

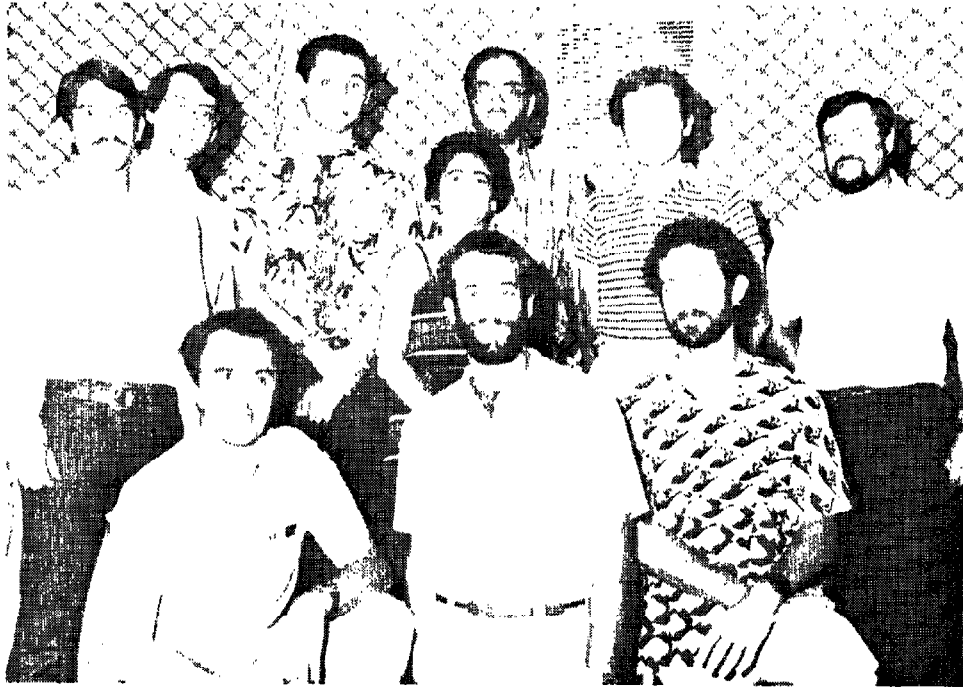
INSECT BEHAVIORAL ECOLOGY SYMPOSIUM '82:
LOOKING BACK AND GOING ONJAMES E. LLOYD¹

This symposium on insect behavioral ecology is our fifth, counting the original "Sociobiology of Sex" that Norm Leppla and I put together for a branch meeting of the ESA (Fla. Ent. 62:1-34). They have been "well received." Many authors report that they have had more requests for reprints of these articles than for any other they have written, and that the requests come from scientists around the world. The paper-bound symposium reprints are used for texts in graduate and undergraduate classes, and refreshers to bring us all up to date in subject areas we have lost track of or never have tracked at all. At least two articles have stimulated adrenaline flow in researchers that needed the exercise. The papers constantly remind us, on an increasing range of subjects, that we should always be tuning to adaptation in the organic world, and not get sidetracked into the extremism of morphology for morphology's sake, physiology for physiology's sake, or behavior for behavior's sake—though we continue to organize instructions and syllabi into these artificial boxes. They remind and hopefully show us that pragmatism, working both sides of the practicality canal (Fla. Ent. 64:1), is to be preferred and presents more of a challenge than either basic or applied science practiced alone. The articles have reviewed and refocused subject areas, brought together new combinations of information and ideas, cut through complexity to show that some esoteric subjects may have something worth knowing in the struggle to understand insect bionomics, and occasionally carried beyond the confining range of Morgan's Canon to try to trap a problem in a pincer movement; and always the authors have tried to make their papers understandable to those outside their speciality, to be interesting, to present the greatest return for time spent by the reader, and yet retain a professional standard of quality appropriate to primary scientific literature. It ain't easy! Reader mindset, attention span, basic understanding of biology, philosophy, and English range broadly. Slang and colloquial expressions that add spice and "turn some readers on," are a "put off," a "put down," or obscure to another. (When I used the lightningbug "spermed on" as a communicatively vigorous malapropism to indicate both a spurring on and a seminal contribution, some presumed it a typographical error.²) We shall continue, and I urge you to keep sending those cards and letters with suggestions for topics, authors, and improvements. (If your idea is used we can send you a photo of a "Real Insect" t-shirt.) Especially needed are ideas for sources of financial support to pay travel and other expenses for the speaker/authors, and some part of the cost of publishing the paper-bound separates. Please send ideas to me and money to Treasurer Dan Wojcik. Symposium—'82 was made possible by the contributions of Dale Habeck, J. E. Lloyd, Jerry Stimac, Frank Slansky, Tom Walker, and IFAS, through the efforts of Dan Shankland. The Society also provided money. Thank you! And thanks also to the referees for this symposium, Jane

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