

Chapter 16

A New Era in Entomology: XXIV International Congress of Entomology, Daegu, 19–24 August 2012

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The XXIV International Congress of Entomology (XXIV ICE) was held August 19–24, 2012, at the EXCO Convention Center in Daegu, Republic of Korea, hosted jointly by the Entomological Society of Korea, the Korean Society of Applied Entomology, the Korean Society of Sericultural Science, and the Apicultural Society of Korea. It was the first time that ICE had been held in Korea, representing a significant exposure of Korean entomology to numerous overseas visitors. The successful ICE meeting in Daegu celebrated the 102nd anniversary of ICE, founded in 1910.

The Efforts to Host ICE

It is necessary to understand the efforts of Korean entomologists in the preceding years to understand the impact of this congress on Korean entomology. The Entomological Society of Korea (ESK), founded in 1970, started a campaign to become an internationally recognized academic society when it celebrated its 30th Anniversary in 2000. One of the first steps was to rename its journal from *Korean Journal of Entomology* (KJE) to *Entomological Research* (ENR). KJE was printed in a local print house, and most of its articles were written in Korean. ENR set a goal to be an international journal and receive only articles in English. To increase the visibility of Korean entomology, ESK decided to publish *Entomological Research* with Blackwell Publishing, England. The first issue came out in 2006. The editor-in-chief of ENR was Ohseok Kwon from 2000 until 2012, when ENR was listed in Science Citation Index Expanded.

The other step was to host ICE in Korea. The Executive Committee of ESK set a plan in 2002 to bid for the upcoming ICE meeting and prepared for that in 2004, when XXII ICE was held in Brisbane, Australia (Chapter 14). Fifteen executives of ESK attended the ICE in Brisbane. Although ESK did not win the vote, Byung-Jin Kim, later president of ESK, was nominated and elected as a member of the Council of ICE. It was the first time that any Korean entomologist was elected to such a position.