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# NEWSLETTER of the FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Oscar E. Liburd

Greetings, I hope that everyone has taken time out from their busy schedule and preregistered for our 2009 annual meeting of the Florida Entomological Society (FES). This year the meeting will be held from July 26 - 29<sup>th</sup> at the Sanibel Harbor Resort and Spa in Fort Myers, Florida. As I have indicated in the March newsletter, the Sanibel Harbor Resort and Spa is a pictorial hotel with scenic surroundings. The hotel price is also fairly inexpensive because we have negotiated a great rate of \$135 per night. At the end of the day you can enjoy the beautiful beaches that surround the resort or you can drive across the Sanibel Bridge and visit miles of white sand beaches with excellent shopping opportunities.

During the 2009 meeting we will have two workshops:

- 1) Biology and Control of Bed Bugs and
- 2) Turf and Ornamental Pest Identification.

In addition to the workshops, we have four symposia:

- 1) Exotic Pests Established in Florida: What is Known and What Still Needs to be Done.
- 2) Entomology of Florida's Flowers
- 3) Turf & Ornamental Pests in Florida: Their Biology and Control Strategies.
- 4) West Indies Taxonomy and Biogeography..

Individuals, including students who plan to present a paper or poster at the FES meeting and are not

part of a symposium or workshop, should have submitted their titles to Scott Ferguson at [scott@atoconsult.com](mailto:scott@atoconsult.com) on or before Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>. Symposium organizers should submit the full symposium with speaker names, titles and time allotted for each presentation to Scott Ferguson by Friday June 26<sup>th</sup>. Power Point presentations may be emailed to Scott Ferguson or brought to the meeting on a USB flash drive or CD.

The Society is delighted to have the *Florida Entomologist* accepted into PubMed Central [PMC], and BioOne is currently in the process of setting up the automatic feed to ensure the seamless deposit of all issues from 2009 forward. On another front, it is worth noting that the annual royalty payments from JSTOR, for the inclusion of all back volumes of the *Florida Entomologist* in its data base, is now greater than the annual loss of revenues since *Florida Entomologist* became freely accessible on the web in 1994. Also, the number of manuscripts that is published by the *Florida Entomologist* has increased more than 50% since 2006. This is partially due to the efficiency and productivity of our editor Dr. Jim Nation. Dr. Nation plans to continue as editor of the *Florida Entomologist* through 2010 but we are looking for a replacement. Most of the work to prepare the March issue in any year must be done in November and December of the previous year, so the new editor should be available to work in November and December, 2010. With the current volume of manuscripts being submitted, the Society may need to think in terms of two co-editors; if not in 2011, then soon after.

A decision on whether to host the 2010 meeting in the Dominican Republic is forthcoming. Dr. Steven Lapointe (Caribbean Committee Chair) and Teresa

DuChene have been working with representatives from the Dominican Republic to determine the possibility of hosting our next years' meeting. We will conduct an informal survey during our 2009 meeting at the Sanibel Harbor Resort and Spa to determine the percentage of attendees that are likely to attend the 2010 meeting in the Dominican Republic.

I am happy to report that the fiscal committee will hold their first meeting shortly after the 2009 annual meeting. However, we are still asking for volunteers to serve with the Jennifer Gillet-Kaufman on the public relations committee, and for volunteers to serve with Chris Tipping on the awards committee.

I look forward to seeing you July 26 - 29<sup>th</sup> at the Sanibel Harbor Resort and Spa in Fort Myers Florida.

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The edited minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held February 24, 2009 at the UF-IFAS, Lake Alfred, Florida are as follows:

**Business Manager Report (T. DuChene):** Teresa summarized the bank balances and CD investments. The society's budget will be on track, despite the poor economy. A motion was made to survey members about preferences for venue of annual meetings. Less expensive settings such as campuses could be used for savings.

**Fiscal Committee (T. Walker):** Overall, income and costs from the *Florida Entomologist* are trending well, and should continue. The editor's efforts have also contributed to income through a good publication rate.

**Student Activities (D. Hahn):** \$2,000 was provided for student travel awards to the ESA meeting in 2008. Nine students received a \$220 travel award to attend the meeting. Increased travel grants to attend the FES annual meeting may also help attendance there.

**Caribbean Conference (S. Lapointe):** We are hoping to have a 2010 Caribbean conference. The meeting could possibly be held in the Dominican Republic (costs

roughly \$300-400 roundtrip for airfare). Constraints: limited locations in Santo Domingo, airfare, and student travel support is needed.

### **Industry Symposia and Workshop (S. Ferguson):**

T. DuChene asked that members be allowed to download and print their own programs. Only a limited number are available at the meeting.

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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 Cara Vazquez.

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.

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**CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT  
AND MEMBER-AT-LARGE**

**Gary L. Leibee, Candidate for Vice President**

Dr. Leibee is Associate Professor of Entomology at the University of Florida, IFAS, Mid-Florida Research and Education Center in Apopka, FL. With over 29 years at UF, Dr. Leibee has conducted research on the management of insect and mite pests of vegetables, woody ornamentals, and cut foliage (greens such as leatherleaf fern and treefern). Program specialization includes integrating insecticides into integrated pest management (IPM) systems, insecticide resistance management, and biological control. Dr. Leibee has authored/co-authored 31 research papers in peer-reviewed journals and 7 reviews or book chapters. He has served on FES and ESA committees, and is currently the Chair of the ESA-SEB Student Awards Committee. Dr. Leibee is on several graduate committees and is involved with the clinical trials component of the Doctor of Plant Medicine Program at UF.

**Phil Stansly, Candidate for Vice President**

Dr. Stansly is Professor of Entomology at the University of Florida, Southwest Florida Research and Education Center in Immokalee. His first job in entomological research was to establish the ladybeetle *Chilocorus bipustulatus* for biological control of the armored scale *Parlatoria blanchardi* in date groves of Northern Niger, (1973-1976). He received his master's degree in zoology from the University of Oklahoma (1978) using the ladybeetle work as a thesis and his Ph.D. in Entomology from Texas A&M (1984) working on the ecology of the boll weevil on native host plants in Tabasco Mexico. As a post-doctoral associate for the State University of New York at Stony Brook (1985-1986), he studied the ecology of mound-building, nasute termites in the llanos of Venezuela. In 1986, Dr. Stansly joined the IFAS faculty as head of a project to implement IPM with row-crop farmers of Coastal Ecuador financed by USAID (1986-1989). He came to SWFREC at Immokalee in 1989 where he manages an extensive program on integrated management of vegetable and citrus pests with the help of a competent staff and a \$ 0.5 million/year budget.

Dr. Stansly has twice been awarded FES Extension Entomologist of the Year. He is author or co-author of close to 100 peer reviewed articles, 6 book chapters, over 150 Arthropod Management Test publications, numerous extension articles, including some in Spanish, on a broad range of entomological topics, and is presently editing a book on the whitefly *Bemisia tabaci*.

**Cindy McKenzie, Candidate for Member-at-Large**

Dr. McKenzie is a Research Scientist for the USDA, ARS, U.S. Horticultural Research Laboratory in Fort Pierce, FL. Dr. McKenzie's professional research career spans over 20 years working in academia, industry, and government. Her research career path has given her wide entomological experience including insect pests of livestock, cotton, field crops, citrus, vegetables, and propagated ornamental plants. Dr. McKenzie is an integrated pest management (IPM) specialist noted for her expertise in insecticide toxicology and development of insecticide resistance management strategies targeted at key arthropod pests of the aforementioned commodities. She continually expands her research interests and has worked in many aspects of IPM including biological control, chemical control, insecticide resistance, molecular diagnostics and plant resistance. Her research has emphasized interactions of insect-induced plant stress or injury on the development and management of crop diseases. Dr. McKenzie has promoted genetic markers and molecular diagnostics as tools to aid growers in management decisions as well as track distribution routes of invasive pests. Dr. McKenzie's research is documented in over 80 publications, including refereed journals, book and proceeding chapters, as well as national and international meeting presentations, and numerous national and international invited speaker presentations.

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**VOTE  
For New Officers!  
(Ballot on Page 4)**

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**FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
2009 ELECTION BALLOT**

**Vice President**

\_\_\_\_\_ Gary L. Leibee

\_\_\_\_\_ Phil Stansly

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**Member-At-Large**

\_\_\_\_\_ Cindy McKenzie

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**PLEASE VOTE** for one individual for each office and return the ballot via email by July 15, 2009 to:

Rob Meagher

Email: [rmeagherjr@juno.com](mailto:rmeagherjr@juno.com)

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