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News

Joseph A. Camin Fellowship (sponsored by the Entomological Foundation): This award is intended to support graduate students interested in research on the systematics of mites and ticks. The fellowship will assist students at the graduate level to attend the Acarology Summer Program at Ohio State University or an equivalent institution where they can obtain training in the systematics of acarines. The award is made annually and the value will depend on the interest earned by the endowment.

Eligibility:

All graduate students who are members of the Entomological Society of America (ESA) or the Acarological Society of America (ASA) are eligible to apply for this fellowship.

Award procedures:

An application must contain the following information:

1. Name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the applicant
2. Description of the applicants academic studies including plans for the coming year
3. Current official transcript of college grades (may be sent separately)
4. Brief statement of the applicants research interest and goals in acarology
5. A letter of recommendation from the applicants academic advisor (sent separately)

Application procedures:

All award applications shall be submitted as paper or electronic documents to: ASA selection committee, c/o Dr. **Hans Klompen**, Ohio State University, Museum of Biological Diversity, 1315 Kinnear Rd., Columbus, OH 43212-1192 (e-mail: klompen.1@osu.edu).

Application packets assembled will include the information stated under Award Procedures. Questions regarding the guidelines for the award should be directed to Entomological Foundation, 301-731-4535, ext. 3029.

Deadline:

The deadline for awards applicable to the 2002 Acarology Summer Program is November 1, 2001. The deadline for future awards will be September 1, 2001. Winners will be announced at the annual meeting of the Acarological Society of America in December.

Acarology Informal Conference
Submitted Papers
December 9, 2001
8:00 a.m.

*Designates speaker.

8:00: **Population genetics of the tick *Ixodes scapularis* utilizing microsatellites**.
A. West, T. Schwartz, and *D. Norris

8:12: **Test of the phylogenetic utilities of two protein-encoding genes, Acetylcholinesterase (AChE) and RNA Polymerase II (POL II) in hard ticks.**
*Q. Q. Fang, J. E. Keirans, L. A. Durden, and T. R. Mixon

8:24: **Distribution and abundance of the Rocky Mountain wood tick, *Dermacentor andersoni*, in the United States.** *A. James, J. Freier, J. E. Keirans, L. A. Durden, J. Schlater, and J. Mertins

8:36: **Importance of chlorine placement in the role of 2, 6-dichlorophenol as a sex pheromone (Acari: Ixodidae).** *C.

I. Sanders, W. J. Burke, P. E. Hanson, and J. A. Yoder

8:48: **Genetic diversity of the Gulf Coast tick, *Amblyomma maculatum* Koch, a potential vector of heartwater.** *H. R. Williams, P. D. Teel, O. F. Strey and C. J. Coates (Student competition)

9:00: **Evidence for host plant preference in a predacious mite *Iphiseiodes quadripilis* (Acari: Phytoseiidae).** *R. T. Villanueva and C. C. Childers (Student competition)

9:12: **A molecular ladder assay designed using mitochondrial 12S rRNA sequences can identify six commercially available phytoseiids.** *A. Jeyaprakasii and M. A. Hoy

9:24: **BREAK**

9:39: **Feeding behavior of Tydeidae (Acari: Prostigmata) on Florida citrus.** *H. Aguilar and C. C. Childers

9:51: **Comparative life table data of three *Agistemus* species (Acari: Stigmaeidae) under controlled laboratory conditions.** *A. Goldarazena, C. C. Childers, H. Kutuk and H. Aguilar

10:03: **Overwintering and comparative sampling of *Neoseiulus fallacis* on ornamental nursery plants.** *P. D. Pratt and B. A. Croft

10:15: **Does Bt endotoxin expression influence mite community structure on decomposing corn residues?** *E. R. Zaborski

10:27: **Will the real Zwickia (Astigmata: Histiostomatidae) please stand up: Biodiversity of mites inhabiting the pitchers of Nepenthes.** *N. J. Fashing

10:39: **Acaroid mites (Acari: Astigmata) associated with termites (Isoptera).** *B. M. OConnor

10:51: **Control practices of *Varroa jacobsoni* Oud. using Apistan with special reference to its effect on worker longevity and its residues in wax and honey.** *M. A. Ali, M. K. Eshba, A. R. Hassan and A. A. El-Din

LUNCH

Acarology Formal Conference
Acarine Semiochemicals
Aphrodisiacs
for the Third Millenium
December 9, 2001

Organized by Daniel E. Sonenshine

The purpose of this conference is bring together new discoveries in semiochemicals that regulate behavior in diverse acarines and the possible use of these new findings for tick and mite control.

