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Pest Resistance Management Science Policy Field Tour and Workshop, August 6-7, Iowa

Applications for the 2019 Science Policy Field Experience and Workshop, 'Pest Resistance Management' **are open now and will remain open until Friday, June 14**. Notifications of application status will be made the week of June 21. Details about the Field Experience can be found online on the [P-IE Tour Resources](https://www.entsoc.org/pie/2019-ResMgtExp) webpage. This year's field experience will be held August 6th and 7th in Iowa (fly into Omaha, NE). The P-IE and PBT sections of the ESA are co-sponsoring the tour with the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA). Both societies are working with the Iowa Pest Resistance Management Plan project (<https://www.ipm.iastate.edu/about-the-iprmp>) to host the Experience. Applicants will be informed of selection by June 21. Both the P-IE and PBT sections will provide a travel award to each an early career professional and a graduate student.

- Details – <https://www.entsoc.org/pie/2019-ResMgtExp>
- Apply -- <https://www.entsoc.org/pie/2019/resistance-mgmt-Exp-application>

Submit Proposals for 2020 Science Policy Events

The P-IE Governing Council encourages members to start planning science policy field tours, workshops, or other activities that engage our members in the science policy arena for 2020. **The deadline for 2020 proposals is August 15, 2019.** The P-IE Governing Council and Tour Oversight Committee will review and select one or two proposals for funding in 2020. Science policy activity guidelines and sample budgets and stakeholder invitation letters are posted on the [P-IE Tour Resources](#) webpage. Start brainstorming now on ideas for novel and engaging science policy educational events for 2020. Submit your proposals to Diane Alston (diane.alston@usu.edu).

Call for ESA Annual Meeting Judges and Moderators

Last month's call for volunteers to judge and moderate for ESA Annual Meeting P-IE Section sessions yielded a few generous responses, but we need many more. Please support your Section by volunteering to judge or moderate P-IE student competitions and contributed paper sessions at the Annual ESA Meeting in St. Louis, MI, November 17-20. Please contact Diane Alston (diane.alston@usu.edu) if you would like to volunteer – please include “ESA volunteer” in the subject line. Your contributions as voluntary judges and moderators are very important to the success of our student competition and symposia sessions. Thank you for your help!

2019 P-IE Award Deadlines

Reminders for upcoming P-IE award nomination deadlines:

- June 1
 - Kenneth and Barbara Starks Plant Resistance to Insects Graduate Student Award
 - Master's Student Achievement in Entomology Award
- July 1
 - Lifetime Achievement Award in Entomology
 - Recognition Award in Entomology

- Integrated Pest Management Team Award

Visit the ESA Awards webpage for more information: <https://www.entsoc.org/about/awards-honors>

Summer Election Nominations Close May 31

The following positions are available within the P-IE section:

- P-IE Governing Council, Vice President-Elect (4-year term)
- P-IE Governing Council, Secretary (3-year term)
- Early Career Professional Representative to the P-IE Governing Council (2-year term)

May 31, 2019 is the deadline to submit nominations, or nominate yourself. Please visit the [online nomination submission form](#) or contact [Jeff Bradshaw](#) with your interest in running for one of these P-IE positions.

Annual Meeting P-IE Networking Session: Plan to Attend!

Plan to join your P-IE colleagues and friends at the annual meeting P-IE networking session on the afternoon of Monday, November 18. The session will include two engaging activities: 1) speed-networking and 2) hot topic discussions. A presentation on the outcomes and lessons learned on pest resistance management at the 2019 Science Policy Field Tour in Iowa this summer will follow the business meeting and award presentations. As always, there will be pie and beverages. The two active-learning events will run concurrently with open networking and refreshments. Plan to participate and enjoy the company of your fellow P-IE members.

Speed-networking

P-IE leadership and volunteers will facilitate one-on-one conversations among established and junior entomologists seeking job opportunities in academia, industry, government, and NGOs. Each conversation will be limited to 5 min; participants then shift to a new interaction. If you are interested in facilitating a speed-networking table, submit proposals to Jeff Bradshaw, jbradshaw2@unl.edu, by September 30.

Hot Topics

We are looking for P-IE members who would like to be responsible for initiating small group discussions. Tables or areas will be designated for members to gather and debate issues related to Plant-Insect Ecosystems. The topics can be fun, useful, unusual or simply intellectual. Submit hot topic ideas to David Onstad, dwonstad@gmail.com, by September 30.

Sue Blodgett – Long-time P-IE Member and Advocate for Entomology – Happy Retirement!

The P-IE Governing Council recognizes Dr. Sue Blodgett (long-time P-IE member) for her significant contributions to the ESA upon the occasion of her retirement. Dr. Blodgett has served as President of the North Central Branch, and held several offices in the Pacific Branch and Section F. Sue provided leadership to the organization of multiple branch and national ESA meetings. Dr. Blodgett ends her career after leading departments over the past 12 years at South Dakota State University and Iowa State University.

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