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## Notice to ISA Members - ISA President-Elect Resigns

ISA President-Elect Melinda Jones has advised the Board of Directors that she has resigned for personal reasons from her position as an Officer and Director on the ISA Board of Directors, effective immediately. The ISA Board of Directors has accepted Ms. Jones' resignation and expresses its appreciation for her volunteer service to the Society.

ISA Bylaws Article VIII provides that the Board of Directors shall elect a current, eligible Board Vice President to fill the President-Elect position on an interim basis, until an individual is elected to that office by the membership by a special election. The Board of Directors shall elect a current, eligible Director to temporarily serve the un-expired term of the Vice President elected to the interim President-Elect position. During such temporary service as a Vice President, the Director also will continue to serve in his/her designated Director position.

Upon the election of a new President-Elect by the membership, the interim President-Elect shall resume the office of Vice President and complete the term of service in that office, and the Director temporarily serving as a Vice President shall resume his/her prior Director position.

The Board of Directors has instructed the Nominations & Elections Committee (NEC) to provide the Board with slates of candidates for the two interim positions (President-Elect & Board Vice President) so that the Board can elect individuals to fill the positions by no later than April 7th.

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### AREA Executive Committee

President	Laura Jull
President-Elect	Christina Wells
Vice President	Zhu Ning
Secretary/Treasurer	Dan Struve

## Register Now for ISA's 84th Annual Conference & Trade Show!

Conference registration and housing reservations are now available for ISA's 84th Annual Conference in St. Louis, MO.

For conference updates and information or to make arrangements for conference visit the [ISA conference homepage](#).



## Lightning Symposium Proceedings Now Available Online!

Proceedings from the Lightning Symposium that took place March 7-8, 2007, in Plantation (Fort Lauderdale), Florida, USA is now available through the ISA website. Researchers from around the world gathered to discuss lightning research and the latest lightning protection practices being used in today's arboriculture profession.

On the ISA website you will find speaker biographies from the symposium and PowerPoint presentations and summaries.

[Click here](#) to go to the ISA website to view the proceedings.

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## Arboriculture & Urban Forestry is Looking for Associate Editors

*Arboriculture & Urban Forestry* is modifying its current peer review system to include associate editors. Applications are being accepted for associate editors in the following disciplines. A candidate may apply for, and be appointed to, more than one category.

- \* Entomology
- \* Social Issues/Economic Assessment
- \* Soils/Fertilization/Irrigation
- \* Biomechanics/Safety/Hazard/Risk
- \* Pathology
- \* Horticulture/Transplanting/Construction Damage
- \* Tree Biology/Physiology/Genetics
- \* Urban Forest Management/Modeling/Assessment
- \* Utility forestry
- \* Ecology/Urban Interface

For more information, job duties, or selection criteria, please visit the homepage of the [ISA website](#). You may also call Peggy Currid at (217) 355-9411 ext. 210 or send an e-mail to [pcurrid@isa-arbor.com](mailto:pcurrid@isa-arbor.com).

The deadline for submitting applications is **April 30, 2008**.

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## And the International Awards go to...

This year's recipient of the Award of Merit, the highest honor ISA can bestow, is Allan West, president of the TREE Fund. The award recognizes outstanding meritorious service in advancing the principles, ideals, and practices of arboriculture.

Sharon Lilly, ISA's Educational Goods and Services Director, is this year's recipient of the Alex L. Shigo Award for Excellence in Arboricultural Education recognizing the important role that all

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forms of education play to enhancing the quality and professionalism of the arboriculture industry.

The Award of Achievement recipient is Derek Vannice, ISA Certification Director, and is granted in recognition of sustained outstanding effort or contribution to the advancement of ISA.

Dr. Harvey Holt, Purdue University, is the recipient of the R. W. Harris Author's Citation which is granted to authors of outstanding publications for sustained excellence in the publication of timely information pertaining to the field of arboriculture.

ISA's Honorary Membership award recipient is Chuck Leavell, Charlane Plantation. This award recognizes individuals who are not members of ISA who have continued interest and outstanding service in promoting arboriculture.

Honorary Life Membership is granted to Ken Finch who contributed materially and substantially to the progress of arboriculture and gave unselfishly to support arboriculture.

Dr. George Ware of The Morton Arboretum is this year's recipient of The L.C. Chadwick Award for Arboricultural Research which is granted to recognize research that has contributed valuable information to arboriculture.

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## ISA Certified Arborist/Municipal Specialist Scholarships Available!

ISA, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service Urban and Community Program and SMA, has made Municipal Specialist scholarships available to eligible candidates. This scholarship is available to all Certified Arborists that meet the Municipal Specialist requirements. The eligible candidates will receive the first exam fee paid, an ISA Municipal Study Guide, and a one year membership to ISA.

For an informational packet, please contact ISA's Anne Jerutka, Certification Marketing Coordinator, at 217-355-9411, ext. 207 or by e-mail at [ajerutka@isa-arbor.com](mailto:ajerutka@isa-arbor.com).

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## TREE Fund - 2008 Robert Felix Memorial Scholarship

Applications must be received (not postmarked) by **May 1, 2008**. [Click here](#) for the application and for more information.

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## Facelift! New Look for ISA's Trees are Good

ISA has redesigned the look of the consumer education website [www.treesaregood.org](http://www.treesaregood.org). The new design allows for continual updates enabling ISA to provide the latest information on tree care.

