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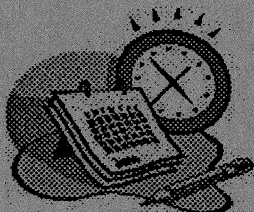
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Calendar of Events



December 12-16, 1999

Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA

December 17, 1999

Bumble Bee Pollination in Greenhouses

Guest Speaker Dr. Robert Brooks hosted by Dr. Marion Ellis, 3:30 p.m., East Campus Union

December 24, 1999

Holiday Closedown until January 3, 2000



January 6, 2000

Faculty Retreat

January 19-20, 2000

UPM Conference, Clifford Hardin Center, Lincoln, NE

February 28-March 2, 2000

International Plant Resistance to Insects Workshop, Fort Collins, CO

August 20-26, 2000

XXI International Congress of Entomology, Foz do Iguacu, Brazil

Congratulations

Christina Davis has accepted a part-time faculty position teaching science at Metropolitan Community College in Omaha, NE.

Congratulations to Hatice and Cengiz Ikten upon the birth of triplets born Thursday, November 18th. The boys, Ahmet Turhan (2 lb 15.3 oz) and Muzafer Safa (3 lb 12.5 oz) were born at 12:32 p.m. Their little sister, Sila Rana (3 lb 10.9 oz) was born at 12:33 p.m.



Andrew Chace Stebbing was born to Jenny and Andrew Stebbing on Saturday, December 4, 1999, at 1:53 p.m. Andrew weighed in at 7 lb 13.5 oz and was 20½" long.

Dr. Shripat T. Kamble will serve as elected Director of Board Certified Entomologists-Entomological Society of America, December 1999 - December 2000.

James Austin and Lester Figarola will both graduate December 18, 1999. James successfully completed his masters program and Lester completed his doctoral program.

We Want to Know!!

If you have news you'd like to see in the *Hexapod Herald*, please email the information to jkeller@unlnotes.unl.edu.

Grants

Dr. Fred Baxendale	
American Cynamid	\$2,500
Dr. Marion Ellis	
Elf Ato Chem	\$2,000
South Dakota Beekeepers Assoc.	\$1,000
Dr. John Foster	
Agrevo.	\$4,000
Dr. Shripat Kamble	
Novartis Inc.	\$5,000
USDA/CREEES-NCRPIAP	\$12,000
USDA/CSREES-NCRPIAP	\$17,960
Dr. Lance Meinke	
USDA-ARS	\$14,000
Dr. Blair Siegfried	
Monsanto	\$11,500

Welcome

The following students began pursuing Distance Master Degrees: Nancy Bosold, Fleetwood, PA; Amy M. Cochran, Richford, VT; David C. Feltes, Morrison, IL; and Tracy J. Gaskin, Conway, SC.

Dr. Luis Joly, a scarab beetle systematist and Director of the Museo Entomologico at the University of Central Venezuela (Maracay), is visiting the Museum's entomology collections and conducting research and joint projects with Dr. Brett Ratcliffe from November 15-29, 1999.

Drs. Al Newton and Margaret Thayer, co-curators of the insect collections in the Department of Entomology of the Field Museum of Natural History (Chicago), visited the collections in the Museum on October 11-12, 1999, where they identified and studied specimens.

Dan Schmidt, scientific illustrator from Schuyler, NE, conducted a workshop on carbon dusting techniques for Team Scarab in the Museum on November 5, 1999.

Dr. Clarke Scholtz, chair of the Department of Entomology at the University of Pretoria (South Africa) and a scarab specialist, is visiting the Museum's entomology collections from December 6-10, 1999 to conduct research. He is presenting seminars in both the Department of Entomology and the Museum. He is then accompanying Team Scarab to the national meetings of the ESA.

Faculty News

Dr. Harold Ball, Professor Emeritus, passed away November 7, 1999.

Dr. Thomas Hunt was appointed a Graduate Faculty Member effective November 4, 1999.

Dr. Robert K.D. Peterson was designated a Graduate College Faculty Fellow effective October 28, 1999.

Graduate Student News

Lester Figarola was awarded a \$2,000 Shear-Miles Fellowship for 1999-2000.

Tiffany Heng-Moss was awarded an airline voucher for travel to the Entomological Society of America annual meeting to present her paper in December, 1999.

Tiffany Heng-Moss has been selected for funding from the ARD Interdisciplinary Grant program

Andrew Smith received the Keith Kevan Scholarship and \$1000 from the Entomological Society of Canada in recognition of high scholastic achievement and excellence in graduate studies in entomological systematics.

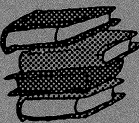
Andrew Smith received a \$100 student travel grant from International Affairs for travel to the Entomological Society of America annual meeting in December, 1999.

The following students received travel grants of \$100 each from the Swenk Fund to attend the National Entomological Society of America annual meeting: Nor Aliza Abdul Rahim, Jon C. Bedick, Thomas L. Clark, Eric Durham, Srinivas Parimi, Aura Paucar, Lilian Saldanha, Hasan Tunaz, and Karla Villatoro.

Karla Villatoro received \$150 from the Society of Sigma Xi for meeting travel.

Publications

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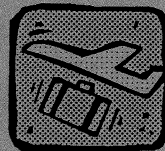
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Travel

The following faculty will be traveling to Atlanta, GA to attend the Entomological Society of America annual meeting in December, 1999: Drs. Fred Baxendale, Steve Danielson, Leon Higley, Z B Mayo, and Blair Siegfried. Dr. Danielson will present a research poster display, Dr. Higley will present an invited paper, and Dr. Siegfried will present papers. Dr. Mayo is Chair of the Program Planning Committee. Dr. Shripat Kamble will be presenting posters and papers, and will be installed as the Chair of the Board Certified Entomologist Program. Also attending are Drs. John Foster, Lance Meinke, and Mike Scharf.



The following students will be traveling to Atlanta, GA to attend the Entomological Society of America annual meeting in December, 1999: Nor Aliza Abdul Rahim and Lilian Saldanha will be presenting papers and Jon Bedick and Hasan Tunaz will present posters. Pari Pachamuthu will be presenting papers and posters. Tom Clark will present a poster and compete in Linnaean Games. Srinivas Parimi will present a talk and be a member of the Linnean Team. Also attending are Eric Durham and Tiffany Heng-Moss.

Dr. Fred Baxendale traveled to Scottsbluff, NE in July to conduct turfgrass insect research.

Dr. Baxendale will be traveling to Columbus, OH to speak at the 1999 Ohio Turfgrass Conference.

On January 12, 2000 Dr. Baxendale will travel to College Station, TX to speak at the 1999 Texas A&M IPM Conference.

Pete Clark traveled to Alliance and Sidney, NE in September and October, 1999 for research.

Tom Clark gave a presentation at the Corn Rootworm Areawide Management 1999 annual meeting October 14, 1999 in Kansas City.

Dr. John Foster presented 1999 data to Monsanto during a Data Review in St. Louis, MO, October 18-22, 1999.

Drs. John Foster and Blair Siegfried traveled to Chicago, IL, November 1-2, 1999 to attend the Industry Monarch Symposium.

Doug Golick collected bumble bees in Hastings, Franklin, Lawrence, McCook, Harrison, and Scottsbluff, NE in July and August, 1999.

Tiffany Heng-Moss participated as a member of the steering committee in the Shaping the Preparation of Future Science and Mathematic Facility Program Meeting in Washington, D.C. October 2, 1999.

Dr. Leon Higley attended the NC-226 Regional Research Project Meeting in Columbus, OH, November 9-10, 1999.

Dr. Shripat T. Kamble organized the planning committee meeting of National Conference on Urban Entomology, Fort Lauderdale, FL, September 20-22, 1999.

Dr. Shripat T. Kamble participated in the annual meetings of North Central Regional Pesticide Impact Assessment Program, and IR-4 Program in Washington, DC.

Dr. Lance Meinke attended the Monsanto Corn Rootworm Transgenic Corn Meeting in St. Louis, MO September 7-8, 1999.

Dr. Brett Ratcliffe and Federico Ocampo were in Central America for two weeks in October conducting research and collecting for the NSF-funded project on the Dynastinae of Honduras, Nicaragua, and El Salvador. They curated and identified scarabs in the collections of the Escuela Panamericana Agricultura in Zamorano, Honduras; the Museo Nacional de Historia Natural in San Salvador, El Salvador; and the Museo Entomologico in Leon, Nicaragua. They collected in each country with the local entomologists.

Drs. Michael Scharf and Blair Siegfried, and Joe Zhou traveled to Kansas City, MO October 12-14, 1999 to attend the Rootworm Areawide Management Annual Meeting.

Dr. Blair Siegfried attended the Chemistry and Fate of Modern Pesticides Symposium in Lawrence, KS September 13-15, 1999.

Dr. Blair Siegfried attended and presented a paper at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemicals in Philadelphia, PA November 14-19, 1999.

Andrew Smith attended the annual national meetings of the Entomological Society of Canada September 25-28 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Steve Spomer attended the annual meeting of the Lepidopterists' Society in Sierra Vista, AZ August 4-8, 1999.

Jenny Stebbing traveled to Phoenix, AZ, August 11-15, 1999 to run western corn rootworm on a flight mill.

Tony Weinhold traveled to Scottsbluff, NE in July to conduct efficacy trials on ants in a golf course and in September to conduct an insect trial.

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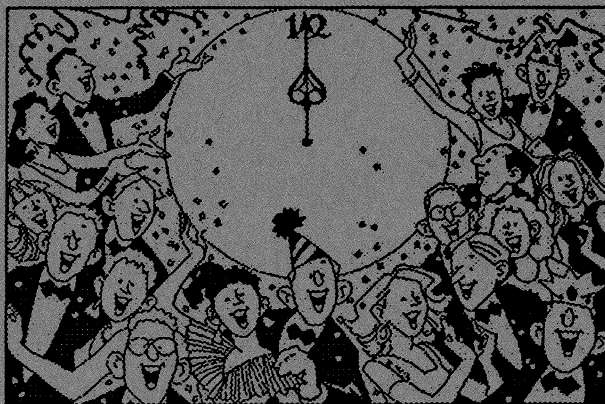
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