

## Candidate Biographical Information: 2007 Eastern Branch ESA Officer's Election

### President-Elect:

**Paul A. Weston** is a Senior Research Associate in the Department of Entomology at Cornell University. Dr. Weston obtained his doctorate in Entomology at Michigan State University in 1986, and has been regularly attending national and branch meetings of the ESA since 1981. He has organized several symposia at both branch and national meetings, and regularly serves as a judge for the student competition. Dr. Weston served on the local arrangements committee for the national meeting in 1988 and 1996, and for the North Central Branch meeting in 1995. He served as Secretary & Chair of Section Cd from 1998 through 2000, and Secretary & Vice-Chair of Section C from 2004 through 2006. He is the incoming Chair of Section C. He served as Chair of the Eastern Branch student competition in 2006, and is Program Co-Chair for the 2007 Eastern Branch meeting.

**Roger 'Rod' Youngman** joined the Department of Entomology at Virginia Tech as an Assistant Professor in November 1988. He was promoted to Professor in 2002. He has been a member of ESA since 1980, and an active member of the Eastern Branch since 1989. Rod has served the Eastern Branch in various capacities over the years. He was a conference moderator for Submitted Papers, Sections E & F, at the 1991 annual meeting in Richmond, VA. From 1991-93 he served as a member on the Finance Committee and then as Chair from 1993-94. He also served on the Auditing Committee from 1993-94. Rod next served as Secretary of the Eastern Branch from 2001-04 (first term) and currently is in the process of wrapping up his second term as Secretary (2004-07). Rod has served as webmaster since 2001 and has been the listserv manager since 2004. In addition to routinely updating the website and listserv, he added an online submission program for members interested in presenting at the annual meetings. During his time as Secretary, Rod has worked with the Executive Committee, Parliamentarian, and Rules Committee to bring about changes to the Eastern Branch Constitution and Bylaws that better reflect the way The Branch does business. In addition, Rod was responsible for convincing ESA to allow their electronic voting process to be used for branch elections. As such, the Eastern Branch enjoys the recognition of being the first branch in The Society to hold an election administered through ESA's electronic voting process. Perhaps Rod's most significant contribution to how the Eastern Branch conducts its business was to move to an all electronic mailing and announcement format. The Branch now saves nearly two thousand dollars annually by having done away with the escalating costs of postage, envelopes, and printing for two mailings per year to a membership that is more than 1,500 strong.

### Secretary:

**Daniel Gilrein** has been a contributing member of the Eastern Branch ESA since the mid-1980's. Since 1995, Dan has served as Extension Entomologist with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, Long Island, NY. From 1987 - 1995 he was the Regional IPM Specialist with Cornell Extension on Long Island and prior to that was employed overseas with the Mennonite Central Committee in relief and development work in Somalia. He holds an MPS degree in Plant Protection/Pest Management from Cornell University and his BS degree from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse.