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Secretary/Editor's Message

As I am writing this column on Thanksgiving holiday, a fitting theme for this first column is to thank our outgoing secretary, Stephen Foster. For the past six years, he has kept us all informed of the Society's news, business, elections and meetings. He patiently collated advertisements, vitas of awardees and executive members, announcements and meeting information for the newsletters, and he prepared the agendas as well as the minutes for the business meetings. Stephen is originally from New Zealand, where he studied chemistry (B. Sc., M. Sc. and Ph. D.) at the University of Waikato (<http://www.waikato.ac.nz/>). He is currently professor in the Department of Entomology at North Dakota State University. His research interests include the study and identification of insect semiochemicals, insect-plant interactions and the selective control of insects through the targeted use of semiochemicals. He has developed a graduate-level course about insect physiology, covering all aspects of insect life cycles. You can learn more about Stephen's work and teaching interests through his web site:

<http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/entomology/faculty/foster.htm>.

A big thank you goes to the organizers of the last annual meeting, held at Pennsylvania State University: Jim Tumlinson (host), Consuelo De Moraes and Mark Mescher (program), Tom Baker (local arrangements) and Julie Todd ([abstracts and program booklet](#)).

The meeting was attended by 233 persons, of which 83 were students. Among the student attendees, 60 were ISCE members and 23 were not members. We encourage students to join the ISCE, as the society provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and for networking. Attendees came from 25 countries. The two highest awards of our society, the Silver Medal (for lifetime achievement) and the Silverstein-Simeone Award (for a recent breakthrough), were awarded to Gunnar Bergstrom (Silver Medal) and Leslie Vosshall (Silverstein-Simeone Award). Gunnar Bergstrom studied chemistry, biology, history of science and philosophy, and he graduated with a Ph. D. in chemistry. He is a long-standing faculty member at the University of Göteborg and has also worked at the Swedish Natural Sciences Research Council. He was among the founders of the Journal of Chemical Ecology and of the ISCE, and he was the second president of the society. His research interests are as wide-ranging as his original fields of study, and he has made many important contributions to physiology, ecology and chemistry. Leslie Vosshall obtained her B. Sc. in biochemistry at Columbia and her Ph. D. at Rockefeller University. She pursued postdoctoral studies at Columbia University with R. Axel, and then returned to Rockefeller University as faculty. Her research group studies how olfactory stimuli are processed and thereby become a behaviorally relevant perception. More about the 2008 winners can be found in the original announcement,



[Comments](#) on the web site are welcome.

http://www.chemecol.org/newsletters/vol_24_3.htm.

We thank our sponsors, Trécé Inc., Suterra LLC and Springer, and our president for this past year, Dr. Wendell Roelofs. A big cheers goes to our treasurer, Kenneth Haynes, who has reported that we currently have 485 members from 42 countries. Of these, 102 are life members, 316 are regular members, 65 are student members, one is a sponsor member, and one is an honorary member. In 2008, our membership grew by 34%, and our student membership tripled. A glance at our membership list illustrates the wide range of expertise and research interests our members have.

I would like to end by thanking our members for their support and enthusiasm. Many of us newer members have been mentored and recruited by long-standing or even founding members of the society, and this has had a significant positive impact on our careers. Cheers! To another 25 years of ISCE!

Erika Plettner

Member News and Career Opportunities

Positions available:

This is a good place to advertise your positions in chemical ecology. The posting is free for members of the ISCE.

Post-Doctoral Research Associate at North Carolina State University Insect Chemical Ecology

DATE: Position available immediately (January, 2009)

SALARY: Commensurate with training and experience

RESPONSIBILITIES: To conduct research on semiochemicals of insects, including sex and aggregation pheromones of cockroaches, sex pheromones of moths, nestmate recognition signals in social insects, and oviposition attractants in mosquitoes. Also to investigate innovative means to control urban pests with semiochemicals.

See: <http://www4.ncsu.edu/~coby/index.html>

QUALIFICATIONS: Ph.D. trained in entomology, biology, chemistry, or related fields. Experience in chemical ecology, including extraction, purification, behavioral assays and identification of semiochemicals. Instrumentation skills, including GC, MS, HPLC, and electrophysiology (EAG, GC-EAD).

APPLICATION: Submit CV, relevant reprints and manuscripts, and a letter describing background, skills and interests. Also submit names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers of three references to:

Coby Schal
Department of Entomology
Campus Box 7613
North Carolina State University
Raleigh, North Carolina 27695-7613
coby_schal@ncsu.edu

Closing date when a successful candidate is found

Call for Nominations for the Year 2010 ISCE Silver Medal and Silverstein-Simeone Awards

The ISCE Silver Medal Award is intended to recognize career achievement by an outstanding scientist working in the field of chemical ecology. The Silverstein-Simeone Award, established in 1995, to honor Milt Silverstein and John Simeone, is made on the basis of recent or current work, by the individual, of an outstanding nature at the "cutting edge" of chemical ecology. The recipient must deliver a plenary lecture at the annual ISCE meeting and publish a paper on the same topic in the Journal of Chemical Ecology. The expenses of the recipient of the Silverstein-Simeone Award to attend the annual meeting are paid by the society through the generous sponsorship of Springer Publishers. Nominators should be ISCE members in good standing. Nominations will be reviewed by the President and Vice President for relevance to the appropriate award, before forwarding them to the full ISCE Executive Committee. Should a nomination for one award be considered more

relevant for the other award, the President will contact the nominator(s) regarding reconsideration. Current ISCE officers or councilors are not eligible for the awards because of possible conflict of interest. Note that previous, unsuccessful nominations must be submitted again, to be considered for the awards. The nomination process is the same for both awards and is as follows:

- A nomination letter explaining why the nominee should be recognized for the award, stressing either their current cutting-edge research (for the Silverstein-Simeone award) or their career achievements (for the Silver Medal award).
- Curriculum vitae, including a list of publications pertinent to the research on which the award is based (for the Silverstein-Simeone award), or a full list of publications (for the Silver Medal award). If desired, supporting letters from other colleagues.

Please submit all parts of the packet in electronic format (including supporting letters) along with one paper copy to: Dr Wilhelm Boland, Max Planck Institute for Chemical Ecology, Hans-Knöll-Straße 8, D-07745 Jena, Germany, [Boland@ice.mpg.de](mailto:boland@ice.mpg.de).

Deadline for receipt of nominations: 31 December 2008

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