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February Meeting Pre-Announcement

The Maryland Entomological Society's 290th regular meeting will be held **Friday, 15 February 2013, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 004** (one floor below the street level), **Biological Sciences Building**, University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). Bring a friend and specimens, observations, and books to share. Refreshments will be provided. Presentations are scheduled to begin at 8:15 p.m.

Speaker: **David Adamski, Entomologist, United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Systematic Entomology Laboratory, Washington, DC**

Topic: David Adamski will be speaking about micromoths (Lepidoptera: Gelechioidea: Coleophoridae: Blastobasinae). (The title and full topic description will appear in the February *Phaëton*.)

March Meeting Pre-Announcement

The Maryland Entomological Society's 291st regular meeting will be held **Friday, 15 March 2013, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 004** (one floor below the street level), **Biological Sciences Building**, University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). Bring a friend and specimens, observations, and books to share. Refreshments will be provided. Presentations are scheduled to begin at 8:15 p.m.

Speaker: **Timothy Foard, Senior Study Director, i2LResearch USA Inc., Baltimore, MD**

Topic: Timothy Foard will be speaking on his survey of the ants of Maryland. (The title and full topic description will appear in the March *Phaëton*.)

April Meeting Pre-Announcement

The Maryland Entomological Society's 292nd regular meeting will be held **Friday, 19 April 2013, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 004** (one floor below the street level), **Biological Sciences Building**, University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). Bring a friend and specimens, observations, and books to share. Refreshments will be provided. Presentations are scheduled to begin at 8:15 p.m.

Speakers: **Undergraduate College Student Presenters**

Topic: Undergraduate college students will exhibit posters and give short presentations on their research projects. (The titles and full topic descriptions will appear in the April *Phaëton*.)

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.**

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

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DID YOU REMEMBER TO RENEW FOR THE
OCT 2012 – SEP 2013 MEMBERSHIP YEAR

Membership renewal forms were inserted in the front of the September 2012 issue of *The Maryland Entomologist*. If the date on your address label reads 2012, it is time for you to renew for the “October 2012 – September 2013” membership year. Please check that your contact information is correct and return the form along with your dues to: **Edgar A. Cohen, Jr.** (MES Treasurer), 5454 Marsh Hawk Way, Columbia, MD 21045.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENTOMOLOGY

MES member **Peter Houlihan** is serving as an Organizing Committee Member and a Plenary Speaker for the International Conference on Entomology that will be held in Orlando, Florida on 4-6 September 2013. The conference will be organized around the theme “Exploring the description of new species, geographical distribution, genome organization and diseases related to insects.” This conference is early in the planning stages, but you will be able to find out more information at: <http://www.omicsgroup.com/conferences/entomology-2013/cfa.php>. [Editor’s note: The site is under construction.]

**MARYLAND INSECT RECORDS AT THE
 YALE PEABODY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**

Maryland insect records (418) at the [Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History](http://discover.odai.yale.edu/ydc/Search/Results?lookfor=maryland&type=allfields&filter[]=collection_facet%3A%22Entomology%22) can be accessed at [Discover Yale Digital Content](http://discover.odai.yale.edu/ydc/Search/Results?lookfor=maryland&type=allfields&filter[]=collection_facet%3A%22Entomology%22). The web address is: [http://discover.odai.yale.edu/ydc/Search/Results?lookfor=maryland&type=allfields&filter\[\]=collection_facet%3A%22Entomology%22](http://discover.odai.yale.edu/ydc/Search/Results?lookfor=maryland&type=allfields&filter[]=collection_facet%3A%22Entomology%22). Maryland insect specimen records can also be accessed through the YPM Entomology – Online Catalog. The web address is: <http://peabody.yale.edu/collections/search-collections?ent>.

Information provided by MES member **Charlie Davis**.

SEARCH FOR ARACHNOPHOBIC ENTOMOLOGISTS

The Winter 2012 issue of *American Entomologist*, 58(4):199-201, contains an article entitled “Calling All Arachnophobic Entomologists: A Request for Information.” Richard S. Vetter, recently retired Staff Research Associate in the Department of Entomology at the University of California, Riverside, is conducting a survey of arachnophobic entomologists. He is asking for your participation if “1) you consider yourself to be an entomologist, 2) you work with whole-bodied insects that are alive at some point, and 3) you have negative reactions (from mild disgust to severe arachnophobia) to spiders.” Vetter hopes to receive enough responses so that he can compare arachnophobia between entomologists and the general public.

If you are an arachnophobic entomologist and would like to participate in the survey, the questionnaire can be downloaded in either PDF or MS-Word format by going to: http://www.nw-data-centric.com/downloads/ESA_spider_form.htm. Then mail your completed questionnaire to: Richard S. Vetter, Department of Entomology, University of California, Riverside, CA 92521.

THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY MIGRATION

[Expedition Travel](http://www.expeditiontravelonline.com/expedition.php?id=the-monarch-butterfly-migration) and the [Florida Museum of Natural History](http://www.floridamuseum.org) are offering a trip to experience wintering Monarchs, *Danaus plexippus* (Linnaeus), in the high altitude fir forests of the Central Mexico Plateau on 22-26 February 2013. Trip information mentions seeing “tens of millions of butterflies in the air at once, and hundreds of millions basking on the trees with their wings open.” The trip is being led by Dr. **Thomas C. Emmel**, Director of the [McGuire Center for Lepidoptera and Biodiversity](http://www.mcgoverncenter.org), as well as Professor of zoology and entomology, and Curator of natural sciences with the Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville, FL. For further information go to: <http://www.expeditiontravelonline.com/expedition.php?id=the-monarch-butterfly-migration>.

