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W E L C O M E

New Distance Masters Students:
Spring 2009: **Erica Allen**, Bellevue, OH; **Denise VanRoekel**, Sioux Falls, SD.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

Drs. Fred Baxendale and **Tiffany Heng-Moss** will be presented with Awards from the National Entomological Society of America (ESA) at their annual meeting in Reno, NV, November 16-19, 2008, Fred will be receiving the Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension, and Tiffany will receive the Distinguished Achievement Award in teaching.

Dr. John Foster was honored with the John V. Osmun Alumni Professional Achievement Award for Entomology from Purdue University on October 24, 2008. This award was named for John V. Osmun who served as the department head in Entomology at Purdue University from 1956-1972 and is given to an alumnus who has shown excellence in the field of entomology.

Dr. Haichuan "John" Wang has been recently promoted to Senior Research Associate in **Dr. Blair Siegfried's** Toxicology Laboratory. John will continue his research on mechanisms of Bt resistance in the European corn borer and cyclodiene resistance in western corn rootworms.

Dr. Hong Chun and his wife, Shen, are the proud parents of a new son, Eden. He was born October 19, 2008 at the SUNY-Stony Brook Hospital, weighing 6 lbs., 7 oz., and 19 inches long. Congrats to Hong, Shen, and new big brother, Andrew!

Dr. Tim Huntington and his wife, Kari, are the proud parents of a new baby daughter, Lucille Jane, born October 9, 2008 at Memorial Hospital in Seward, NE. Lucille was 7 lbs., 13 oz., and 20½ inches long. Tim received his Ph.D. in August under the supervision of **Dr. Leon Higley** and is now an assistant professor of biology at Concordia University in Seward. Congrats Tim and Kari!

Dr. Steve Skoda and his wife, Sharon, are proud grandparents of a new granddaughter, Pasley Raye, born September 17, 2008, weighing 8 lbs., 12 oz. Pasley's parents are Adam and Leigh Skoda of Lincoln, NE.

Dr. Saowaluck Pornkulwat and husband, Finn, are the proud parents of a baby girl. Thema was born August 2, 2008, weighing 2990 grams (approx. 5 lbs., 4 oz.). "Luck" received her Ph.D. in 1998 under the supervision of **Drs. John Foster** and **Steve Skoda** and is now Technology Development Lead for Monsanto Thailand Ltd for Thailand/Vietnam.

P U B L I C A T I O N S

Aliano, N.P. and **M.D. Ellis.** 2008. Bee-to-bee contact drives oxalic acid distribution in honey bee colonies. Apidologie 39 (1): 1-7.

Davis, Robert W. and **Shripat T. Kamble.** 2008. Dispersal of Permethrin and a Water Soluble Dye Affected by Soil Types and Rodding Tips After Subsoil Applications to Control Subterranean Termites. Sociobiology 52(2): 323-344.

Krumm, Jeffrey T., Thomas E. Hunt, Steven R. Skoda, Gary L. Hein, Donald J. Lee, **Pete L. Clark** and **John E. Foster.** 2008. Genetic variability of the European corn borer, *Ostrinia nubilalis,* suggests gene flow between populations in the Midwestern United States. Journal of Insect Science 8:69, available online: insectscience.org/8.69.

Spomer, Neil, Tim Husen and **Shripat T. Kamble.** 2008. Stability of Imidacloprid (Premise® 75) in a Tank-Mixed Aqueous Solutions When Stored in Shade or Sunlight. Bulletin of Environmental Contaminations and Toxicology. DOI 10.1007/s00128-008-9535-1.

G R A N T S

Frederick Baxendale

- DuPont Crop Protection $2,400
  "Turfgrass Pest Management"

Marion Ellis

- South Dakota Beekeepers Association $1,000
  "Bee Research"
- Wisconsin Beekeepers Association $1,000
  "Bee Research"

Tiffany Heng-Moss

- Industry Research Fund $5,000
  "USGA – Resistant Turfgrasses"

Shripat Kamble

- BASF Corporation $10,000
  "Phantom Research"
- DuPont Corporation $19,000
  "Termite Research"
- Syngenta Corporation $7,600
  "Ant Research"
- FMC Corporation $6,500
  "Ant Research"

Lance Meinke

- Monsanto $5,000
  "Diabrotica Biology, Ecology, and Management"
- AMVAC $2,000
  "Diabrotica Biology, Ecology, and Management"

Blair Siegfried

- Monsanto $15,000
  "Baseline Susceptibility of Ostrinia nubilalis in Field Populations for NON 89034"

Robert Wright

- AMVAC $4,000
  "Field Crops Pest Management"

INSECT SCIENCE OPEN HOUSE

Over 380 people "Experienced The Power of Bugs!" at our annual department open house on September 21, 2008. New events this year included Bug Jeopardy - an insect trivia competition, bee swarm demonstrations by our apiculture specialists, invasive insect species working their way through the crowds, and research demonstrations in some of our labs. A buggy good time was had by all!

