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## Maryland Entomological Society Website

Over the past few months, MES member **Elizabeth Hill** (Izzy) has been busily creating the Maryland Entomological Society website. The new website contains general information about MES, including who we are, our purpose, the officers, the by-laws, and the seal. There are also a list of current members, a membership application, and a list of scheduled events. You can also access back issues of *The Maryland Entomologist* and the *Phaëton*. Additionally, the site has links to Maryland insect websites and to various entomological organizations. The website is not yet accessible by search engine. To access the first iteration of the MES website, go to [www.mdentsoc.org](http://www.mdentsoc.org). Izzy has requested that you contact her at [izzy@izzyhill.com](mailto:izzy@izzyhill.com) if you have any comments or find any issues with the website. MES owes a debt of gratitude to Izzy for all of the hard work she has put into creating this website.

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## Maryland Entomological Society Presidency

MES is proud to announce that the position of President for the October 2013 – September 2014 membership year will be filled by two members sharing the position. The Co-Presidents will be **Timothy Foard** (Senior Study Director, i2LResearch USA Inc, Baltimore, MD) and **Fred Paras** (Professor, Computer, Mathematics, Engineering, and Sciences Department, Baltimore City Community College, Baltimore, MD)

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## MES Fall Lectures

**18 October 2013:** Andrew W. Ulsamer (Biological Science Lab Technician, Bee Research Laboratory, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Agricultural Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, Maryland) – Colony Collapse Disorder

**15 November 2013:** Sam Droege (Head, Native Bee Inventory and Monitoring Laboratory, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, United States Geological Survey, Beltsville, MD) – Insect Photography

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### Meet for Dinner before the Lectures

If you are interested in meeting for dinner before the lectures, you are invited to join the guest speaker and your fellow MES members at [Kibby's Restaurant and Lounge](#), "Home of Baltimore's Best Shrimp Salad Sandwich." Kibby's is located inside the Baltimore Beltway at 3450 Wilkins Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21229, just 15 minutes from UMBC. Meet at the restaurant **promptly at 6:00 p.m.**

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For more information concerning upcoming lecture/meetings, please contact one of the following people:

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**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

MES welcomes the following new members to the Society:

**Timothy M. McMahon** Wheaton, MD  
**Kyle E. Rambo** Hollywood, MD

**HONORING MEMBER DONORS**

MES wishes to honor the following members who made charitable donations along with their recent membership renewals. These donations help with the printing and mailing of *The Maryland Entomologist*.

**Timothy M. McMahon**  
**Kyle E. Rambo**

**2014 ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA  
ELECTION RESULTS**

Systematics, Evolution, and Biodiversity (SysEB) Section  
MES member **Alma Solis**, Research Leader at the USDA Systematic Entomology Laboratory, National Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC, has been elected as 2014 Vice President-Elect.

You can read about Alma at: <http://www.entsoc.org/2014esa-syseb-section-results>.

Eastern Branch

MES member **Robin Todd**, Executive Director of i2LResearch USA Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, has been elected as 2014 Certification Board Representative.

You can read about Robin at: <http://www.entsoc.org/2014esa-eastern-branch-results>.

**NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF MARYLAND  
ENTOMOLOGY EVENTS**

**Sat, 23 September 2013, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**“Tagging Monarch Butterflies”**

Cromwell Valley Park, 2002 Cromwell Bridge Road, Baltimore  
<http://www.meetup.com/marylandnature/events/138905712/>.

**Sun, 6 October 2013, 12:00 pm-1:30 p.m.**

**“Bee Exploration at Oregon Ridge”** – Gene Scarpulla

Oregon Ridge Nature Center parking lot, 13555 Beaver Dam Road, Cockeysville

<http://www.meetup.com/marylandnature/events/139454762/>.

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
ENTOMOLOGY EVENTS**

**Fri, 13 September 2013, 12:00 p.m.**

**“Entomology Departmental Introductions”**

Introductions by Dr. Leslie Pick, UMD

**Fri, 20 September 2013, 12:00 p.m.**

**“Ecological factors affecting community composition of leaf-tying caterpillars”**

Entomology Colloquium by Elisha Sigmon, GWU

**Fri, 27 September 2013, 12:00 p.m.**

**“Drosophila genetics, diabetic flies, and the evolution of embryonic regulatory genes”**

Entomology Colloquium by Dr. Leslie Pick, UMD

**Mon, 30 September 2013, 1:50 p.m.**

**“Charlotte’s Web”**

Time to feed the spider!! Explore the world of entomology and see the fascinating Black and Yellow Garden Spider.

