

# ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

## Southwestern Branch



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Memorandum to: Members of the Southwestern Branch of the Entomological Society of America, the Society of Southwestern Entomologists, and other interested individuals.

Subject: The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Branch of the Entomological Society of America and the Annual Meeting of the Society of Southwestern Entomologists

The next meeting of your society is scheduled for 19-22 February 2007 at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel - Marina Tower (707 North Shoreline Blvd.) in Corpus Christi, Texas 78401; Phone: (361) 887-1600; Fax: (361) 882-3113 ([www.omnihotels.com](http://www.omnihotels.com)). Make hotel reservations by 5:00 p.m. CST, 29 January. The Program Planning Committee Chair for 2007 is Scott Armstrong, [jarmstrong@weslaco.ars.usda.gov](mailto:jarmstrong@weslaco.ars.usda.gov), and the Local Arrangements Committee Chairs are Charles Chilcutt, [c-chilcutt@tamu.edu](mailto:c-chilcutt@tamu.edu) and Roy Parker, [r-parker1@tamu.edu](mailto:r-parker1@tamu.edu).

Beginning late this week, you can register to participate in the conference by visiting the society's Internet site, <http://swbesa.tamu.edu>. The first step involves downloading a **pre-registration form** and submitting it and your check by mail. The **oral and poster presentation submission form** can also be downloaded from the Internet site. You also will receive an electronic version of these forms with this letter. After we receive your completed oral or poster presentation request, you will receive a confirmation e-mail. The deadline for electronic pre-registration and paper/poster submissions is 1 February 2007. If you register by U.S. Mail, your submission must be postmarked by 26 January 2007.

This year's program will be structured much like previous years, with events including Insect Expo, tours of local attractions for members, spouses, guests and retirees. The program will include a social and banquet, plenary session and awards, student mixer,

symposia, exhibits, business meetings, professional opportunities. The meeting starts on Monday afternoon. A major change from previous years will be having INSECT EXPO on Thursday, 22 February and as a result our final business meeting will be moved to Wednesday night, 21 February.

For questions about student oral and poster presentation competitions, contact Bonnie Pendleton, [bpendleton@mail.wtamu.edu](mailto:bpendleton@mail.wtamu.edu). For involvement in Linnaean games, contact Phil Mulder, [philmul@okstate.edu](mailto:philmul@okstate.edu). Please contact Scott Russell, [sarussel@tamu.edu](mailto:sarussel@tamu.edu), to enter a booth or activity in this year's INSECT EXPO. Also, please help seek funding donations to support this year's event by forwarding this notice to potential donors.

Student members of either society can have registration fees reduced to \$5 by becoming involved as a volunteer in INSECT EXPO and/or the meeting. The Student Affairs Committee Chair, Alejandro Calixto, [aacalixto@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:aacalixto@ag.tamu.edu) will organize volunteer assignments. Contact him early to make sure you get one of the volunteer assignments.

I am very excited about this year's meeting and program! I look forward to seeing all of you in Corpus Christi. Faculty need to encourage each other and all students to attend. Equally important, students need to encourage each other and any faculty that no one else has been able to talk in to attend. If you know of anyone else that might be interested in attending please forward this letter to them.

Sincerely,

David C, Thompson, President  
Southwestern Branch of the  
Entomological Society of America