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Calendar of Events

July 16, 1999

Rico Rana Dissertation Seminar, "Digestive phospolipase A2 in insects," 9:00 a.m., East Campus Union

Fikru Haile Dissertation Seminar "Physiology of Plant Tolerance to Arthropod Injury," 1:30 p.m., East Campus Union

July 19, 1999

Wyatt Hoback Dissertation Seminar, "Ecophysiology of habitat use and competition in an assemblage of salt marsh tiger beetle species," 9:00 a.m., East Campus Union

July 22-24, 1999

Midwest Master Beekeeping and Queen Rearing Workshops, Agricultural Research and Development Center near Ithaca, Nebraska

August 23, 1999

Fall Semester Classes Begin

December 12-16, 1999

Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia

August 20-26, 2000

XXI International Congress of Entomology, Foz do Iguacu, Brazil

Grants

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Dr. Frederick Baxendale	
Bayer	\$4,000
National Turfgrass Federation, Inc	\$1,000
Novartis	. \$10,000
Rhone-Poulenc	\$2,000
UN-L Academic Affairs	\$2,500
Zeneca	. \$10,000
Dr. Steve Danielson	
The Nature Conservancy	\$400
Dr. Marion Ellis and Dr. Leon Higley	
Educational Innovation Fund	\$100,000
Dr. John Foster	
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FMC Corporation	\$5,000
Dr. Xinzhi Ni, Dr. Sharron Quis	senberry, Dr. Leon
Higley and Fikru Haile	
USDA-National Research Init	iative Competitive Grants
Program (NRICGP)	\$150,000
Dr. Blair Siegfried	
Mycogen	\$15,225
Novartis	

Open Letter

Entomology Faculty, Staff and Graduate Students,

I sincerely appreciate the reception and gifts. But most of all, I appreciate my association with all of you. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your colleague and Head for the past four years. I will remember all of you with deep affection.

Best Regards, Sharron

Congratulations

Dr. Z B Mayo was appointed Interim Head of the Department of Entomology effective Tuesday, June 15, 1999.

Congratulations to **Tiffany and Wyatt Hoback** upon the birth of a son, William Weston, born Monday, July 5, at 3:36 PM. He weighs 6 lb. 8½ oz. and is 19 inches long.

Welcome

Diane Sullivan who recently began her position as Accounting Clerk III in the department. Diane's responsibilities include balancing ledgers, financial annual reports including Hatch, and budget projections.

Federico Ocampo, from Argentina, joined Team Scarab on 1 June to pursue his Ph.D. under the supervision of Dr. Brett Ratcliffe. His wife, Victoria, accompanied him to Lincoln. His research will involve (surprise!) scarab beetles.

Herbert Siqueira arrived June 10 from Brazil to pursue a Ph.D. Degree under the supervision of **Dr. Blair Siegfried**. His wife, Sandra, and daughter, Fernanda (3½), accompanied him.

Paula Macedo arrived on June 10 with her husband Tulio and children Mateos (3) and Luisa (1). She will pursue a Masters Degree under the supervision of Dr. Marion Ellis. Her research will examine resistance to fluvalinate in varroa mites. She will also contribute to web resource development for the entomology department's distance education program.

The following students began pursuing Distance Master Degrees: Scott Ahlgren, Delafield, WI; Steve Altstiel, Buffalo, SD; Jeffrey Brown, Wilmington, NC; Joan Christen, Tecumseh, NE; Michele Crawford, Lincoln, NE; Dawn Ertl, Ft. Atkinson, WI; Joshua Granderson, Siloam Springs, AR; Richard Kesler, Decatur, IL; Mathew Kramm, San Antonio, TX; Ken Rohr, Winter Park, FL; and Amanda Tischendorf, Oberlin, KS.

Faculty News

Dr. Dan Moellenbeck has been promoted to Research Senior Scientist at Pioneer Hi-Bred. Dr. Moellenbeck's new address is 7250 NW 62nd Ave., PO Box 552, Johnston, IA 50131-0552. His new FAX number is (515) 334-4722 and his phone number will remain the same.

