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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Richard Mankin

I'm writing this column on a flight coming back from the Entomological Society of America (ESA) meeting in Cincinnati. Florida was well-represented this year. UF student, Rebecca Baldwin, won an award in the student competition. Entomologists from all parts of the state presented papers on diverse topics, ranging from molecular biology to insect art.

The number of annual meeting participants and the financial stability of the ESA has decreased in recent years, but the quality and breadth of the presentations has increased. The trend is similar to what we are seeing in the Florida Entomological Society annual meetings. My crystal ball sees these trends continuing over the next few years.

The increase we see in research quality at the same time as resources are being reduced is due in part to concerted efforts by researchers to use their time and resources wisely. Professionals all over the world recognize that we face increasing hazards to our health, food supply, and environment as our growing population consumes more resources and moves more agricultural goods, and pests, around a rapidly warming planet.

Wise stewardship cannot counterbalance declining resources forever. There will be some difficult priorities to face soon if we fail to maintain the capability to deal with the next "West Nile virus" or "glassy winged sharpshooter" crisis, or perhaps something even more hazardous. Many of us now have little time available to pursue the questions that drew us into research in the first place.

There are a few rays of sunshine in this somber forecast. Entomology, biology in general, and the environment are

likely to grow in importance in the public perception as the problems we already face increase in scope. Thoughtful individuals will still continue to conduct entomological research, even with diminished resources. Increasing numbers of research and communication tools will become available to researchers that can enhance our capability and productivity, like this laptop computer. As the first entomological journal to place its articles freely accessible on the web, the Florida Entomologist has been in the vanguard of these activities. And, although the science of human resources management is still in its infancy, new performance management tools and training may appear soon to further assist us in using our limited resources most effectively. For those who can take advantage of these new tools, the naughts and teens will be bright indeed.

Happy Holidays everyone, and best wishes for next year!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Edited minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, held September 25, 2003 at USDA-ARS, are as follows:

Attendance: Katie Barbara, Ken Bloem (via conference call), Teresa DuChene, Howard Frank, Steve Lapointe (via conference call), Oscar Liburd, Richard Mankin, Jim Nation, Gregg Nuessly, Rudi Scheffrahn, Lois Wood

Business Manager Report (Teresa DuChene): Financial report: Morgan Stanley \$96,820.54, Bank of America \$5,080.98. The monetary loss from the 2003 Annual Meeting was \$4,201.02. The 2004 Annual

Meeting will be held at the Ft. Lauderdale Radisson Bahia Mar, July 25-28, with rooms at \$69 (Federal government) and \$89 (all non-ocean front rooms). Student activities costs will be moved out of meeting expenses. Methods of increasing income at meetings were discussed, specifically, raising non-member meeting registration to \$125, raising late registration fees for members, a combination deal for non-members attending the 2004 meeting to include membership and registration (e.g., \$140), as well as receiving more donations from corporations.

Computer Resources Committee (Richard Mankin): Tom Walker, *Florida Entomologist* Webmaster, reported that institutional subscriptions to *Florida Entomologist* fell from 148 in 2002 to 92 in 2003. Revenue from Immediate Free Web Access (IFWA) fees is down from \$3000 for the first 2 issues of 2002 to \$1800 for the first 2 issues of 2003. We need to watch these trends closely to avoid financial losses. Florida Entomological Society Web Site report: Business manager, Teresa DuChene, has successfully finished merging the online and master versions of the membership database into a single copy. Last week, the new database was sent to Colony One Online to replace the current, outdated version. The new system enables a significant reduction in the time needed for maintenance of membership records. It also enables members to quickly change their address and contact information online. Visits to the FES web site have increased steadily, particularly since May 2003, when Richard Lobinske and Chris Tipping posted their new web pages on Florida Pests and Insect Diversity. In the week of September 14, for example, the FES web site had 2,089 visitors, compared to 850 in the week of June 16, 2002. Richard Baranowski will be stepping down as Editor of *Florida Entomologist* at the end of 2003. Jim Nation has agreed to take over the position of Editor. The Board discussed ideas for new types of articles for the journal for next year, including local review articles.

Sustaining Membership Committee (Steve Lapointe): The recommendation of combining Membership and Sustaining Membership Committees was discussed. The former is the larger part of the workload. Scott Ferguson and Pat Greany will serve on the committee. Emphasis will be placed on members asking for corporate support from cooperators. Howard Frank suggested going back to a three-year rotation of Vice President nominations from a university, then USDA, then a private corporation. Richard Mankin suggested that we informally (for now) merge the two committees.

