PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
Rudi Scheffrahn

The 2006 annual meeting of the Florida Entomological Society will take place on 23-26 July at the Jupiter Beach Resort (JBR) in Jupiter, FL (see annual meeting information in this newsletter). At my request, Teresa DuChene sought bids from hotels in northeastern Florida, but high room rates (>200) or limited facilities forced her search south where she found JBR. Rates will be $119/room. In general, hotel rates have escalated in recent years due to increased demand and the real estate boom, but considering the location and amenities of the JBR, the room rate was actually a reasonable deal. For comparison, the best JBR summer rate I could find on expedia.com, which rates this resort at 3.5 stars, was $187. FES will have the entire meeting room space to itself which is all conveniently located on one floor. Those wishing to organize symposia or workshops should contact program chair and president-elect, Geri Cashion at geribugs@mindspring.com. Geri will work closely with vice president Rob Meagher (rmeagher@gainesville.usda.ufl.edu) chair of local arrangements.

In 2005, past-president Steve Lapointe proposed to hold our 2007 annual meeting in Cartagena, Colombia, in conjunction with the meeting of the Colombian Entomological Society. A straw poll of attendees at the 2005 awards banquet was split almost evenly in favor of and against Steve’s idea. Some members agreed with Steve that a meeting outside of Florida would be a refreshing exchange with our foreign colleagues on their own turf. Others were concerned about the cost, attendance, and safety of such a meeting. After much deliberation, the FES executive committee voted to keep the 2007 meeting in Florida. However, the executive committee also voted that Steve and a voluntary contingent from the FES membership will represent our society at the Cartagena meeting. FES will support the travel expenses of three graduate students who will be invited to join Steve’s group. These students, selected on a competitive basis, will represent FES and will be required to present their research findings at the Cartagena meeting.

Jim Nation has agreed to remain editor of the Florida Entomologist for another year. Together with a team of six associate editors, Jim has further strengthened the editorial and publication standards that make FE the highest quality state/regional entomological journal on the continent. However, there remain concerns for the future. Tom Walker’s fiscal assessment for FES (http://tjwalker.ifas.ufl.edu/FE$outlook.pdf) predicts a continued decline in library subscriptions of FE which means that the number of published pages must increase to maintain revenue. Therefore, our membership must seek to attract and encourage colleagues to publish in FE. Recently, the dean of research at UF-IFAS chose to discontinue underwriting the cost of publications submitted by IFAS faculty. Because a substantial number of FE authors are from IFAS, this may negatively impact the number of pages published in FE and, thus, decrease revenue. If FES begins loosing money from FE, we may be forced to consider one of two likely future options: increase dues for FES membership or change the format of FE from a more costly hard copy version to an electronic format such as Zootaxa (http://www.mapress.com/zootaxa/).
Richard Mankin has graciously agreed to temporarily chair the education committee. Please check your committee assignments in this newsletter and direct any questions or comments to me at rhsc@ufl.edu.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Edited minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, held January 10, 2006 at the USDA-ARS, are as follows:

Attendance - at site or by teleconference:

Business Manager Report (Teresa DuChene)
The financial report is current through November 30, 2005: Morgan Stanley $93,511.45, Bank of America $24,535.67, for total assets of $118,047.12.

With the close of another year I would like to thank everyone for all of your support and hard work for the continued success of the Florida Entomological Society.

Publications Report (James Nation)
The Florida Entomologist seems to be healthy. The number of Research papers and Scientific Notes published has remained about the same for the past 5 years.

New Associate Editors enlisted in late 2004 and 2005: Elzie McCord, Jr. Division of Natural Sciences, New College of Florida, Sarasota, FL; Amanda Hodges, Entomology and Nematology Dept., UF/IFAS, Gainesville, FL; David Held, Coastal Res. and Ext. Ctr., Mississippi St. Univ., Biloxi, MS; Oscar Liburd, Entomology and Nematology Dept., UF/IFAS, Gainesville, FL; Dean Paini, Entomology and Nematology Dept., UF/IFAS, Quincy, FL; G. V. P. Reddy, Agric. Exp. Sta., Univ. of Guam, Mangilao, GUAM.

I want to remind authors that only two hard copies are needed per manuscript submission.

Program – 2006 (Geri Cashion)
Symposia ideas are needed for the 2006 annual meeting, as well as submitted papers, posters, and student presentations.

Florida Entomologist Fiscal Outlook (Tom Walker)
A report was presented that described the fiscal outlook for the Florida Entomologist (available at http://tjwalker.ifas.ufl.edu/epubi.htm#epub). This report provides a comparison among years of FES dues and net income from our Journal, library revenue and a comparison with the Entomological Society of America (ESA) journals from 1994-2005, net income vs. size of issue for the Florida Entomologist, the number of pages published from 1994-2005, and a comparison of page charges to authors for ESA journals and the Florida Entomologist. The report concludes with an outlook of our Journal and with a suggestion that FES needs to advertise to a greater extent the advantages of publishing in Florida Entomologist.

The Executive Committee thanks Dr. Walker for his research and continued interest in FES and in the health and well-being of the Florida Entomologist.

Computer Resources Committee (Richard Mankin)
Annual meeting pictures, newsletters, and journal notifications have been posted on the FES website, but support by our web service provider has been slow over the last few months. We have not been able to login and update web pages yet in January. If this problem is not resolved by the end of January, it may be necessary for us to switch service providers.

Contact has been made with John Oswald at Texas A&M University about a proposal he and colleagues are submitting to the Entomological Society of America Governing Board about the possibility of ESA review of websites. A considerable amount of entomological content is now being placed on web sites that could not easily be placed in a journal. Taxonomists and other researchers who have constructed large databases on the Internet are
particularly interested in developing a review process to certify content and enable authors to receive credit for their efforts. An article on this topic was published recently in the *Florida Entomologist*. The Florida Entomological Society has an opportunity to be on the forefront of these developments, as it was in making journal content accessible on the Internet in 1993.

89th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The 2006 annual meeting of the Florida Entomological Society will be held July 23-26 at the Jupiter Beach Resort in Jupiter, FL. In February 2005, the resort completed a major renovation of its guest rooms, public areas, meeting facilities, and restaurant. Situated at the intersection of Indiantown Road and A1A, the resort has easy access and is only minutes from I-95 and the Florida Turnpike. Parking is free and the lot is steps from the resort entrance. The resort also features a new 7,500 sq. ft. spa, outdoor pool, fitness center, and tennis courts set into a beautifully landscaped family atmosphere.

The Jupiter Beach Resort lies directly on 1,000 feet of private beachfront and is adjacent to Carlin Park, a 120-acre county beach and nature area. The resort is also a short walk from Jupiter Beach Park where the Loxahatchee River Aquatic Preserve flows into the Atlantic Ocean through the Jupiter inlet. The Preserve is home to the American Alligator, Florida Manatee, wood storks, and mangroves and is contiguous with beautiful 11,500-acre Jonathan Dickinson State Park. The famous 1860 Jupiter lighthouse, build on an Indian midden dating to AD 970, lies a mile north of the resort. See [http://www.jupiterbeachresort.com/](http://www.jupiterbeachresort.com/) for more information.

THE SOUTHERN PLANT DIAGNOSTIC NETWORK

The Southern Plant Diagnostic Network (SPDN) is in the process of revising its regional exotic arthropods of concern list. Subsequently, each state is requested to develop an up-to-date list on 1) exotic arthropods of concern that are of limited distribution in the U.S. or are of regulatory importance and 2) exotic arthropods of concern that are not known to be established in the U.S.

1) Scientific and common name (if available) of the pest of concern.
2) Major crop(s) involved
3) Pest status (established or not established in the U.S.).

The pest list information you provide will be used to prioritize exotic arthropod educational activities and development of training materials for the SPDN in 2006 and 2007. Also, the possibility of using the pest list to coordinate a regional identification training session on several targeted exotic pests has been discussed by the SPDN entomology subcommittee. The target audience for this training session would be land grant university extension faculty and insect identification specialists.

If you have questions concerning this pest list request or other SPDN programs, please contact:

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