

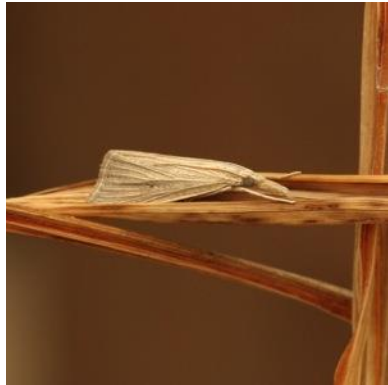


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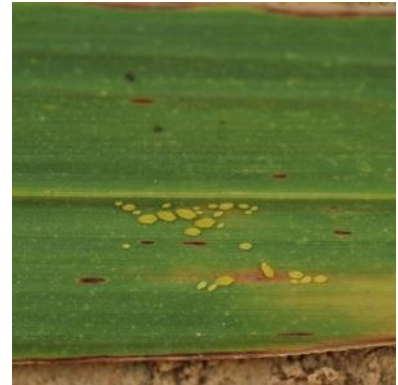
Belle Glade and Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, USA

First Announcement



Theme

Solving Regional
Arthropod Management
Challenges in a Global
World



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The ISSCT X Entomology Workshop will be hosted by the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Everglades Research and Education Center (UF/IFAS EREC), Belle Glade, Florida, USA from 3 to 7 December 2018.

Host institution

UF/IFAS EREC is located in southern Florida in the heart of the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA), where sugar cane is the dominant crop. Approximately 160,000 ha are dedicated to sugar cane production in the area, with 80% of the acreage being on organic (muck) soils and the remaining 20% being on mineral (sandy) soils. Each growing season, 13-15 million metric tonnes are harvested and the production is crushed at four sugar mills. UF/IFAS EREC was established by the Florida State Legislature in 1921 to help farmers of the EAA deal with production challenges mainly associated with organic soils specific to the region. Programmes at the UF/IFAS EREC now provide the Florida sugar cane industry with sustainable production strategies with multi-disciplinary efforts involving agronomy, variety development, soil and water sciences, entomology, plant pathology, and weed science. UF/IFAS EREC personnel also lead research and extension efforts focusing on rice, sweet corn, and leafy and brassica vegetables that are also grown in the EAA.

Language

The workshop will be conducted in English.

Workshop format

The workshop will include three full days of scientific presentations and discussions followed by a half-day wrap-up session. Oral presentations and posters are welcome. Topics of sessions will include biological control, host plant resistance and plant-arthropod interactions, cultural practices and landscape management, biotechnologies and insecticides, invasive species monitoring and management, and climate change and international collaborations. In addition, there will be a one-day tour of the UF/IFAS EREC and EAA during the week of the workshop. Abstracts for all scientific contributions, oral presentations and posters, will be distributed to participants during the workshop and published on the ISSCT website.

Important dates

8 January 2018: Abstract submission and registration open

1 June 2018: Deadline for abstract submission (oral presentations and posters)

29 June 2018: Notification of acceptance of oral presentations and posters from organizing committee

27 July 2018: Deadline for workshop registration

2 December 2018: Evening welcome reception

3-7 December 2018: Workshop

Visas

Many non-US citizens need a visitor visa to enter the United States for business and/or tourism (<https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/visit/visitor.html>). However, citizens of countries participating in the “Visa Waiver Program” do not need such a visa (<https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/visit/visa-waiver-program.html>) but still need an “Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA)” approval prior to travel. Please frequently check the US Department of State website as travel regulations might change (<https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en.html>).

Registration cost

Workshop registration is US\$ 350 per participant. All workshop participants must be ISSCT members for 2016-2019. ISSCT membership dues are US\$ 140. For ISSCT membership information and registration, please visit <http://www.issct.org/member.html>.

Touristic activities

Florida is known as the “Sunshine State” (<http://www.visitflorida.com/en-us.html>), and the southern Florida weather in December is generally sunny with mild temperatures. The workshop will be held in the West Palm Beach area where beautiful beaches, golf courses, and shopping centers are only miles away (<http://www.visitflorida.com/en-us/cities/west-palm-beach.html>). A two-hour drive south of West Palm Beach is Miami with its unique culture and nightlife (<http://www.miamiandbeaches.com/>). Orlando and its world famous theme parks are three hours north of West Palm Beach (<http://www.visitorlando.com/>). The Everglades National Park is not too far either (<https://www.nps.gov/ever/index.htm>).

Venue

The workshop will be held in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida at:

Embassy Suites by Hilton Palm Beach Gardens

4350 PGA Boulevard

Palm Beach Gardens

Florida, 33410, USA

Hotel website: <http://embassysuites3.hilton.com/en/hotels/florida/embassy-suites-by-hilton-palm-beach-gardens-pga-boulevard-PBIPGES/index.html>

Hotel contact: Klara Goldstein, Sales Manager. Phone: +1-561-691-3161. Email:

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The negotiated room rate is US\$ 139/night + taxes. Food and beverages will be provided for breakfast, lunch, and morning and afternoon breaks during the workshop. In addition to breakfast, the hotel offers a complimentary reception every evening with drinks and light snacks. Numerous restaurants and an upscale shopping mall are within walking distance.

Contact information

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<http://erec.ifas.ufl.edu/ISSCTEntomology2018.shtml>