



FORMAL MEETING NOTICE

DECEMBER 2006

Dear Pacific Branch and All ESA Members:

This is your official invitation to the **91st Annual Meeting of the Pacific Branch of the Entomological Society of America, which will be held March 25-28, 2007, at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront, <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/PDXOR>, in Portland, Oregon.**

This year's theme is "**Pacific Entomology: Pioneering New Trails**". In keeping with the pioneering spirit of the 2006 anniversary year of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, we want to honor the Pacific Branch entomologists who blazed the trail for our profession. Portland is a wonderful meeting site with great restaurants, museums and a vibrant cultural scene from theaters to music. Breathtaking scenery is close by including the Columbia Gorge, Mt. Hood, the Oregon Coast, and the rolling hills of the Willamette Valley which produce the world-famous Pinot Noir, Oregon's signature wine. Please stay an extra day or two to enjoy what Portland and the surrounding area have to offer. Portland is truly a city for all seasons.

The 2007 Pacific Branch Meeting will offer submitted papers, posters, student paper and poster competitions, a graduate student symposium, and presentations by the prestigious Pacific Branch C. W. Woodworth and the John Henry Comstock graduate student awardees. In addition to the scientific program we will offer Mixers, Linnaean Games, Photo Salon (announcement attached), and an Awards Luncheon. To appeal to the broad interests of the Pacific Branch membership the featured Symposia cover a range of subjects from basic to applied entomology:

- **Graduate student symposium: A half-century of entomology in the western United States** (Organizer: M. Scherr, Oregon State University, and J. Henke, University of California, Riverside)
- **Phylogeography and intraspecific diversity of western North American arthropods** (Organizers: M. Caterino, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, and F. Sperling, University of Alberta)
- **Native bee pollination in cultivated systems: Critical problems and solutions** (Organizers: M. Vaughan, The Xerces Society, and S. Greenleaf, University of California, Davis)
- **Invertebrates as bioindicators of watershed health** (Organizers: J. Jenkins and D. Wooster, Oregon State University)
- **New emerging pests in the PNW** (Organizers: S. Rondon, Oregon State University, B. Simko, Idaho State Dept. of Agriculture, and K. Johnson, Oregon State Dept. of Agriculture)
- **Fire and forest insect interactions** (Organizers: K. Wallin and D. Ross, Oregon State University)
- **The future of tree fruit IPM: A 2020 vision** (Organizers: R. Hilton, Oregon State University, and E. Beers, Washington State University)
- **Pest management of ants of urban importance** (Organizer: M. Rust, University of California, Riverside)
- **Insects in the classroom: Teacher workshop** (Organizers: S. Rao and A. Walston, Oregon State University)

For more information please contact me at helmut.riedl@oregonstate.edu or check the **2007 ESA Pacific Branch meeting website** at <http://oregonstate.edu/pbesa/>.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Helmut Riedl
Oregon State University
2007 ESA Pacific Branch President

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91ST ANNUAL MEETING - March 25-28, 2007

**PACIFIC BRANCH,
ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA**

2007 MEETING SITE

**Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront
1401 SW Naito Parkway
Portland, Oregon 97201**

Meeting Theme:

“Pacific Entomology: Pioneering New Trails”

The 91st annual meeting of the Pacific Branch of the Entomological Society of America will begin with on-site registration and a Photo Salon on Sunday, March 25th and end on Wednesday, March 28th, 2007. The scientific program will feature symposia, submitted papers and posters, a graduate student symposium, and student paper and poster competitions. Enjoy a Monday night mixer with a decidedly Oregon flavor! Tuesday evening will feature the Linnaean Games followed by a Student Mixer. An Awards Luncheon will be held on Tuesday at noon.

SUBMITTED PAPERS AND POSTERS: The Program Committee solicits papers and posters from any area of entomology or related science. To submit a paper or poster, complete the attached Paper and Poster Submission Form and send it with an abstract by email to the Program Chair. The deadline for paper or poster submissions is January 15th, 2007. Please contact Sujaya Rao, Program Chair at sujaya@oregonstate.edu or Phone (541) 737 9038 with questions concerning program entries.