Information provided by MES member **Peter Houlihan**.

**BALTIMORE “FIRST IN PORT” INTERCEPTION
 CBP NEWS RELEASE**

12 December 2012: **a leaf-footed bug**

Gonocerus acuteangulatus (Goeze) (Hemiptera: Coreidae)
 “Baltimore CBP Intercepts First Local Leaf-Footed Bug”



USDA APHIS PPQ Baltimore

Gonocerus acuteangulatus (Goeze) (Hemiptera: Coreidae). Found 7 December 2012 at the Port of Baltimore. (Photo courtesy of MES member **Jim Young**, Entomologist Identifier, USDA-APHIS-PPQ, Baltimore, Maryland)

On 7 December 2012, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agriculture specialists discovered, and a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) entomologist identifier confirmed, a first specimen at the Port of Baltimore of *Gonocerus acuteangulatus*, found in a shipping container of ceramic tiles from Italy. The destination of the shipment was Eldersburg, Maryland. This is the 14th interception of this species in the United States. The complete news release can be accessed at: http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/newsroom/news_releases/local/2012_news_releases/december_2012/12122012_9.xml.

DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT "FIRST IN PORT" INTERCEPTION

On 17 December 2012, the leafhopper *Agallia constricta cubana* Oman (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae) was intercepted for the first time at Dulles International Airport, Dulles, Virginia, by CBP inspectors in a shipment of herbs from Mexico. This pest has been detected seven times in the past two years. Until now all of the interceptions of this pest have been from Points of Interceptions in the Southwestern U.S.

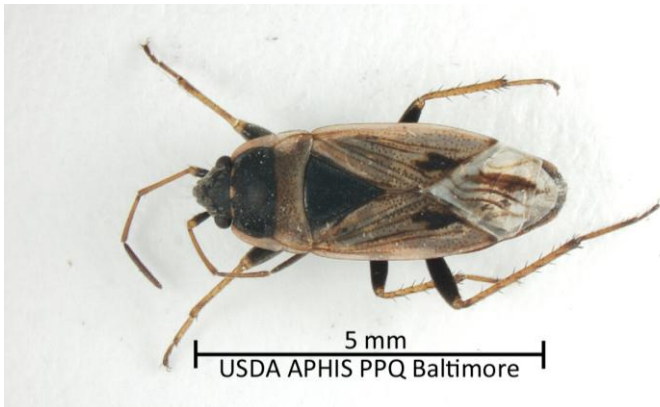


Agallia constricta cubana Oman (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae). Found 17 December 2012 at Dulles International Airport, Dulles, Virginia.

Information and photo provided by MES member Jim Young.

NORFOLK INTERNATIONAL TERMINALS "FIRST IN PORT" INTERCEPTION

On 28 December 2012, the seed bug *Xanthochilus quadratus* (Fabricius) (Hemiptera: Rhyparochromidae) was intercepted for the first time at Norfolk International Terminals, Norfolk, Virginia, by CBP inspectors in a shipment of tile from the Mediterranean. This pest looks very much like the more commonly intercepted, and now non-actionable, pest *X. saturnius* (Rossi) which is established in the Pacific Northwest.



Xanthochilus quadratus (Fabricius) (Hemiptera: Rhyparochromidae). Found 28 December 2012 at Norfolk International Terminals, Norfolk, Virginia.

Information and photo provided by MES member Jim Young.

2012/2013 PROPOSED MES EVENT SCHEDULE

Regular MES lecture/meetings are held the 3rd Friday of each of the 6 months coinciding with UMBC's academic year.

Proposed events for the current MES membership year are:

Date	Speaker	Topic/Location
Oct 19	Leo Kenefic	Malaria Control: vectors, drugs, vaccines
Nov 16	Stephen Allgeier	Status of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug
Feb 15	David Adamski	Micromoths
Mar 15	Timothy Foard	Ants of Maryland
Apr 19	Undergraduate College Student Research Poster Presentations	
May 17	"Members' Potpourri" Presentations & Elections	
TBA	Survey/Field Trip	TBA
Sep 8	Crab Feast/Meet&Greet	J. KING'S Restaurant (Anne Arundel Co.)

NEARBY ENTOMOLOGICAL EVENTS

4-7 February 2013

USDA/ARS 2nd International Biosafety & Biocontainment Symposium: Agricultural Research & Response from Field & Lab

Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia

<http://arssymposium.arsa.org/>.

7 February 2013; 7:00 p.m.

Entomological Society of Washington Monthly Meeting/Lecture

Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, 10th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC

<http://entsocwash.org/>.

14-20 March 2013

Eastern Branch Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting

Eden Resort & Suites, 222 Eden Road, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

<http://www.entsoc.org/eastern/2013-eastern-branch-annual-meeting>.

26-28 April 2013

Southeast Regional Meeting of the Dragonfly Society of the Americas (SEDSA)

Hyatt Place Richmond/Arboretum, 201 Arboretum Place, Richmond, Virginia

<http://mamomi.net/SEDSA2013/SEDSA/Welcome.html>.

14-17 August 2013

2nd International Conference on Pollinator Biology, Health & Policy

The Center for Pollinator Research, Penn State, University Park, Pennsylvania.

<http://ento.psu.edu/news/2012/announcing-the-2013-international-conference-on-pollinator-biology-health-and-policy>.