Call for Editor-in-Chief of *Insect Systematics and Diversity*

The Entomological Society of America is seeking candidates to serve in the position of founding editor-in-chief of *Insect Systematics and Diversity*, a new ESA journal scheduled to launch in January 2017.

*Insect Systematics and Diversity* will publish original research in systematics, evolution, and biodiversity of insects and related arthropods. The journal will welcome integrative studies on insect systematics, comparative and functional morphology, conservation, behavior, taxonomy, molecular phylogenetics, paleobiology, and natural history. It will especially welcome articles that utilize novel technologies or data types or describe emerging methods of research.

**General Qualifications**

*As Insect Systematics and Diversity* is a new journal, the founding editor-in-chief will establish the vision and direction of the journal within the scope approved by ESA’s Governing Board and communicate that vision to authors, subject editors, and other stakeholders. The editor-in-chief should be an internationally recognized scientist whose reputation will bring prestige and visibility to the journal. The ideal candidate should have significant experience in writing, editing, and reviewing scientific research manuscripts. A comprehensive background and broad experience within the areas covered by the journal’s scope are essential.

The editor should be able to devote the time and energy necessary to conduct outreach on the journal’s behalf and ensure that published articles are of the highest quality and scientific interest.

**Responsibilities**

- Provide scientific leadership for *Insect Systematics and Diversity*.
- Communicate with potential authors, editors, and reviewers to raise awareness of the new journal and its scope.
- Work to ensure that articles published are of the highest quality and scientific interest and that the peer review process proceeds smoothly.
- Direct manuscripts to appropriate subject editors, who oversee manuscript reviews of standard research articles.
- Personally assign reviewers to and make accept/reject decisions on manuscripts that fall into special categories (e.g., Forum, Letters, Reviews, Invited Articles).
- Recommend candidates for subject editor positions to the *Insect Systematics and Diversity* Editorial Board.
- Participate, along with the *Insect Systematics and Diversity* Editorial Board, in decisions on authors’ appeals of subject editors’ decisions.
- In cases of potential author misconduct, conduct initial investigations and, if necessary, serve on author misconduct panels per ESA’s Author Misconduct Policy.
The editor-in-chief will receive an honorarium and will be reimbursed for expenses. Appointment is for a term of five years. The *Insect Systematics and Diversity* Editorial Board will review all applications and forward a recommendation to the ESA Governing Board for approval.

**The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. EST on April 22, 2016.** Interested candidates should submit the following to the *Insect Systematics and Diversity* Editorial Board via pubs@entsoc.org: cover letter describing their qualifications for the position and vision and goals for the journal; curriculum vitae; three letters of recommendation (with at least one from an ESA member); and reprints of two published articles that best represent the candidate’s work.