**Fri, 4 October 2013, 12:00 p.m.**

**“A Summary of Harvestman Research in the Shultz Lab”**

Entomology Colloquium by Dr. Jeffrey Shultz, UMD

**Thu, 10 October 2013, 12:00 p.m.**

**“Forward & Reverse Genetic Analysis of *Anopheles* Mosquitoes”**

Entomology Colloquium by Dr. David O’Brochta, UMD

For additional information, go to:

<http://entomology.umd.edu/news/events>.

**“PRICELESS” BUTTERFLIES FOUND AT THE  
OXFORD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**

On 9 September 2013, the BBC reported that 17-year-old Athena Martin, an A-level student on summer work experience at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History, found and identified 300 butterflies collected by the naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace that had been buried away in more than 3,000 separate drawers of butterflies at the museum. It had been thought that Wallace’s butterfly specimens had been lost due to a shipboard fire on a return trip from South America in 1852.

The full article can be accessed at:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-24015880>.

Submitted by MES member **Dick Smith**

**BALTIMORE CBP INTERCEPTS  
(NOT INSECTS, BUT INTERESTING)**

**Baltimore CBP Intercepts Chicken Skeletons from China**  
[http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/newsroom/news\\_releases/local/08152013.xml](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/newsroom/news_releases/local/08152013.xml).

**Illegally Imported and Unsafe Land Rover Defender  
Destroyed in Baltimore**

[http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/newsroom/news\\_releases/local/08152013\\_7.xml](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/newsroom/news_releases/local/08152013_7.xml).

**2013/2014 PROPOSED MES EVENT SCHEDULE**

Regular MES lecture/meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each of the 6 months coinciding with UMBC’s academic year. Proposed events for the upcoming MES membership year are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic/Location</u>
Sep 8	Crab Feast/Meet&Greet	J. KING’S Restaurant (Anne Arundel Co.)
Oct 18	Andrew Ulsamer	Colony Collapse Disorder/UMBC
Nov 15	Sam Droege	Insect Photography/UMBC
Feb 21	Lecture	TBA/UMBC
Mar 21	Lecture	TBA/UMBC
Apr 18	Lecture	TBA/UMBC
May 16	Members’ Presentations & Elections	UMBC
TBA	Survey/Field Trip	TBA

**NEARBY ENTOMOLOGICAL EVENTS**

**23 October 2013; 4:00 p.m.**

**American Entomological Society Public Meeting**

**Topic: TBA**

**Speaker: TBA**

University of Delaware, Allen Biotechnology Lab, Conference Room 101, 601 Sincock Lane, Newark, Delaware.

<http://darwin.ansp.org/hosted/aes/mtgSched.htm>

**20 November 2013; 7:00 p.m.**

**American Entomological Society Public Meeting**

**Topic: TBA**

**Speaker: TBA**

The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Ewell Sale Stewart Library, Second Floor, 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

<http://darwin.ansp.org/hosted/aes/mtgSched.htm>

**OCT 2013 – SEP 2014 SOCIETY YEAR OFFICERS**

Co-Presidents	Timothy Foard & Frederick Paras
Vice-President	Philip J. Kean
Secretary	Richard H. Smith
Treasurer	Edgar A. Cohen, Jr.
Historian	Robert S. Bryant
Faculty Sponsors	Frank E. Hanson & Austin P. Platt
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**SUBMITTAL DEADLINES**

OCT 2013 issue of the *Phaëton*:

Please send member news items by 4 October 2013.

SEP 2014 issue of *The Maryland Entomologist*:

Please send first drafts of articles and notes by 1 April 2014.

Send drafts for both publications to [ejscarp@comcast.net](mailto:ejscarp@comcast.net).

**PHOTOS FROM**

**THE MES ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT CRAB FEAST/MEET-&-GREET AT J. KING'S RESTAURANT  
GAMBRILLS, MARYLAND  
SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2013**

MES members and their guests partook in the festivities of the Society's second annual All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feast/Meet-&-Greet held at J. King's Restaurant in Gambrills, Maryland. J. King's did another fine job hosting this event. There was a wealth of Maryland crab soup, corn-on-the-cob, Maryland steamed crabs, and of course abundant libations. Most of the accompanying photos show the members intently dissecting their steamed crabs. A fine time was had by all.



Janet Lydon, Gaye Williams, Jil Swearingen



Darlene & Phil Kean, Tim Thompson



Warren Steiner, Dick Smith, Marcia Watson





Sam Droege & Kappy Laning



Fred Paras



Ed & Joy Cohen



Marcia Watson & Gene Scarpulla



Linda & Fred Paras