

II. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Awards Committee

Slate of awardees

The ESA awards subcommittees met virtually during the fall and winter to select a slate of awardees to be recognized at the 2006 Annual Meeting in Memphis. Dr. Judie Bronstein and her committees did an outstanding job again this year. Dr. Bronstein's term as chair will be completed in August 2006. Dr. Margaret Palmer has been appointed to chair the Awards Committee from August 2006 to August 2009. I wish to acknowledge the excellent work and service of Dr. Bronstein over the past 3 years of her term, and the innovations she has introduced to the process of reviewing nominations and honoring the award recipients at the Annual Meeting. The following individuals were recommended and approved for ESA awards:

Eminent Ecologist: Daniel Simberloff

Distinguished Service Citation: Margaret Palmer

Odum Education Award: Claudia Lewis

Cooper Award: Steve Hubbell

Corporate Award: Strauss Family Creamery

Mercer Award: Anurag Agrawal

Honorary Member Award: Suzanne Milton

Sustainability Science Award: Millennium
Ecosystem Assessment Team

MacArthur Award: Alan Hastings

Following in the tradition established in 2002, posters honoring ESA awardees will be displayed

throughout the meeting, and then on the ESA web site at <http://www.esa.org/education/whatdoecologistsdo.htm>

Education and human resources at the Annual Meeting

Education and Diversity initiatives and meetings are well represented at the Annual Meeting in Memphis in 2006. In addition to the many mixers, business meetings, and SEEDS events, 1 symposium, 12 workshops, 3 special discussion sessions, and 2 contributed paper sessions and 1 poster session related to this topic are scheduled.

EHRC theme events. The EHRC theme for the Annual Meeting in Memphis is "Celebrating 10 years of SEEDS." This theme will tie activities together for the Diversity Mixer and the Diversity Luncheon.

Profiles of Ecologists. Following in the tradition established in 2002, selected ecologists plus the 2006 award winners have been invited to contribute biographical sketches for the "Profile of Ecologists" Project. Posters prepared for display during the meeting will feature the stories of how these ecologists entered their careers in ecology, and their views on communicating ecology to diverse audiences. These posters will be added to the "Profiles" link on the ESA web site at <http://www.esa.org/education/whatdoecologistsdo.htm> to inspire and motivate both current and future ecologists to excel in the field.

Luncheon. Carol Brewer will address the topic, "Who's in the Club? Diversity in the Field of Ecology," where she will discuss the results of the recently completed "Profiles of Ecologists" survey.

Education and Human Resources Committee

In all of the efforts described below, staff support at ESA Headquarters, especially from Jason Taylor and his staff in the Education Office, has been outstanding.

Representatives of the EHRC met in Washington, D.C. in March 2006. For one day of the meeting, EHRC met in conjunction with the ESA Public Affairs Committee. Both Committees visited congressional representatives and learned more about the Congressional Fellows program, as well as congressional staff viewpoints on how ESA can better communicate ecological science to Congress.

The committees also deliberated on ways they could work together to enhance the ESA's education and outreach initiatives.

EHRC received the "Profiles of Ecologists" report summarizing the results from the survey of the ESA membership. The committee developed a plan for disseminating the results of this survey within and beyond the ESA. EHRC also received the data from the recently completed survey "On the Status of Education in the Undergraduate Curriculum." The Committee developed a plan for finalizing a report from this survey and disseminating the results to the ESA membership.

Education and diversity initiatives are alive and well and prospering in the ESA!

At the 2006 Annual Meeting of the ESA, I will rotate out of the office of Vice President for Education and Human Resources after six years of service. During this time, I have been privileged to work with the many members of the Governing Board, the excellent staff at the ESA headquarters, and scores of dedicated committee members and volunteers. Because of the leadership, passion, hard work, and service of these members of the ESA, the profile and impact of education and diversity initiatives within the ESA and the field of ecology has continued to grow. Some of the substantive endeavors and accomplishments of the EHR Committee and working groups during the last six years include: advocating successfully for a senior staff level position for education and diversity; working with Governing Board Members-at-Large to promote translating some of the *Issues in Ecology* into Spanish; bringing education and diversity perspectives into science symposia; implementing joint ac-

tivities with the Vice Presidents for Public Affairs and Science and their standing committees; initiating the "Profiles of Ecologists" series and posters for the Annual Meeting and ESA web site; broadening the types of workshops and discussions related to education and diversity at the Annual Meetings; working with ESA journal editors to foster publication of manuscripts on education and diversity in the ESA's journals; and shepherding the expansion of the SEEDS program to Tribal Colleges and Hispanic-serving campuses. Moreover, during this period two major reports were completed, the "Women and Minorities in Ecology II" and "Profiles of Ecologists: Results of the 2005 Survey of the Membership of the Ecological Society of America." These documents will guide the next decade of education and diversity initiatives within the ESA. I would like to extend a hearty thanks to all of the members who have volunteered their time to bring these initiatives to fruition and completion. Finally, it truly has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as a Vice President of the ESA, and I look forward to supporting the work of the Society in the years to come.

Submitted by:

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III. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee consists of the Chairs of nine active subcommittees. Each subcommittee is responsible for making recommendations for its own award(s). The compositions of the subcommittees and the recipients of the respective awards for 2005-2006 were:

Student Awards (Murray F. Buell and E. Lucy Braun Awards) Subcommittee

Christopher Sacchi (Chair), J. Alan Yeakley, Paul Marino, and Nancy Eyster-Smith.

Recipients from the 2005 ESA Annual Meeting: