

2024 IUSSI-NAS Business Meeting

2024 IUSSI-NAS Awards Committee Report

Etya Amsalem & Matina Donaldson-Matasci (Co-Chairs)
Elizabeth Tibbetts, Joshua King, Natalie Lemanski, Scott Powell

Mary Jane West-Eberhard Best Paper Award

Taylor Hart

Daniel Kronauer lab, The Rockefeller University

Taylor Hart, Dominic D. Frank, Lindsey E. Lopes, Leonora Olivos-Cisneros, Kip D. Lacy, Waring Tribble, Amelia Ritger, Stephany Valdés-Rodríguez, Daniel J.C. Kronauer (2023) **Sparse and stereotyped encoding implicates a core glomerulus for ant alarm behavior**, *Cell*, Vol 186(14): 3079-3094

Robert L. and Louise B. Jeanne Social Wasp Research Grant

Garrett Behrend

Sara Miller lab, University of Missouri – St. Louis

“Urbanization influence on the diet and nesting success of St. Louis
paper wasps (Genus: Polistes)”

Charles Michener Bee Research Grant

Morgan Moore

Amy Toth lab, Iowa State University

“Phenotypic traits related to bumble bee disease: Correlation or causation?”

William L. and Ruth D. Nutting Termite Research Grant

Quanquan “Chan” Liu

Xuguo Zhou lab, the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

"Olfactory associative learning in the eastern subterranean termites"

George C. Eickwort Student Research Award

To recognize distinguished research and scholarly activity by graduate or undergraduate students in the field of social insect biology

Edward Hsieh

Adam Dolezal lab, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Research focus: “How interactive stressors affect honeybee physiology across caste and life stage”

Jeffery P. La Fage Student Award

To recognize a graduate student for distinguished research and scholarly activity on social insects with an emphasis on applied projects

No nominations in 2024

Tschinkel Ant Natural History Research Grant

Karen Robles Lopez

Kaitlin Baudier lab, University of Southern Mississippi

"Are we colleagues? Exploring non predation relationship between
Eciton burchellii parvispinus and *Azteca velox*"

IUSSI-NAS Treasurer Report

Clare Rittschof (sorry I'm not there!)

Transfer of power

- Outgoing treasurer Michael Goodisman transferred “power” to Clare May-April 2024
- Clare is still learning, thank you for your patience

Breakout meeting

- Congratulations to **Anna Dornhaus** and **Sarah Bengston** for organizing a great meeting under budget
- Budgeted IUSSI-NAS contribution: \$10,000
- 18 subsidized registrations, 32 non-subsidized (target minimum was 50 people)
- \$14882.75 net registration payments
- Total venue cost: \$15,400
- Miscellaneous expenses from hosts: \$1425.62 (net)
- Total IUSSI-NAS contribution: \$1,942.87

Other expenses (since May 2024)

- Student awards (Eikwort, MJWE, Tschinkel, Nutting, Michener, Jeanne) plus a certificate for the MJWE: \$12,023.19
- Note: No La Fage winner due to lack of applicants
- Breakout meeting travel awards: \$1779.00 (\$3000 budgeted)
- ESA bar catering fee: \$217.20

Revenue from memberships (since Nov 2023)

- Student dues: \$596.82 (42 memberships)
- Regular memberships: \$3085 (90 memberships)
 - Possibly some additional donations in here
- +/- 5 memberships, hard to tell with our “old” system

Designated award donations (since Nov 2023)

- Eickwort: \$159.75
- MJWE: \$97.52
- Nutting: \$14.21

- General donations are harder to track with the “old” system

Totals

- Cash out (since May 2024): \$30,845.01
- Cash in (since Nov 2023): \$18,836.05
- Increase in investment value since Nov 2023: \$83,493.91 (this includes dividends, interest earned, and current market valuations)

As of Nov 7, 2024:

- Investment account value (long term holdings): \$466,659
- Available liquid cash: \$65,811.79

