



# International Society of Chemical Ecology

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<p><b>Web site questions?</b> e-mail <a href="#">ISCE Webmaster</a></p> <p><b>Content questions?</b> email <a href="#">ISCE Secretary</a></p>		

Association of Chemical Ecology (ALAEQ), and is serving as one of the first ALAEQ councilors. His main research interests are identification, synthesis, biosynthesis, and field evaluation of insect pheromones and other semiochemicals, including coleopterans, lepidopterans and heteropterans.

Four new Councilors have been elected after a nearly equal vote among the five candidates. They represent the worldwide research in chemical ecology: Kenya, Sweden, Chile and Japan.

**Dr. Baldwyn Torto** is currently the Head of the Behavioural & Chemical Ecology Department at the International Centre of Insect Physiology & Ecology (*ICIPE* - African Insect Science for Food and Health), Nairobi, Kenya. He studied Chemistry at the University of Ghana, and received his Ph.D. in 1988. From 1989 – 1991 he was a postdoctoral research fellow at the

University of Maine, Orono, Maine, USA, and thereafter worked as a Scientist at *ICIPE* for 10 years. In 2000, he was a Rothamsted International Fellow at Rothamsted Research, United Kingdom, and from 2001- 2006, he was a Visiting Research Chemist at the United States Department of Agriculture/ Agricultural Research Service, Centre for Medical, Agricultural & Veterinary Entomology (CMAVE), Gainesville, Florida. He rejoined *ICIPE* in 2007 in his current position as a Principal Scientist. Dr. Torto's research interests for the past 20 years have involved the chemical ecology of a wide range of insects that include locusts, stem borers, mosquitoes, bee pests, and various beneficial insects.

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**Dr. Ylva Hillbur** is Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Plant Protection Biology, SLU, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden (since 2007). She studied biology at Lund University, and received her Ph.D. from SLU (2001). Her research deals with gall midge (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae) sex pheromones and applications for pest management. Since 2003, she has collaborated with colleagues at Addis Ababa

University, Ethiopia, in a project focusing on sustainable control by semiochemicals of a major scarab beetle pest of sorghum, *Pachnoda interrupta*. The project has involved the establishment of a chemical ecology lab at AAU. Her research within the SLU-based research program IC-E3 (<http://ice3.se>) deals with host shift induced speciation in gall midges.

**Dr. Jan Bergmann** is an Associate Professor at the Institute of Chemistry, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile. He studied Chemistry at the Universities of Kiel and Hamburg, Germany, and received his Ph.D. in 2002. From 2002-2004, he was a postdoctoral researcher at GKSS Research Center in

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Geesthacht, Germany, before accepting an Assistant Professor position at his current institute. Dr. Bergmann's main research interest is the identification and synthesis of insect pheromones. Last year, he was appointed president of the newly-founded Latin American Association of Chemical Ecology.



**Dr. Tetsu Ando** is currently Professor at the Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology (TUAT). He studied Agricultural Chemistry at the Graduate School of The University of Tokyo, and received his Ph. D. in 1978. He was an Assistant Professor and Associate Professor in the Department of Plant Protection, TUAT, from 1981-1995 and, in 1995, he accepted the position of Professor of the Chemical Ecology Laboratory in the Graduate School of Bio-applications and Systems Engineering. His main research interest is the identification and synthesis of insect pheromones, particularly lepidopterous sex pheromones.

He has been a member of the JCE editorial board since 2004, and a Councilor of the Asia-Pacific Association of Chemical Ecology since 2007.

Congratulations! We wish you good luck in your future engagements in the Society. We hope for strong influence from the four continents. We also thank the Past President Gary Blomquist and the retained councilors; Jörg Bohlmann, Angel Guerrero, Aijun Zhang and Caroline Müller for their contributions during the past three years.

#### Member news

**Hans Visser** reports that his website "Insect Olfaction of Plant Odour" can be found at [www.olfacts.nl](http://www.olfacts.nl). This website contains his past research on Colorado potato beetle and aphid olfaction as well as unpublished materials. New topics included are aphid repellents, beetle orientation and aphid olfaction. For contact email [jhvisser@olfacts.nl](mailto:jhvisser@olfacts.nl)

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