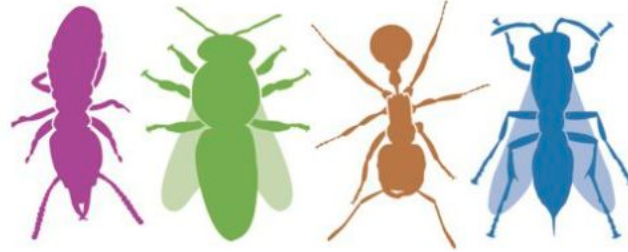


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Dear IUSSI-NAS members,

The Awards Committee is happy to announce **Ashley Y. Kim** as the winner of the **2025 Mary Jane West-Eberhard Best Paper** award. Taylor's winning article, "Exposure to constant artificial light alters honey bee sleep rhythms and disrupts sleep", was published in *Scientific Reports* in November 2024 and shows that artificial light is an underappreciated threat to honeybees. This work is part of her PhD thesis with Dr. James Nieh at University of California San Diego (<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-024-73378-9>).

A close runner-up was Kip Lacy, whose paper "Co-inheritance of recombined chromatids maintains heterozygosity in a parthenogenetic ant" tests the molecular basis and genomic consequences of asexual reproduction in the clonal raider ant. This work is part of his PhD thesis with Dr. Daniel Kronauer, at Rockefeller University. (<https://www-nature-com.proxy.lib.umich.edu/articles/s41559-024-02455-z>).

Please join the committee in congratulating both students for their outstanding work and representing our North American Section of the IUSSI!

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