[Click here](#) to interact with the newly designed website!

## TREE Fund is looking for Board of Trustee Candidates

The TREE Fund is looking for a person with a passion for professional tree care and is interested in the TREE Fund mission of advancing knowledge in arboriculture and urban forestry to join the TREE Fund Board of Trustees.

The TREE Fund is especially looking for people who have skills or knowledge in the field of research, not-for-profit law, finance, or fund development.

Please contact Governance Committee Chair Ruth Stein by e-mail ([rdstein@earthlink.net](mailto:rdstein@earthlink.net)) or phone 917-846-2081 **by April 17**, if you're interested or have questions.

## Science and Research Committee Update

ISA's Science and Research Committee will convene for a one-day meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn in Chicago April 16. The committee will meet to develop a Work Plan and Budget for 2008-2009.

In 2007-2008, the Science and Research Committee accomplished the following four tasks:

Conducted a survey to collect information on the number of students currently seeking a PhD in Arboriculture, Urban Forestry, or Landscape/Woody Horticulture.

Awarded the Tree Root Systems in Urban Settings: Growth and Development literature review to Virginia Tech.

Nominated researchers and educators for ISA's Chadwick and Shigo awards.

Contributed a regular article to *Arborist News* on SRC activities and advances in arboricultural science and research.

The committee plans to continue to implement strategies to increase the exchange of information between researchers, professionals, and the international community.



Chapter Executives and  
Administrators

**Save the Date!**

The  
*ISA Annual Fall  
Leadership Workshop*

will be held

**October 23-25**



## Tom Mousley Scholarships

The Society of Commercial Arboriculture is offering a \$2,000 financial scholarship to students majoring in arboriculture, urban forestry, or horticulture in a 4-year program and a \$1,000 financial scholarship to students in a 2-year program.

For complete details and an application, please [click here](#). All applications are due by **May 30**.

## Hyland R. Johns Grant Program

All applications for the Hyland R. Johns Grant Program are due in the TREE Fund office (711 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton, IL 60187) by 5:00 p.m. Central Time on **May 1**.

For complete details [click here](#).

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The Board of Directors has also directed the NEC to provide the Board with a slate of candidates for the President-Elect position so that a special election by the membership can be held to fill the unexpired term of the President-Elect, with the intention that the position be filled prior to the 2008 annual conference in St. Louis if at all possible.

Please direct any questions or concerns related to this matter to ISA President, [Lauren Lanphear](#).

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## 2008 Student Poster Competition

Present your work as a poster at ISA's Annual Conference! Here is your chance to showcase your hard work to the urban forestry and arboriculture community. ISA's Student Activities Committee and AREA are now accepting student poster abstracts on research and community outreach topics for presentation at ISA's 84th Annual International Conference and Tradeshow in St. Louis, Missouri. Top posters will receive financial rewards.

Abstracts must be received electronically by Steve Bevil on **May 1, 2008 by 5:00 pm**.

All submitting authors will be notified of results of abstract review by May 12, 2008.

Topics to include either scientific research, community outreach/extension projects, or novel teaching activities from arboriculture, urban forestry, or landscape horticulture students at 2-year and 4-year undergraduate institutions and graduate students at universities throughout the world.

For complete information and abstract submission, [click here!](#)

There is no limit to the number of papers submitted by a club or institution, and students may be listed as co-authors on more than one abstract. However, only one author per abstract is eligible for the award(s).

All questions should be directed to Steve Bevil, ISA's Science and Research Manager, at [sbevil@isa-arbor.com](mailto:sbevil@isa-arbor.com).

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## European Congress of Arboriculture to be Held in Italy

The European Congress of Arboriculture will be held June 16–18 in Turin, Italy. A call for papers is underway. The deadline for abstract submissions has been changed. All abstract submissions must be received **by April 10**. The Scientific Committee will select papers and determine the type of presentation (oral or poster) **by April 15**, based on the author's preferences and the Congress' needs. Authors will be notified by e-mail.

**May 15** is the deadline for full paper submissions (maximum of four pages, including tables and figures) to be included in the conference final program and on the proceedings CD-ROM.

For more information about the conference, abstract submission requirements, and more, [click here!](#)

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- See cutting-edge industry products and techniques
- Network with experienced industry experts
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- Attend tracks for Utility, Municipal, and Commercial Arboriculture
- Hear Educational sessions by presenters representing 11 countries



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**Monday, July 28**  
**Featured Keynote Address:**  
**The Structural Dimensions**  
**of Tall Tree Growth**

**By Dr. Steve Sillett\***

(profiled in *The New York Times* best seller book *The Wild Trees*), Professor, Department of Forestry and Wildland Resources, Humboldt University, Arcata, CA

**8:30 am – 9:30 am**

**Enjoy Field Days and ITCC at Forest Park –  
the seventh largest park in the United States**



**Monday, July 28**

**AREA Poster Presentations**

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

**Wednesday, July 30**

**(Research and Education  
Session)**

Graduate Student Oral  
Competition

8:00 am – 9:45 am

Educational Presentations  
10:15 am – 11:45 am

**AREA Annual Business  
Meeting and Luncheon**

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Research Presentations  
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

\* For more details [click here!!](#)

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AT [WWW.ISA-ARBOR.COM/CONFERENCE](http://WWW.ISA-ARBOR.COM/CONFERENCE)