ABSTRACTS: Abstracts are required for all submitted papers, poster displays, and symposia presentations. Please follow the attached Instructions for Preparation of Abstracts and submit your abstract by email. Abstracts will be available after February 15th, 2007 at <http://oregonstate.edu/pbesa/> Feel free to download and print abstracts at your convenience because paper copies will not be available at the meeting.

GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER/POSTER COMPETITIONS: Competitions include oral paper presentations and poster displays. Senior authors must be student members of the Pacific Branch and be registered for the meeting. First and second place prizes will be awarded for the best 10-minute oral presentations and posters in two categories, one for Masters and one for Ph.D. candidates. Judging will be based on scientific merit, organization, clarity, and format. To enter the student paper/poster contest, complete the attached Submitted Paper and Poster Submission Form, marking the appropriate contest line on the form and prepare an abstract according to the attached instructions. Send the submission form and abstract by email to the Program Chair, Sujaya Rao. Please contact Carol Anelli, carol_anelli@wsu.edu ; Tel (509) 335-1432 for questions about this contest.

GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM: Each academic unit in the Pacific Branch is invited to nominate one top student in the Ph.D. or Masters program to participate in the Graduate Student Symposium: “**A half-century of entomology in the western United States.**” Please contact Melissa Scherr at scherrm@onid.orst.edu or at Tel (541) 752-4947 for further information on submissions.

NOMINATIONS FOR PACIFIC BRANCH REGIONAL AWARDS AND NATIONAL AWARDS: Nominations are sought for the prestigious C. W. Woodworth Award and John Henry Comstock Graduate Student Award, and ESA National Recognition Awards. Please contact Carolyn Pickel at cxpickel@ucdavis.edu for information about the awards and nomination process and visit the website at <http://oregonstate.edu/pbesa/> for nomination instructions.

AUDIO/VISUAL: The presentation format will be PowerPoint files using laptop computers and projectors. Laptop computers with Microsoft Windows XP and projection equipment will be available on site. Please use your last name and first initial as file name for your presentation, i.e. LunaJ.ppt If you have more than one presentation number them in sequence, i.e. LunaJ1.ppt; LunaJ2.ppt. Mac users please make sure your presentation file has a .ppt file extension. PowerPoint files may be emailed to: John Luna (lunaj@hort.oregonstate.edu) by 5:00 p.m. (PST), Wednesday, March 21. PowerPoint files may be brought to the meeting on a CD or flash drive (memory stick). Speakers should bring PowerPoint files to the Computer Presentation room by 6 p.m. the evening before their scheduled session. The meeting Operations Committee will assist with transferring files. Please contact John Luna at Dept. Horticulture, Oregon State University, 4017 Ag Life Sciences Bldg, Corvallis, OR 97331; Email: lunaj@hort.oregonstate.edu; Tel (541) 737 5430 for questions about meeting A/V operations.

LINNAEAN GAMES: Games will be held at the 2007 meeting to select a Pacific Branch team to compete at the 2007 national meeting in San Diego, California. A student-only mixer will follow the games. Please contact Linnaean Games Chair, Mike Ivie at mivie@montana.edu if you have a team that is planning to compete.

PHOTO SALON: Yes, there will be a Photo Salon at the 2007 meeting! The theme of this year’s Photo Salon is ‘**Sharing the Fascination**’. Pacific Branch members are invited to submit digital photos to be presented during a special showing on Sunday evening and again at other times during the meeting. For details please see the announcement about the Photo Salon on the 2007 Pacific Branch meeting website <http://oregonstate.edu/pbesa> and click on ‘Photo Salon’. For any questions concerning the Photo Salon and submission of photographs please contact the Photo Salon Chair, Jeffrey Miller, Department of Rangeland Ecology and Management, 202 Strand Agriculture Hall, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331-2218; Email: jeffrey.miller@oregonstate.edu; Tel (541) 737 5508.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: Prospective employers please send your job announcements, and future employees please send your curriculum vitae to Patrick Weddle at pweddle@igc.org for display in the employment opportunities room.

PROGRAMS: Printed programs will be available at the meeting and electronically at <http://oregonstate.edu/pbesa> after February 28, 2006; click on the link ‘Program’.

REGISTRATION: Complete and return the attached Registration Form with fee payment before January 31, 2007 to: Robin Rosetta, Pacific Branch ESA Registration Committee Chair, Oregon State University Extension, North Willamette Research and Extension Center, 15210 NE Miley Road, Aurora, OR 97002-9543. For questions regarding registration please contact Robin Rosetta by email Robin.Rosetta@oregonstate.edu or by phone at (503) 678-1264, Ext. 133.

