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From the Station Director

I hope you are looking forward to this holiday as much as I am! Here at PSW, we have just come through a challenging year, one that required special effort from us all. Next year promises to keep us hopping too. But before we plunge into the adventures of 2003, I want to say "Thank you" for all your great ideas, hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication to our PSW and FS goals. My hat's off to everyone who worked on the budget challenges! To our researchers who pursued new ways of looking at, managing, and conserving our forests and natural resources. To all the staff, who pitched in to get this year's jobs done. Together we can do just about anything! I am very proud of all of you.

I wish each of you a happy holiday season with family and friends. And may the New Year be a time of good health, prosperity, peace, and great joy for you and your loved ones.

Hilda Diaz-Soltero
Station Director

New to PSW

A move from frigid Minnesota to sunny California seems logical to Steven J. Seybold, considering that his wife Julie Tillman, who earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry at the University of Nebraska, is a native of Bakersfield, Calif. And then there is year-old daughter Emily, who immediately took to sunny Davis where the family now lives. Steve is research entomologist with the Insect Chemical Ecology Research Unit and based in Davis. He began working at PSW Oct. 1.

Born in Madison, Wisconsin, Steve went to the University of Wisconsin in Madison, earning his B.S. degree in forest resources (1983). He earned his PhD at the University of California, Berkeley, in entomology (1992). In 1992-93, he worked as postdoctoral associate with the Chemical Ecology Unit at PSW. And just before joining the Station, he taught at the University of Minnesota as an assistant professor of entomology and forest resources as well as doing research. At PSW, Steve will be studying the similarities and differences in how California bark beetles produce chemical signals and defensive compounds. He will also be studying bark beetle attractants and interruptants.

Sierra Nevada Science Symposium Held

Drawing more than 300 registrants, the 2002 Sierra Nevada Science Symposium was held Oct. 8-11 at Kings Beach, Lake Tahoe, Calif. The Station was one of the sponsors of the program, which drew managers, scientists, and the public. Peter Stine, Program Manager—Sierra Nevada Research Center, at Davis, headed the organizing committee. Former Station Director Hal Salwasser, now forestry dean at Oregon State University, offered the keynote address.

Sudden Oak Death Meeting Draws 300

More than 300 scientists, resource specialists, and interested lay persons from 11 countries attended the first-ever Sudden Oak Death Science Symposium, held Dec. 15-18 in Monterey, Calif. The Station and the University of California at Berkeley's College of Natural Resources co-sponsored the meeting, which featured over 30 formal presentations and more than 50 poster presentations. Caused by the pathogen *Pythophthora ramorum*, sudden oak death, as the syndrome is called, is the focus of a major research program at PSW. In 2001-2002, PSW secured and administered \$3.48 million for scientific investigation of the disease. Of that total \$3 million came from the FS, the Commodity Credit Corporation (in an emergency authorization), and Congressional appropriations. The other \$480,000 came from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The funds support 22 research projects with 12 university or other partnerships. Pat Shea is research program coordinator.

Richmond Named Full-Time Safety Officer

Chuck Richmond assumed duties as full-time Safety Officer for PSW on Oct. 28. He had been Group Leader—Facilities/Administrative Services at Albany in addition to being Safety Officer. Dan Salcido, FAS Group Leader before he transferred to FS Region 5 in Vallejo, started a detail as Chuck's successor in the Group Leader position, also effective Oct. 28, working out of Vallejo and Albany, Calif.

As Safety Officer, Chuck will have responsibility for PSW's station-wide health, safety, and security programs.

IFG Provides Christmas Tree for California Capitol

For the fourth year, the Station's Institute of Forest Genetics, at Placerville, is providing the State Christmas tree. Cut on Oct. 19 at the Institute's Camino Arboretum, the 60-foot-tall white fir (*Abies concolor*) was put on display at the State capitol in Sacramento. It was officially lit on Dec. 3. Roger Stutts, of the IFG staff, made the arrangements for the tree cutting at the Institute's Camino Plantation and for transporting the tree to Sacramento.