Graduate Student News

The Bruner Club's annual golf outing was held May 15, 1999, at the Pine Lake Golf Course. The following teams placed:

- 1st Place: Mike Scharf, Blair Siegfried, Ethan Siegfried, Agustin Sagel, and Sidney Siegfried.
- 2nd Place: Richard Peterson, Ken Pruess, Carleen Pruess, and Keith Weinhold
- 3rd Place: Jay Heffelfinger, Jake, Craig Weinhold, and Ruy de Paula

Julia Smith received a \$250 grant from the Center for Great Plains Studies.

W. Wyatt Hoback was one of eight students to receive a Presidential Graduate Fellowship for academic year 1999-2000.

Bruner Club Officers for 1999-00

President	Lillian Saldanha
Vice President	Karla Villatoro
Secretary/Treasurer	Amelia Zoerb
Student Representative	Connie Reimers
Faculty Advisors	Dr. Short Heinrichs
	Dr. Blair Siegfried

Publications

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Hoback, W.W., R.L. Rana, and D.W. Stanley. 1999. Fatty Acid Compositions of Phospholipids and Triacylglycerols of Selected Tissues, and Fatty Acid

Biosynthesis in Adult Periodical Cicadas, *Magicicada* septendecim. Comp. Biochem. and Phys. Part A 122:355-362.

Marcon, P.C.R.G., L.J. Young, K.L. Steffey, and B.D. Siegfried. 1999. Baseline Susceptibility of European Corr Borer (Lepidoptera: Crambidae) to *Bacillus thuringiensis* Toxins. J. Econ. Entomol. 92:279-285.

Pachamuthu, P., S.T. Kamble, and G.Y. Yuen. 1999. Virulence of *Metarhizium anisopliae* (Deuteromycotina: Hyphomycetes) Strain ESC-1 to the German Cockroach (Dictyoptera: Blattellidae) and Its Compatibility with Insecticides. J. Econ. Entomol. 92:340-346.

Saldanha, L.A. and N.M. Silva. 1999. Semi-Artificial Rearing of the Larvae of *Anastrepha Obliqua* (Diptera: Tephritidae) in Manaus, Amazonas-Brazil. Florida Entomologist 81:82-87.

Travel

Dr. Shripat T. Kamble participated in the National NAPIAP workshop in Chicago, IL, April 19-21, 1999.

Team Scarab (Dr. Brett Ratcliffe, Dr. Mary Liz Jameson, Andrew Smith, Karla Villatoro) was collecting in Venezuela from 5 to 25 June.

On June 23, 16 graduate students accompanied by four faculty and staff traveled to Kansas City, Missouri, for a tour of Bayer Corporation's facilities. The tour included viewing Bayer's research facilities for studying biological performance, ecological effects, toxicology and environmental fate of pesticides. Participants were Fred Baxendale, Brian Cabrera, Mike Scharf, Tony Weinhold, Nor Aliza Rahim Abdul, Leela Alamalakala, James Austin, Eric Durham, Tiffany Heng-Moss, Cengiz Ikten, Srinivas Parimi, Abel Pitti, Rico Rana, Connie Reimers, Agustin Sagel, Lilan Saldanha, Raj Saran, Jenny Stebbing, Hasan Tunaz, and Amelia Zoerb.

From the Office

There are a few Team Scarab t-shirts left from the first print run, and they are available for \$20. The image can be seen on Jon Bedick or Wyatt Hoback's back or at http://www-museum.unl.edu/research/entomology/peet2.h tm

The Nebraska Department of Administrative Services has announced that effective July 1, 1999, all state employees will be reimbursed at a rate of \$.31 per mile for business use of their personal automobiles. The University of Nebraska has adopted this new rate and any University of Nebraska employees using their personal automobile after July 1, 1999, for business use will be reimbursed at the above rate.

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