

NAS/IUSSI NEWSLETTER

April 21, 2008

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Dear NAS members:

First, I want to thank everyone who has renewed their IUSSI membership for 2008. We have had a respectable number of returning members, and a decent batch of new recruits. If you are running a bit behind schedule and that check hasn't been sent yet, we will still happily accept dues throughout the year. You'll find a membership form at the end of the newsletter.

Many of you have been clamoring for updated details on the upcoming breakout meeting to be held in Puerto Rico this Fall. Clamor no more, as the floodgates of information useful are now open. Below is the official announcement for the conference, with details regarding meeting schedule, registration and travel awards. You'll also see announcements for both the Eickwort and Nutting Awards, to be presented at the 2008 Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada.

Unfortunately I also have some sad news to convey from the Italian Section of IUSSI:

Dear all IUSSI Delegates,

With a strong emotion and pain in my heart I have to inform you that Prof. Francesco Le Moli has prematurely passed away. An acute disease, that had an unforeseeable and rapid escalation, has caused his death at only 64.

Francesco Le Moli was a backbone of the Italian Section IUSSI, one of the first sections to be formally founded, former President and actually member of the Section Council. He was internationally recognized as an eminent scientist. His research activity was mainly devoted to the study of many aspects ant sociality. Professor of Zoology at the University of Parma, he was extremely appreciated for his humanity and teaching ability by several generations of students and colleagues.

Francesco Le Moli leaves an overwhelming gap in the Italian and international scientific community, as well as in the heart of all the people that like me shared with him many moments of everyday life and many years of enthusiastic work.

Sincerely

Donato A. Grasso

President of the Italian Section IUSSI

Please let me know if you should have any announcements you would like to make about upcoming events, grants, scholarships, job postings or important developments. In addition to conveying the news by email, it will also be posted on our web page (<http://iussi.bees.net/>).

That's all for now. May your research endeavors this Spring be more productive than your allergen afflicted sinuses.

Colin

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The North American Section of the International Union for the Study of Social Insects Announces its 2008 Breakout Meeting in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, USA

- **When?** October 24-27, 2008
 - **Where?** Mata de Plátano Field Station and Nature Reserve, Arecibo Puerto Rico
 - Call for papers and posters
 - Papers: 15 min talks (Power Point Presentations)
 - Posters 4'x3'
- NOTE: Limited spaces available for talks and posters
- **Registration Fee:** \$150.00
 - Includes:
 - Ground transportation between San Juan International Airport and the Station
 - Lodging (including tents, showers and bathroom facilities)
 - Food and drink at the station
 - Bring your sleeping bags
 - No on-site registration
 - **Registration deadline is August 31, 2008.**
 - **Travel Awards**
 - Provided for 33 students or recently graduated post-docs who will be presenting at the meeting and are current members of IUSSI
 - Awardees will have their registration fee waived and will receive an additional \$100 towards travel expenses
 - Must submit an application letter signed by an advisor or department chair to:
 - Tugrul Giray
 - Department of Biology
 - University of Puerto Rico
 - PO Box 23360
 - San Juan, PR 00931
 - or
 - prbreakout@gmail.com
 - **Tentative Program:**
 - Friday – travel day; check in at Mata de Plátano, dinner and refreshments
 - Saturday – morning and afternoon talks; business meeting; evening poster session
 - Sunday –morning talks; trips (Arecibo Radio Telescope; bat cave); evening mixer
 - Monday – travel day; breakfast, followed by departure for the airport or field trip to El Yunque Tropical Rain Forest and the Luquillo beach

Register by e-mail to prbreakout@gmail.com

Please include:

- Name
- Institution
- Type of Membership
- Type of Presentation (Paper/ Poster)
- Abstract (no more than 200 words)

For more information contact Tugrul Giray (787) 764-0000 x 7662, Bert Rivera-Marchand (787) 279-1912 x2187 or the e-mail above

Sponsors to date:

Student Registration Awards: Center for Applied Tropical Ecology, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR.

Student Travel Awards: North American Section of the IUSSI.

Facilities: InterAmerican University, Bayamon, Puerto Rico.

Other Support: College of Natural Sciences, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: William L. and
Ruth D. Nutting Student Research Award**
Due September 19, 2008

Purpose: To support research by graduate students in the field of basic termite biology. The William L. and Ruth D. Nutting Award is named in honor of the late Bill Nutting, an outstanding termite biologist who made major contributions to termite biology, both through his own research and mentoring of students, and in honor of Ruth Nutting for her support of Bill's work.