Riverside Hispanic Committee Receives "Thanks"

The Station's Forest Fire Laboratory Hispanic Committee received thanks from the *Centro de Ninos*, a daycare center in Riverside for 13 food-filled Thanksgiving baskets contributed by laboratory employees. The Committee hoped to fill 11 baskets, but they received enough donated food to fill 13. Pat Winter and Patrick Mingus distributed the food into the baskets; Patrick, David Weise, and Bob Lockwood helped load and deliver the baskets. The Hispanic Committee, headed by Armando Gonzalez-Caban, organized the food drive.

IUFRO Has New Address in Vienna

Headquarters of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations has moved. Its new address is: c/o BFW Mariabrunn, Hauptstrasse 7, A-1140 Vienna, Austria. Its phone is: 43-1-8770151-12. IUFRO recently changed the “F” in its name: from “Forestry” to “Forest.”

Personnelly Speaking

Quality Step Increase Award for outstanding performance

- Elizabeth DeHoyos, Budget/Financial Management Group
- Nancy Dias, Station Director’s Office
- Ann Ellison, Budget/Financial Management Group
- Chuck Evans, Information Management/Technology Group
- Bernadette Jaquint, Budget/Financial Management Group
- Jackie Rountree, Budget/Financial Management Group
- Keiko Williams, Information Management/Technology Group

Cash Award for outstanding performance

- Agnes Alejandro, Budget/Financial Management Group
- Cindy Ballard, Budget/Financial Management Group
- Enoch Bell, Assistant Station Director
- Marilyn Burrows, Assistant Station Director’ Office
- Diane DeLany, Institute of Forest Genetics
- Carol DeMuth, Assistant Station Director
- Christine Eckman, Sierra Nevada Research Center
- John Ewel, Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry
- Sandra Hicks, Sierra Nevada Science Center
- Rosanne Hunt, Human Resources Group
- Chin Jugan, Budget/Financial Management Group
- Susan Lam, Facilities/Administrative Services Group
- Usha Little, Budget/Financial Management Group
- Garland Mason, Assistant Station Director
- Rochelle Mullins, Budget/Financial Management Group
- Sandra Nedley, Budget/Financial Management Group
- Patricia Pepin, Library
- Melissa Smith, Information Management/Technology Group
- Peter Stine, Sierra Nevada Science Center
- Pam Suda, Information Management/Technology Group
- Anna Wong, Budget/Financial Management Group

Meetings/Conferences/Seminars

- Eight members of the Station’s research staff at the Forest Fire Laboratory, Riverside, attended the 14th annual conference of the Society for Ecological Restoration, Aug. 4-9, Tucson, Ariz. Rocio Alonso, Wendy Dobrowolski, Nancy Grulke, Ken Hubbert, Karen Jennings, Patrick Mingus, Tham Nguyen and Marcia Narog. Nancy, Rocio, and Tham made oral presentations; Ken and Marcia participated with a poster.
- Nancy Rappaport, Soil Productivity Research Team, Albany, was an invited speaker at the Society of American Foresters meeting Oct. 8 in Winston-Salem, NC. Her presentation, co-authored with John D. Stein, was *Development of Microencapsulated Pheromones for Forest Insect Control*. Earlier, she made an invited presentation on *Cone Beetle Pheromone Research and Development* at a joint meeting of the Northwest Seed Orchard Managers and the British Columbia Seed Orchard Association, June 12, in Eureka, Calif. John Stein and A.A. del Rio Mora co-authored her paper.

In Memoriam

George M. Jemison, 94, former Director of the Pacific Southwest Forest and Range Experiment Station, Berkeley, died Dec. 8 in Medford, Oregon, after an extended illness. After directing the PSW Station from 1954-1957, he became Associate Deputy Chief—Research and then Deputy Chief—Research in the FS Washington Office. Upon retiring in 1969, he began another career as professor of Forestry, Oregon State University, Corvallis, before retiring again in 1975. The first American president of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations, he was a Fellow of the Society of American Foresters. He is survived by his wife Emily, daughters Carol Reynolds and Meredith Jemison, and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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