.usda.ufl.edu. This is a very useful feature on our website. Please take advantage of it! Also, in the near future, any hardcopy mailings will be made to the addresses in our database, so be sure to get your address into the database ASAP!!

CARIBBEAN DIRECTORY ON-LINE

The Caribbean Member Database, with search engine, is now available on our Webpage.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Note that the membership application posted on our Webpage reflects the \$10 increase in membership dues. The membership was contacted by mail to vote on this issue. Of the 33% that responded, 91% approved the increase.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Exotic Insect Pest Committee Seeks Suggestions

The Entomological Society of America has entered into a contract with the US Department of Agriculture to identify a list of potentially serious exotic insect pests to United States agriculture. The ESA selected a team to coordinate the review and draft a final report to be presented to USDA. The Team Members are: **William F. Gimpel, Jr.**, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Annapolis; **Susan E. Halbert**, Florida Department of Agriculture, Gainesville; **Robert D. Waltz**, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Indianapolis, Chair; and **Victoria Y. Yokoyama**, USDA ARS, Fresno, California. Species suggestions are being sought now. Reviews will begin March 1, 1999. The committee is currently soliciting input from researchers, taxonomists, forest entomologists, crop specialists, and others with knowledge of specific exotic insect pests which could become pests in the United States. Forms to suggest exotic pest species for the committee's consideration may be obtained by calling Robert D. Waltz, Chair, 317-232-4120, or by emailing bwaltz@dnr.state.in.us or faxing requests to 317-232-2649.

For purposes of this initial call, an exotic insect pest is any species not currently known to occur in the United States but which, if established, could become a serious pest. The committee is seeking seriously to list and consider as many as possible exotic insect pests that could become established on crops in the United States. Your knowledge and suggestions are needed.

USDA/ARS, CMAVE RENOVATION

If you plan to attend the next executive meeting or need to met with someone at the USDA/ARS building in Gainesville formerly known as the Attractants Lab, expect some surprises. The first floor has been vacated for at least one year due to planned renovation. Meetings will be held in the other research building, formerly known as the Medical and Veterinary Entomology Lab. Call before going to meet with someone from the attractants lab to find out where they are now located, or check in with the administrative staff located in the small building between the two main research labs.

ESA ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Look back at seminal issues that have shaped the entomological sciences over the past 100 years and examine projections for the future as we move into the next millenium. Come join your colleagues at the 1999 Entomological Society of America's annual Meeting, December 12-16, 1999, Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, Georgia. For more information on attending the meeting, 10-minute papers and poster display presentations along with student competitions, see <http://www.entsoc.org>.

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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 June 1, 1999 to:

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