STUDENT NEWS

Tim Husen and **Ralph Narain** are each recipients of a Ward A. and Helen W. Combs Scholarship in the amount of $300.

The following students have received travel support from the Swenk Fund in the Entomology Department for attending the National ESA meeting in Reno, NV, November 16-19, 2008: **Sek Yee Tan** and **Jeremy Wagnitz** - $300 each, **Amanda Fujikawa, Lanae Pierson, Sandra Schaeffer, and Stephen Young** - $350 each, and **Tim Husen** - $400.

Matthew Moore received a Capitol City Kiwanis Club Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Scholarship in the amount of $500.

The Insect Science Club will be holding their annual honey sale on November 12-13, 2008 at the City and East Campus Unions from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Items available include honey, of course, in 8 and 12 oz. bears and 3 lb. jugs. There will also be candles, peppermint lip balm, and lotion in apple, sunflower, gingerbread, stress relief, and cucumber scents. Be sure to shop early to get the best selection!

MEET A DISTANCE STUDENT

Distance M.S. Student – **Danyck Yoon**

I live in the Montreal area (Quebec, Canada) and am a fourth semester distance student. I received my undergraduate degree in biology from Rimouski University in 2006. I had originally planned to specialize in marine biota, and later developed a strong interest for arthropods, which eventually led to the beautiful world of insects. After graduation, I started the distance M.S. program with the goal of teaching at the college level after graduation. In the meantime, I work part time as a biology teaching assistant and am also involved in management programs for tomato and pepper crops.

My main entomological interests are in management, particularly in the agricultural and horticultural settings. I also think insects are very good model organisms to teach about many biological phenomena, and I would be interested in developing new and insightful ways to learn entomology. In that sense, the MS degree project presents me with a great opportunity to explore this area. It has been a challenging and rewarding experience thus far, and I must say that I greatly appreciate the wide variety of courses offered and the professionalism of the teaching and support staff.

The distance program offers great learning flexibility, and I would like to thank the Entomology Department for providing a comprehensive and broad overview of entomology.

TRAVEL

Dr. Bob Wright participated in the National IPM Committee meeting in Washington DC, on October 7-8, 2008. Bob is the current chair of the regional USDA committee on IPM, NCERA 201. He also represented the

committee at the annual meeting of the NC IPM Center Stakeholder Advisory Committee in Chaska MN, on October 29-30, 2008.

Dr. Bob Wright, Dr. Tom Hunt and **Keith Jarvi** participated in a meeting of the North Central Extension Entomologists' Working Group on October 23-24, 2008 in St. Louis, MO. This group is funded by the North Central IPM Center to increase communication and coordination among field crops extension entomology programs.

Dr. Shripat Kamble participated as a state liaison in the National IR-4 Food Use Workshop in Sacramento, CA, on September 15-18, 2008.

Dr. Bob Wright participated in the annual meeting of NCERA 125, the regional USDA committee on biological control at Sioux Falls, SD, on October 21-22, 2008 as the Nebraska representative.

F A C U L T Y N E W S

Dr. Scott Hutchins, Adjunct Professor in the Entomology Department, will be presented with the 2008 Distinguished Service Award to the Certification Program at the National ESA meeting in November in Reno, NV.

Dr. Michael Scharf has now been appointed as an Assistant Professor-Adjunct in the Entomology Department. This appointment was effective October 1, 2008.

F R O M T H E O F F I C E

Funding Opportunity – Nebraska EPSCoR – University-Industry R&D Partnership Program: Phases I & II – http://ucommxsrv1.unl.edu/epscor/proposal.php Deadline: 3/2/09. For more information, contact Nathan Meier (2.1808/nmeier@unl.edu)

Funding Opportunities – Office of Research - Strategic Research Cluster Grants, Layman Awards, Visiting Scholar, Symposium, and Distinguished Lecturer –Deadlines: 11/13/08 and 02/13/2009 http://research.unl.edu/facultyresources/annual_competitions.shtm For more information, contact Nathan Meier (2.1808/nmeier@unl.edu)

Calendar of Events

November 12-13, 2008
- Insect Science Club Honey Sale, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
  City and East Campus Unions

November 16-19, 2008
- National ESA Meeting, Reno, NV

November 21, 2008
- Entomology Department Meeting, 10:30 a.m., ENTO 214

November 26, 2008
- Student Holiday (UNL offices are open)

November 27-30, 2008
- Thanksgiving Vacation (UNL offices are closed)

December 12, 2008
- Entomology Department Meeting, 10:30 a.m., ENTO 214

December 15-19, 2008
- First Semester Final Exams

December 19, 2008
- Graduate Commencement

December 20, 2008
- First Semester Commencement

December 24 – January 4, 2009
- Holiday Closedown