MIXER AND AWARDS LUNCHEON: A Pacific Branch Mixer and President’s Reception is planned for Monday evening with light fare and cash bar. Entry to the mixer is included in the registration fee -- just wear your nametag. There is a nominal fee of \$15.00 for the mixer for non-registered guests with

tickets available at the registration desk. The Awards Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday noon and a ticket is included in the registration fee for those who register by noon on Monday. **Access to the Awards Luncheon is by ticket only.** Non-registered guest lunch tickets will be available on a limited basis for \$20.00 if purchased at the registration desk before noon on Monday.

EXHIBITORS: We are inviting vendors to exhibit at our 2006 meeting for a paid registration fee plus exhibit booth fee. Please contact the Secretary/Treasurer Brian Brett at blbret@dow.com for more information on exhibitor opportunities.

LODGING (Hotel Reservations): The meeting will be held at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront. Please contact the hotel directly to make your reservation before March 2, 2007 to be guaranteed a room. Reservations may be made by phone only at: 1-800-546 9513. Our room rate is \$125 USD/night. Rooms at that rate are available on a first come first served basis. When you make reservations, let the hotel know that you are with the Pacific Branch ESA conference and give them the following group code: **ETON**. If you have questions about meeting or lodging arrangements, please contact the Local Arrangements Chair Darrell Ross at Oregon State University, Dept. Forest Science, 321 Richardson Hall, Corvallis, OR 97331-5752; Email: darrell.ross@oregonstate.edu; Tel (541) 737 6566.

AIRPORTS AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION:

The conference location is conveniently located in the heart of Portland. For driving directions and maps please go to the hotel website <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/PDXOR> and click on 'Maps & Transportation'. **Driving Directions from the Portland airport:** The Portland Marriot Downtown Waterfront Hotel is 9 miles from the airport. Take Airport Way East to I-205 South. Then take I-84 West to the City Center (City Center/Oregon City) exit, continue to follow signs to City Center. Cross Morrison Bridge and take Naito Parkway Exit and turn right. Hotel is 1/2 mile on right. **Other transportation from the Portland airport:** Blue Star Shuttle Service will take you for \$13 (one way) from the airport to the hotel. The shuttle leaves every half hour. MAX, Portland's light rail train, connects the airport with the downtown area and is the most economical way to get you near the hotel from the airport but you have to walk a little. Trains depart every 15 minutes. A one-way ticket costs \$2. Get off at 3rd and Morrison, about seven blocks from the hotel. Taxis cost \$30 one way from the airport to the hotel. **Driving directions from I-5 (northbound):** Take City Center/Naito Parkway Exit. Go through 2 stoplights; hotel is directly on right. **Parking:** On-site parking is available for \$23/day. Off-site parking lots and garages are also available close to the hotel and are \$9/day.

WEATHER: March weather in Portland can already be quite pleasant and spring-like but there still may be some rain. So bring your umbrella, just to be prepared. The March temperature ranges from a high of 56°F (13.3°C) to a low of 41°F (5°C).

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS: Portland is a wonderful meeting site with great restaurants, museums and a vibrant cultural scene from theaters to music. Portland is a 'green' city and has more park space for its residents than any other U.S. city. Take a leisurely stroll through the downtown area, visit Pioneer Square, Portland's village square, and browse through new and used books at Powell's on 1005 W Burnside, the nation's largest independent book store (it occupies a whole city block!). Portland is also home to many microbreweries which produce a variety of tasty brews. Breathtaking scenery is close by including the Columbia Gorge, Mt. Hood, the Oregon Coast, and the rolling hills of the Willamette Valley which produce the world-famous Pinot Noir, Oregon's signature wine. Please stay an extra day or two to enjoy what Portland and the surrounding area have to offer. Portland is truly a city for all seasons.

If you have questions or need help please contact Helmut Riedl, 2007 ESA Pacific Branch President at helmut.riedl@oregonstate.edu or visit the Pacific Branch website at <http://oregonstate.edu/pbesa/>. A list of all volunteer Pacific Branch Officers and Committee Members with contact information is also available on the website.