



Branch Report to the ESA Governing Board

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Motion/Request for Action

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Current Activities and Recent Accomplishments

Awards

During 2014, the Awards Committee received a total of five applications for the three International Branch Awards. There were three applications for the J.H. Comstock Award, one for the Distinguished Scientist Award and one for the Graduate Student Award. Although, the committee felt that the quality of applications was high this year and that all of the winners (see below) were deserving of their awards, it is a concern that there was only one nomination for the DSA. Last year for example we had five nominations for this award. In an attempt to increase the number of applications over the coming years, the committee will ensure that there is a longer window for branch members to apply for the awards. We envision an open period of 2 months minimum. The committee is also working on developing a database of "international" entomology departments. The award announcements will be sent directly to these departments once the announcements are finalized. For 2015 the committee is also aiming to launch two new awards, the *International Branch Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension* and the *International Branch Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching*.

Award Recipients

Distinguished Scientist Award

Dr. Mustapha El Bouhssini from the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas, Morocco

J.H. Comstock Award

Ms Rebecca Dew from Flinders University, Australia

Graduate Student Award

Mr. K.G.L. Ishan Samaranayake from the University of Manitoba, Canada

Committee Positions Filled

| Committee | Volunteer | |
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| Award for Excellence in Integrated Pest Management | Qiao | Wang |
| Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension | Yanhui | Lu |
| Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching | Ahmad | Mahdavi |
| ESA Education and Outreach Committee International Branch Representative | Robert | Ahern |
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| Henry & Sylvia Richardson Research Grant | Chris | Weldon |
| Monsanto Research Grant Award | Stephen | Clement |
| Monsanto Student Travel Award | Saleem | Rana |
| Nan-Yao Su Award for Innovation and Creativity in Entomology | Walter | Leal |
| Recognition Award in Entomology | Tong-Xian | Liu |
| Recognition Award in Urban Entomology | Abdul Hafiz | Ab Majid |
| USDA AFRI Student Travel Grant | Anura | Indrajith |

Branch Meeting News

Business Meeting

ESA's International Branch held a productive meeting 4 August 2014 during the 10th European Congress of Entomology in York, UK (August 3–8). IB President Aziz Ajlan, ESA President Frank Zalom, ESA President Elect Phil Mulder, and ESA Executive Director David Gammel shared an overview of ESA activities and initiatives. Walter Leal and Alvin Simmons shared an overview of ICE 2016. The group also discussed entomological meetings taking place around the world, and the possibility of hosting virtual meetings throughout the year on topics of interest by Branch members.

On the behalf of the IB two symposia were submitted: *IPM and invasive species* (organized by Aziz Ajlan), and *Managing Rhynchophorus ferrugineus: a global challenge* (organized by Aziz Ajlan, Khalid Alhudaib, Jose Romeno Faleiro)

The 2015 International Branch Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Entomological Society of Southern Africa (ESSA) Congress, July 12–17, 2015, Grahamstown, South Africa. Please visit the ESSA website for more details about the Congress (<http://www.entsocsa.co.za/Congresses.htm>), and the announcement of the Branch's inclusion in 2015 on the website. Two symposia have been submitted to ESSA, titled: Towards a global Sustainable IPM system for *Tuta absoluta* (Organized by Aziz Ajlan), and Managing *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*: Beyond IPM (Organized by Aziz Ajlan, Khalid Alhudaib, and Jose Romeno Faleiro).

The 2016 meeting will take place during the 2016 International Congress of Entomology (<http://www.ice2016orlando.org/>) in Orlando, Florida. Participants also discussed the possibility of hosting virtual meetings throughout the year on topics of interest by Branch members.

Myron Zalucki was elected to serve as the Branch President in 2015, Maggie Hardy was elected to serve as President in 2016, and Megha Parajulee was elected to serve as Branch Treasurer from 2014–2017.

ESA Annual Meeting

Our Branch Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 18, 2014 from 12:15 PM-1:15 PM, in the Portland Ballroom 254 (Oregon Convention Center). The meeting has been organized by 2014 IB President Aziz Ajlan.

Current Membership and Financial Status

Current Branch Membership: 881 members (as of 8 October 2014), up from 673 members (as of March 2014)

Financial Status: In the black; no expenses recorded yet in 2014.

Branch Funds: \$13,236.86 (at 15 October 2014)

Other Information/Comments

N/A

Motion/Request for Action Information

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