IUSSI-NAS Secretary's Report

Michael Simone-Finstrom

Membership

- Current roster includes 240 members (147 active/paid for 2024)
- Memberships expire 12/31/2014 and need to be renewed 1/2025
- Moving to the JoinIt platform
 - Will get e-mail soon to confirm imported information and add additional information
 - Widget will also be added to website (replacing google form and paypal)
 - Will use JoinIt to pay for conference registration for breakout meetings

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Expiration: November 11, 2024

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Welcome, [Michael](#)
kuss11nan@gmail.com

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SUBTOTAL	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$25.00

Member Information

First Name*

Michael

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Last Name

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Research Organism/Interests*

- Ant
- Bee
- Termite
- Wasp
- Aphid
- Beetle
- Spider
- Other

Keywords of research interests*

Answer

Preferred Pronouns

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Can we publish your information in the on-line version of the membership directory?*

- Yes
- No

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IUSSI-NAS President's Report

James C. Nieh



IUSSI-NAS Break out meeting in Prescott Arizona

Should we do
this more
often than
every 4 years?

Constitutional amendments all passed!

- Treasurer/secretary appointed for 3 years (53 yes, 2 no)
- Electronic voting preceded by a 6 week period for collecting comments online (25% quorum) (51 yes, 2 no)
- New section on orderly transition if an officer cannot perform their duties (53 yes, 2 no)
- DEIJ statement adopted and now on website (41 yes, 7 no)

IUSSI Student Travel Proposal

Goal: We will create a fund for the IUSSI that is held for use in sponsoring students to attend the international meeting held each four years. The next meeting will be held in 2026.

Challenge: Currently, there are limited funds available from the journal, *Insectes Sociaux* for sponsoring student attendance. In addition, the costs of the international meeting fall upon the host local IUSSI.

Proposal: *The different IUSSI sections will participate in fundraising from governments, corporations, non-profits, and private individuals for the purpose of raising funds to pay for student attendees.*



International Union For The Study Of Social Insects

Donate to help students attend the 2026 IUSSI conference in Freiburg, Germany

Who We Are

The International Union for the Study of Social Insects (IUSSI) is dedicated to advancing the study of social organisms and their impact on our environment. From essential pollination to resource management, social insects play a vital role in our world. Through research, education, and dissemination of knowledge, the IUSSI promotes global collaboration and innovation. The organization hosts Congresses and Symposia, publishes the journal *Insectes Sociaux*, and fosters recognition through awards.

The Challenge

For students from minoritized communities and low-income countries, attending international scientific conferences presents both challenges and invaluable opportunities. Financial constraints often make it difficult for them to cover conference costs (approx. £3,000 for the International Congress). However, participation in these conferences provides access to cutting-edge research, networking opportunities with global experts, and exposure to diverse perspectives. It fosters collaboration, knowledge exchange, and enhances their academic and professional development, ultimately contributing to their scientific growth and broader impact in their communities.

Our Goal

We plan to raise \$12,000 to support student travel. Given that it costs approximately \$3,000 for a student to attend the international meeting, our goal is to support four students or partially support more. These are student travel awards

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A note from International Union For The Study Of Social Insects

Hello James,

Thank you for helping to support student travel!

If you would like to contribute further to our cause, please contact the IUSSI Secretary or myself for ways that you can help promote this fundraiser.

James Nieh
rojeh@yahoo.com

IUSSI Secretary
iussi.nas@gmail.com

Transaction receipt

James Nieh
4766 Constance Drive, San Diego, California 92115-3110, US

Payment date: November 8, 2024
Payment method: **** 3722

Donation amount: **\$1.00**
Optional contribution to Zefly: **\$0.00**

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Requesting nominations for 2025 election!

- President-Elect
- Elections committee (1 position)
- Social Media committee (1 position)
- DEIJ committee (1 position)
- Awards committee (2 positions)

Welcome Anna Dornhaus!

Questions?