Program Committee (Richard Mankin): The 86th Florida Entomological Society Annual Meeting was held July 27-30, 2003 at the Hutchinson Island Marriott Beach

Resort. John Edman gave a Pioneer Lecture honoring Maurice Provost. The meeting included symposia on Weed Biological Control, Entomology in the Classroom, Fall Armyworm Area-wide Management, and Genetics and Insect Research. One hundred fifteen participants registered for the Annual Meeting, and 30 participants attended a Workshop on Wood Destroying Organisms. There were 28 posters, 17 ten-minute presentations, and 17 entrants in the Student Competition.

Student Activities (Gregg Nuessly): Potential changes to the structure of Student awards and competitions at the Annual Meeting were discussed, especially splitting Student paper and Scholarship competitions into MS and PhD categories. Students need to specify costs and justification for the migrant competition. There was also some discussion about students indicating all potential sources of funding for student travel grants. Students indicated that they would like to change the luncheon to a brunch at the Annual Meeting. G. Nuessly indicated his intention to rotate off as chair of this committee after the 2004 meeting. Names were discussed to take his place as chair. Discussion of reduced cost rooms at the 2004 meeting led to a decision to offer one room to each of the first 2 registered students and they can sublet them as they see fit. Addition of a poster presentation competition was discussed including potential loss of students from the oral presentation competition, minimum number of posters to have a competition, etc. Ideas for changes will be developed within the committee during the next couple of months and presented for discussion at the next Executive Committee meeting. Questionnaires to faculty regarding participation of themselves and students at FES meetings will be sent to university faculty within our sphere of influence.

Newsletter (Lois Wood): L. Wood is waiting on a few reports in order to get the next issue out. She distributed a list of types of stories and information that are usually included in specific quarterly issues.

Public Relations (Oscar Liburd): O. Liburd mentioned the possibility of expanding opportunities through this committee. Butterfly World was one avenue discussed.

Pioneer Lecture Award Committee (David Hall): The committee is in the process of selecting an honoree and lecturer for the 2004 meeting. We would like to honor a Pioneer from either private industry or government, especially someone associated with the Caribbean basin. The Committee would appreciate suggestions.

Honors and Awards Committee (Ken Bloem): K. Bloem suggested changes for committee operations.

Richard Mankin will email the recommendations by Stuart Reitz to all Executive Committee members for their comments. The Board discussed an increase in the number of Honors and Awards Committee members, however, the current number of members is not limiting since few names are advanced for awards.

Operating Guidelines and By-Laws (John Capinera):
J. Capinera submitted suggested changes to guidelines. Richard Mankin will email members and request comment.

Long Range Planning Committee (Richard Mankin):
R. Mankin suggested disbanding the committee at this point.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held **January 15, 2004**, at USDA-ARS in Gainesville. All committee chairs are encouraged to attend. All FES members are invited.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help!!

We need dedicated, enthusiastic people to serve on FES committees. Commitments aren't very time consuming, and are dynamic ways to provide input and motivate change. Please contact President Richard M a n k i n (3 5 2 / 3 7 4 - 5 7 7 4 , rmankin@gainesville.usda.ufl.edu)

For the current list of Executive Committee members as well as all other committees and their members, see Pages 5 -7 of this Newsletter.

MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Teresa will soon be sending out membership notices to any members that have not paid their 2003-2004 dues.

87th ANNUAL MEETING AND THE 5TH INTERNATIONAL CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE OF THE FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The 87th Annual Meeting and the 5th International Caribbean Conference of the Florida Entomological Society will be held **July 25 – 28, 2004** at the Radisson Bahia Mar Beach Resort, 801 Seabreeze Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316; tel 800-531-2478, 954-764-2233; Fax 954-524-6912; website: www.bahiamar.net. The room rate will be \$89 for non-federal employees and \$69 for federal employees.

Please contact Steve Lapointe if you are planning or considering a symposium or if you would like to suggest or participate in a special topic.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The **deadline for submission of papers** for the 87th Annual Meeting and the 5th International Caribbean Conference of the Florida Entomological Society will be **Friday, May 28, 2004**. Time allotted for submitted oral papers will be eight minutes for presentations and two minutes for discussion. Facilities for posters (48 x 48") will be available. Confirmation of receipt of papers will be sent to the first author. There will be oral student paper sessions with awards as in previous years. A description of the format for judging the student papers will be presented in the next Newsletter. Students participating in the judged sessions must be members of the Florida Entomological Society and registered for the meeting.

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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 Eileen Buss.

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.
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8. Visiting Entomologists: Visitor(s), visiting from, dates, purpose of visit, host and location.
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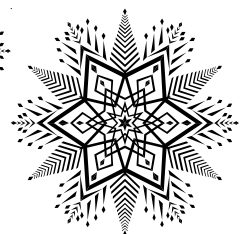
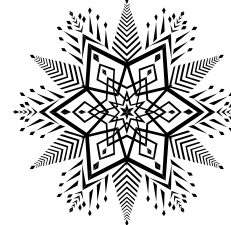
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