



Department of Entomology News

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Welcome new student

Ganehi Arachchige Saddha Mangala Ganehiarachchi is latest addition to the departments diversified graduate student population. Mangala, fo short, is a native of Kurunegala, Sri, Lanka (a town 60 miles from the capitlal city of Colombo). He is on doctoral study program with a research interest on host selection behavior of wheat midge. Dr. Marion Harris is his academic adviser.

Back home, he is a permanent lecturer at the Dept. of Zoology at University of Kelaniya. At the same university, he finished a degree in Bachelor of Science in Zoology in 1991 and a degree of master of science in 1998 with insect population dynamics as his research study.

Coming from a place with an annual temperature of 90°F, it was a mixture of awe and shock when he arrived in Fargo last January and seeing snow for the first time. But he appreciated the warmth showed by his adviser and Kirk A. who helped him a lot during his first few months here.

Married to Sisika Nelum Ranaweera, both are blessed with 2 girls (Janethri, aged 4 and Maneshi, aged 8 months).

Mangala, welcome to Fargo!

Entomology department party

Department of Entomology held a party at 272 Hultz Hall on April 2, 2003 to recognize achievements and awards of the faculty and students. Among those people that were congratulated include: Gary Brewer, President-elect of NCB-ESA; David Rider, NCB-ESA Distinguished achievement award in teaching; Justin Knott, Ayanava Majumdar, John Fajardo, Inderjit Saini and Karin Gross, 2003 NCB-ESA linnaean game champions; Mark Boetel and Gerald Fauske, linnaean team coaches; John Fajardo, 1st place MS oral paper presentation section B; Ankush Joshi, 2nd place PhD poster competition section B; Ayanava Majumdar, 1st place PhD poster competition section B; Kirk Anderson and Karin Gross, speakers of one symposium during NCB-ESA meeting.

Graduate students who received awards from the department were also commended. PhD student Patrick Beauzay and MS student John Fajardo received Knipling Research Enhancement Award and Beatty- Munro Scholarship, respectively. Paul Tinerella, a PhD student, also received Fulbright Scholarship.

It was a well-attended party.

Faculty and students attended the North Central Branch – Entomological Society of America meeting

Twelve faculty and students of the department people from the department attended the NCB-ESA Meeting at Madison, Wisconsin on March 23-26, 2003. The members of the faculty who attended the meeting were Gary Brewer, Larry Charlet, and Philip Glogoza. Four graduate students (John Fajardo, Inderjit Saini, Karin Gross and Kirk Anderson) presented papers while five other students (Frank Antwi, Ankush Joshi, Justin Knott, Ayanava Majumdar, Maboko Mphosi) presented posters in the said meeting.

Next years' branch meeting will be held at Kansas City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to order t-shirts, please contact Ayanava.

Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to send any article for the Summer 2003 issue.

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