April 7, 2000

Dear Pacific Branch Member:

The 84th annual meeting of the Pacific Branch will be held June 26-28, 2000, at the DoubleTree Hotel Costa Mesa-Orange County in Costa Mesa, CA. This meeting will focus attention on emerging issues in Entomology, including genetically modified organisms, endangered species, implementation of pest management in a changing environment, and invasion biology. In keeping with the tradition of the Hawaii and Oregon meetings, there will be a special graduate student symposium organized by the Graduate Student Committee, and the Comstock Award winner will be announced ahead of time and will give a presentation at the opening session. Student participation will be stressed in this year’s meeting, and student paper competition will not compete with symposia for audience attention.

This will be an exciting meeting, both within and outside the sessions. The location is fantastic and offers access to some of the best vacation opportunities in the western U.S. Costa Mesa is located in the heart of southern California within a few minutes drive of world famous beaches, amusement parks, zoos, shopping, and the entertainment industry. The meeting hotel is within walking distance of Orange County’s performing arts complex, one of the largest shopping malls in southern California, and restaurants to suit every taste and budget. The region is served by five major airports (John Wayne/Orange County, Los Angeles International, Long Beach, Burbank, and Ontario) and all major airlines. The hotel provides a free shuttle from John Wayne/Orange County airport. However, if you are planning on flying to the meeting, it may be worth a little time to investigate schedules and fares to one of the other airports in the area. A sampling of the variety of experiences available to visitors can be found on the World Wide Web at http://www.anaheimoc.org/. Plan to attend, bring your family and encourage students to attend and participate.

Our volunteer committee members are working hard to make this a meeting well worth attending. So plan to be there whether you are giving a paper, poster, helping on a committee or meeting with friends and colleagues.

AWARD NOMINATIONS: The Awards Canvassing Committee has mailed information to department chairs/heads, program leaders, etc. regarding awards, but the contact for the committee and listing of awards is included in this mailing to make sure that Pacific Branch members are well represented for the ESA awards. Branch nominations must be to the committee by May 1. Information on the requirements for most awards can be found in the 1998 Membership Directory. We have many deserving scientists in the Branch, so let’s recognize their efforts. The awards include:

- Excellence in IPM Award;
- ESA Recognition Awards in Entomology and Urban Entomology;
• ESA Distinguished Achievement Awards in Teaching, Extension, and Regulatory Entomology;
• John Henry Comstock Graduate Student Award.

PROGRAM MAILING: To reduce printing and mailing costs, and to take advantage of available technology, you will NOT receive a mailed program unless you request it. The program will be made available on the world wide web and after June 1, 1999, and can be found at www.pbesa.ucr.edu. Details for the 84th Pacific Branch meeting are all carefully explained in the formal meeting notice. The program order form is with the pre-registration form, and hotel registration information is also included.

See you in Costa Mesa, California!

Sincerely,

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