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To: GES & SCES Members

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**2018 Joint GEORGIA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY and
SOUTH CAROLINA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING**

The meeting will be held **April 4-6, 2018** at the Unicoi State Park and Lodge in Helen, GA. The Unicoi Lodge is now accepting room reservations. To receive contracted group room rates, contact the Unicoi Lodge no later than **March 2, 2018** (reservation deadline).

Lodge Room Reservations:

Lodge Room - \$109 + \$10 lodge fee

- Lodge fee includes park pass, self-parking, internet access, and shuttle service to Helen

Reservations can be made in one of two ways:

- Online at: <https://secure.igres03111.com/igreservations/asp/IQHome.asp>
 - Click “BOOK NOW!”
 - Enter arrival date and select number of room nights
 - Enter promotional code: **07617**
 - Click “Next”
 - Select room, scroll to bottom of page, click “Next”
 - Complete the required information to make the reservation
- By calling 1-800-573-9659 (**be sure to mention that you are with the GES or SCES**)
- NOTE: State employees must present tax-exempt forms upon check-in.

Meeting Registration Fees:

- \$130 for GES Regular members (includes \$30 annual membership dues)
- \$75 for GES Emeritus members (includes \$10 annual membership dues)
- \$50 for GES Fellows (no annual membership dues)
- \$25 for GES students (includes \$5 annual membership dues)
- \$25 for GES spouses

- \$140 for SCES regular members (includes \$40 annual membership dues)
- \$85 for SCES Emeritus members (includes \$20 annual membership dues)
- \$40 for SCES students (includes \$20 annual membership dues)
- \$25 for SCES spouses

Go to <https://blog.caes.uga.edu/ges/> and use your PayPal account. Pre-registration strongly encouraged.

NOTE: GES and SCES members that have already paid 2018 annual membership dues will only be responsible for the meeting registration portion of the fees above.

NOTE: Registration fee includes a catered lunch, morning and afternoon coffee breaks, and an evening mixer (with cash bar). Excluding coffee, breakfast will not be provided at the meeting; there are numerous restaurants in nearby Helen, GA.

Meeting Highlights:

- Founders Lecture recognizing an honoree by the GES
- J.H. Cochran Award for Excellence in Entomology lecture by the SCES
- Contributed papers and posters from regular GES and SCES members; Photo Salon competition; GES and SCES student paper and poster competitions; an industry panel session; and the highly anticipated and competitive fishing tournament and bug “fun run”

Paper (PowerPoint) and Poster Submissions:

Papers and posters must be submitted by **Friday, March 2, 2018** (*please don't wait until the last minute.*)

Everyone (both GES and SCES) should email his or her paper or poster title to Ed Mondor (emondor@georgiasouthern.edu)

Be sure to include the following:

1. Title, Author(s), Affiliations (**please put it in the following format**)
 - "Life as the Kudzu Bug (Hemiptera: Plataspidae) Whisperer. Wayne Gardner¹.
¹Department of Entomology, University of Georgia, Griffin, GA."
2. Paper or Poster?
3. Regular member, high school student, BS student, MS student or PhD student?
4. Member of the GES or SCES?

NOTE: There is a limit of one presentation per person. You may, however, be a co-author on multiple submissions.

Paper (PowerPoint) and Poster Presentations:

Submitted papers should be 8 minutes, with an additional 2 minutes for questions (10 minutes total). A computer and projector will be available for oral presentations. Brett Blaauw (bblaauw@uga.edu) is the Local Arrangements Chair; he is also handling the visual aids at the meeting. Please email your PowerPoint presentation to Brett by **March 30, 2018** with the file name as "GES/SCES last name of presenter.pptx" (for example, "**GES Mondor.pptx**" or "**SCES Mondor.pptx**"). If you do not meet the March 30th deadline, the PowerPoint presentation must be loaded onto the computer prior to the session, using a flash drive.

Posters should be a maximum of 36" wide by 48" high, to fit on the poster boards. Posters should be easily read from a distance of 6' (print should not be smaller than 24 font; 28+ font is preferred).

Paper (PowerPoint) and Poster Competitions:

- GES Best oral presentation by PhD Student (C. M. Beckham Award)
- GES Best oral presentation by BS or MS Student (T. L. Bissell Award)
- GES Best poster submission by a Student (U. E. Brady Award)
- GES Best oral presentation by a Regular Member (O. I. Snapp Award)

- SCES Best oral presentation by a Graduate Student
- SCES Best oral presentation by an Undergraduate Student
- SCES Best oral presentation by a High School Student
- SCES Best poster submission by a Student
- SCES Best oral presentation by a Regular Member

- NOTE: Students of both societies will present in joint sessions, but will be judged by their home society.

Other Activities:

Fishing "Competition" (Wednesday, April 4)

- Contact 'legendary tall tale fisherman' Will Hudson (wghudson@uga.edu) for further details.
- Fishing licenses are required to fish in Georgia State Parks. Call 1-800-366-2661 or go online to <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/licenses-permits-passes> for more information.

Bug "Fun Run" (Wednesday, April 4)

- Contact 'legendary marathoner' John All (jall@uga.edu) for further details.
- Please email John if you intend to participate.

Insect Photo Salon (Thursday, April 5)

- See details on the next page; contact Lisa Ames (lames@uga.edu) for further details.

Scholarship Applications:

GES Scholarship Applications

- Should be sent to Mike Toews (mtoews@uga.edu), by **March 2, 2018**.
- See the GES website for details on scholarship applications (<https://blog.caes.uga.edu/ges/scholarships/>).

SCES Cochran Scholarship Applications

- Should be sent to Livy Williams (Livy.Williams@ars.usda.gov), by **March 2, 2018**.
- See the SCES website for details on scholarship applications (<http://scentsoc.org/awards.htm>).

Insect Photo Salon (both GES and SCES submissions):

Categories: **Portrait** - close-up photo of a living insect. **Biology** - photo that 'tells a story' of how insects live and/or die. **Sequence** - 3-5 photos describing insect biology. **Microscopic** - photo of living insect, non-living insect or insect material.

Format: Only photographs with a horizontal format will be accepted (this limitation is based on the format for the journal cover). Limit of 2 individual photos per category and one sequence per participant.

Digital Image Requirements: Digital images submitted for cover photos must be saved and submitted as TIFF files or high quality JPEG files. For cover consideration, photos should be at least 1 MB in file size (preferably larger—the more detailed the better), but still feature the insect prominently without an abundance of extraneous background.

Submission of Digital Images: Digital submissions should be submitted to Lisa Ames (lames@uga.edu) or if too large, send on a CD (see below for CD submission). Each image, whether sent via e-mail or regular mail, should include *name of photographer, category, photo title and brief description*.

Judging: Criteria for judging are excellence in photographic technique, aesthetic appeal, engaging use of subject, and scientific accuracy.

Deadline: All entries must be received by **March 2, 2018**.

NOTE: Four photos will be chosen from the total pool of photos to appear on the cover of the *Journal of Entomological Science*. Photos need not win a category to be chosen for a cover.

For regular mail submissions, please use the following form:

Please fill out one form for each category entered.

Please make sure that your name is on every slide or that every file is named.

The category I am entering is (please circle): PORTRAIT BIOLOGY SEQUENCE MICROSCOPIC

Photographer's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Slide Or File Title/Description (please print, limit of two for categories other than 'Sequence'):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Slide submissions will be turned into digital files for judging. **Send all non-digital entries and digital CD entries to: Lisa Ames, Department of Entomology, Griffin Experiment Station, 1109 Experiment St., Griffin, GA 30223**