

About the Speakers

Perry L. Adkisson
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The position of chancellor is the latest in a long list of leading roles for the former ESA president. As a researcher, Adkisson was a co-developer of the first artificial diet for large-scale laboratory rearing of phytophagous insects. He was the chief architect of a program designed to prevent the boll weevil from spreading into millions of acres of noninfested cotton in the Texas High Plains.

In the international arena, Adkisson has been one of the foremost proponents of directing crop protection philosophies away from a unilateral reliance on chemical pesticides and toward an ecological system-oriented approach.

Adkisson has served as president of the Entomological Society of America and the American Registry of Professional Entomologists, and is a member of the American Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences.

Adkisson delivered opening remarks and served as moderator of Session I: A Century of Progress.

Thomas Eisner
Jacob Gould Schurman Professor of Biology
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY

Thomas Eisner is recognized internationally as the father of chemical ecology, the role chemicals play in the interactions of living things. He is the leading authority on insect defenses and communications: the ingenious ways insects use odors, poisons, plants, and disguises to repel or injure a predator. Some of the chemicals he has found in insects worldwide are potent repellents and other compounds are pharmacologically active. His work has practical potential for developing more selective methods of pest control and