Nature: For 2008, the award shall consist of a plaque and a research grant of \$1,000. The recipient of the award will be announced at the 2008 NAS/IUSSI meeting to be held in association with the ESA annual meeting Nov.16-19 in Reno, NV.

Eligibility: The award will be given to the NAS/IUSSI graduate student member, who in the opinion of the Nutting Award Committee, shows the most distinguished record of research and scholarly activity in the area of basic termite biology. Any student member of NAS/IUSSI may be nominated. The student shall not have received a Ph.D. or terminated studies earlier than 12 months prior to the award. Students continuing beyond a master's degree will remain eligible. Previous award recipients are not eligible for a second award.

Nominations: Nominations may be made by the student or by others familiar with her/his work. Each nomination must include in electronic form: name of the nominee; CV of the nominee; title and brief (not to exceed one page) description of the work; a short biographical sketch; reprints of up to *two* publications (published or accepted preferred, although submitted manuscripts and/or thesis/dissertation summary also accepted); and at least one letter of recommendation. If possible, a single PDF file containing all information except recommendation letter(s) would be preferred. ALL documents must be **received by** the Chair of the NAS/IUSSI Awards Committee by September 19, 2008: Kenna MacKenzie, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, 32 Main St., Kentville, NS B4N 1J5 Canada; fax: 902-679-2311; e-mail: mackenziek@agr.gc.ca.

Nutting Award Committee: One member of the IUSSI-NAS Awards Committee with an expertise in Isoptera will chair the Nutting Award Committee. For this year, Michael Haverty will be the chair. The Nutting Award Selection Committee shall consist of five members, including Micheal Haverty, Kenna MacKenzie, Ruth Nutting, and two other members selected by the chair of the Nutting Award Committee.

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: George C.
Eickwort Student Research Award**
Due September 19, 2008

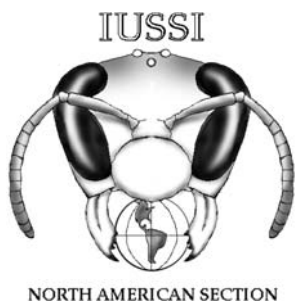
Purpose: To recognize research by students in the field of social insect biology for graduate or undergraduate work accomplished in North America or by a student member of NAS/IUSSI pursuing studies elsewhere.

Nature: The award shall consist of a certificate, an honorarium, and a one-year subscription to *Insectes Sociaux*. The award will be presented at the 2008 NAS/IUSSI meeting to be held in association with the ESA annual meeting September 19, 2008 in Reno, NV.

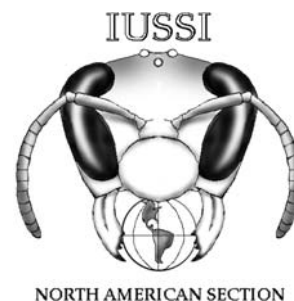
Eligibility: The award will be given to the student who in the opinion of the award committee shows the most distinguished record of research and scholarly activity in the area of social insect biology. Any student doing work in North America or any student member of NAS/IUSSI may be nominated. The student shall not have received a PhD or terminated studies earlier than 12 months prior to the award. Students continuing beyond a baccalaureate or masters degree will remain eligible. Previous award recipients are not eligible for a second award.

Nominations: Nominations may be made by the student or by others familiar with his/her work. Each nomination must include in electronic form: name and curriculum vitae of the student nominee; title and brief description (not to exceed one page) of the research; reprints of no more than *five* publications or submitted manuscripts; biographical sketch of the nominee; and two letters of recommendation. If possible, a single PDF file containing all information except recommendation letters would be preferred. ALL documents must be **received by** the Chair of the NAS/IUSSI Eickwort Student Award Committee by September 19, 2008: Kenna MacKenzie, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, 32 Main St., Kentville, NS B4N 1J5 Canada; fax: 902-679-2311; e-mail: mackenziek@agr.gc.ca

Eickwort Award Committee: Kenna MacKenzie (Chair), Phil Starks, Ulrich Mueller, Bryan Danforth, and Andrew Suarez.



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NEW FAX: _____

NEW EMAIL: _____

PLEASE **CIRCLE** YOUR CHOICE BELOW

Regular Member: \$22.50

Student Member: \$9.00

Please add \$5.00 for Household Membership

Students – have your advisor or chair certify your status below

Advisor's signature, printed name, & Title

**Contributions (please include donations in your check and indicate amounts below):

- for student awards (Eickwort Award; Nutting Award; etc.): \$ _____
- other: \$ _____

Make check payable (in US funds) to NAS/IUSSI (sorry, credit cards not accepted). Send it and this form to:

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