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NATIONAL ESA MEETING

A total of 34 entomologists represented the University of Nebraska at the National ESA Meeting in New Orleans. **Dr. Jim Petersen** moderated a session of Medical and Veterinary Entomology.

Dr. Lance Meinke was Head Judge for the Section F Student Paper Competition at the ESA meetings in New Orleans.

Dr. Robert Wright co-organized and co-moderated a symposium "Soil Insect Pest Management: Interaction of Control Tactics, Target Insects and the Environment". **Drs. Lance Meinke and Larry Godfrey** made invited presentations as part of the symposium. **Dr. John Foster** was invited to make a presentation at another symposium.

GRANTS

Dr. David Stanley-Samuels ... \$15,000 ... USDA-Forest Service (Effect of deterioration of formulated diet on performance of gypsy moth: Role of fatty acids).

Dr. Gary Hein ... \$10,560 ... Nebraska Wheat Board (Russian Wheat Aphid and Wheat in Nebraska).

Dr. Fred Baxendale ... \$500 ... Research Council (Travel).

Dr. Z B Mayo ... \$2,000 ... Research Council (Project - Augmentation of Predators by Use of a Controlled-Release Attractant and Food Source for Control of Greenbugs on Sorghum).

Dr. Blair Siegfried ... \$2,500 ... Research Council (Project - Toxicology of Insecticide Resistance in the Greenbug, Schizaphis graminum).

GRANT INFORMATION

The deadline for submitting Nebraska Wheat Board Research and Extension Proposals is January 4. Proposals should be prepared in accordance with guidelines available in the main office.

CSRS competitive grants must be submitted to Diane Mohrhoff, Agricultural Research, beginning January 7. A list of deadlines according to program areas is available in the main office.

For those trying to meet the USDA Competitive Grants deadline, Dr. Higley has spreadsheet templates for calculating grant budgets.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our graduate students, **Ms. Krista L. Golden** who successfully finished her M.S. and **Xiaolong Zhu** who finished his Ph.D. oral exam and will be working on completion of his thesis.

Dr. Gus Thomas has been appointed to a 5-year term to the Editorial Board of the ESA Journal of Medical Entomology.

"Successful Huns learn to deal with adversity and to overcome mistakes."

Wes Roberts

PUBLICATIONS

Gus Thomas, Ivan Berry, Steve Skoda and Dennis Berkebile -- Seasonal ovipositional status of field populations of female stable flies (Diptera: Muscidae) in cattle feedlots as measured by two sampling methods published in Environmental Entomology.

Brett Ratcliffe -- Book review of The Scarab Beetles of Florida (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae). Part II. The May or June Beetles (genus Phyllophaga) by R. Woodruff and B. Beck. Florida Entomology.

Brett Ratcliffe -- The significance of scarab beetles in the ethnoentomology of non-industrial, indigenous peoples. Proc. First International Congress Ethnobiology, Belem, Brazil.

DEPARTMENT TRAVELERS

Dr. Robert Wright participated in a research grant review panel for USDA-CSRS on December 9 in Lexington Kentucky. The panel made recommendations on funding for the Southern Region IPM Research Grant Program.

MISCELLANEOUS

Happy Birthday

Dave Keith	December	07
Bob Staples		09
Blair Siegfried		11
Shabnam Handy		13
Mary Ellen Dix		22

The IANR faculty meeting is scheduled for January 7, 1991, starting at 1:00 p.m. and ending about 9:00 p.m. at the Nebraska East Campus Union.

Those wishing to enter into the entomological holiday spirit are invited to see the origami insect christmas tree on display in Dr. Higley's office (but be prepared to identify the insects). Origami by Phyllis Higley.

Dr. Wendy Wintersteen, Assistant Professor, Department of Entomology, Iowa State University, visited the department December 10-13 to work with Dr. Leon Higley on manuscripts from cooperative research efforts.

"Every decision involves some risk"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, December 21

M.S. Degree Seminar

Mr. John Uscian

"Biotype Specific Hybridization of a Mitochondrial DNA Probe Among Greenbug, Schizaphis graminum (Rondani) (Homoptera: Aphididae), Biotypes"

8:00 a.m., Entomology Conference Room

December 22 to January 1

UNL Holiday Vacation

Thursday, January 3 and Friday January 4

Departmental Retreat

Lincoln Hilton

Thursday, January 3

Departmental Holiday Party

6:30 p.m., Lincoln Hilton

Monday, January 7

Tuesday, January 8

IANR Staff Meeting

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

to you and your family from all of us in the main office.