Moderator: **Daniel E. Sonenshine** (Department of Biological Sciences, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia 23529)

12:45: **Pheromones of the deer tick, *Ixodes scapularis* and its use in tick control.** Sandra A. Allan (Department of Pathobiology, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611) and Daniel E. Sonenshine (Department of Biological

Sciences, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia 23529)

1:15: **Squalene and related defense chemicals (allomones) in ticks.** Jay Yoder (Biology Department, 1101 W. College Ave, Jacksonville, IL 62650 2299)

1:45: **Behaviorial and electrophysiological aspects of the role of semiochemicals in ticks, including host finding, host acceptance and intraspecific behaviors.** Patrick Guerin (Universite de Neuchatel, CH-2007 (Suisse), Rue de Emile-Argand 11 Case Postale 2, Neuchatel, Switzerland)

2:15: **BREAK**

Moderator: **Robert S. Lane** (Entomology Program, Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management, 201 Wellman, University of California, Berkeley, California 94720)

2:30: **Biosynthesis of pheromones.** Gary Blomquist (Department of Biochemistry, University of Nevada, Mail Stop 330, Reno, Nevada 89557-0014)

3:00: ***Varroa* attractants and confusants: Push, pull and potential for control.** Mark Winston (Department of Biological Sciences, Centre for Environmental Biology, 8888 University Drive, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada V5A 1S6)

3:30: **The role of herbiovore induced plant volatiles in the searching behavior of plant-inhabiting predatory mites** Mark Sabelis (Institute for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Dynamics, Population Biology, University of Amsterdam, P. O. 94084, 1090 GB Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

4:00: **Business Meeting**

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http://www.nhm.ac.uk/hosted_sites/acarology/saas/e-library/

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Parasitic tick and mites on sea snakes in Japan were reported by **Fumio Hayashi** and **Gen Masunaga** recently (Journal of the Acarological Society of Japan, 2001, 10(1): 1-17). A tick, *Amblyomma nitidum*, and three species of trombiculid mites were found from sea snakes in the Ryukyu Islands of southern Japan. The authors found that 62.5% of hosts were infested by a single mite species, and 37.5% by two or three species, and the tick and mites had clumped distribution patterns.

A new genus of pygmephorid mite belonging to the subfamily Neopygmephorinae was established by **Kazuyoshi Kurosa**. The genus *Rhynopygmephorus* (Type species: *Rhynopygmephorus rhopalomelissae*) was found attached to the body of the halictid bees, *Rhopalomelissa yasumatsui* Hirashima and *Sphecodes scabricollis* Wesmael (Journal of the Acarological Society of Japan, 2001, 10(1): 27-35).

A famous Japanese acarologist **Norizumi Shinkaji** died on April 28, 2001. He was a professor at the Faculty of Horticulture, Chiba University before he retired in 1996. He got his PhD from the University of Kyushu on the ecological study on *Panonychus citri* (McGregor). He is famous for his agricultural mite research in Japan and other Asian countries. The book Principles of Plant Acarology written by Professors **Ehara** and **Shinkaji** in 1996 is a very useful reference book for agricultural acarology students (see book reviews by Zhang, Z.-Q., Acarology Bulletin, 1997, 2 (3): 31-32; and Hong, X.Y., Acarology Bulletin, 2001, 6(2): 19-21).

New Book Notice

Acarology: Proceedings of the 10th International Congress
Editors: RB Halliday, DE Walter, H Proctor, RA Norton & M Colloff
Published: July 2001
Publisaher: CSIRO PUBLISHING
Format: Hardback, 672 pages, illustrations
Price: A$ 180.00
ISBN: 0643066586

This publication is a timely overview of the current international research on mites and ticks. The outcome of a

conference of leading acarologists, it presents major reviews of all current areas of research including:

Advances in acarine biodiversity and systematics.

Human and livestock diseases transmitted by ticks and other parasitic mites.

Interactions between mites and their food plants.

Mites as biological control agents.

Use of genetic markers in mite population studies.

Mites as bioindicators.

Ecology and biology of soil mites.

Mite evolutionary ecology and reproduction.

Advances in acarine diversity and systematics.

The 90 papers in the book represent some of the best research from leading international researchers from over 50 countries, and helps to establish priorities for future research. All papers have been peer reviewed and edited.

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International Journal of Acarology Vol. 27, No. 2, 2001

Experimental and Applied Acarology Vol. 25, No 2, 2001

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Systematic & Applied Acarology Special Publications
No. 9 (Sept. 2001)

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