



IALE - NORTH AMERICA

Monthly Update: August 2025

Hello! from the President

Congratulations to our 2025 Foreign Scholar Travel Award recipients! Your presence enriched our association and the 2025 meeting. We fondly remember Tony King, a foundational voice in our discipline. A heartfelt thank you to all who supported the Silent Auction. Looking ahead, mark your calendars for our 40th Anniversary Meeting in Athens, GA. Thank you all for your continued engagement and support with IALE-NA!

[Li An](#), President, IALE-North America | 2024-2026

Highlights



Congratulations to our 2025 [Foreign Scholar Travel Award \(FSTA\)](#) recipients! These awards aim to foster the exchange of ideas and science across international borders, with a focus on professional development for early-career scholars. Two scholars made the trip to the 2025 IALE-NA annual meeting in Raleigh, and gave excellent presentations: Divyashree Rana (India; top) and Fernando Mayani Parás (Mexico; bottom). Thank you to those who participated in the Silent Auction at the annual meeting, for both your donations and for bidding. The silent auction at the IALE-NA annual meeting is the primary funding source for the FSTAs. A call for FSTA applications for the 2026 IALE-NA annual meeting will be posted [here](#) in the upcoming months. Contact: [Erin Buchholtz](#)



In Memoriam

Anthony (Tony) Wayne King passed away on 28 May 2025. He recently retired after 36 years as a senior climate scientist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. An early supporter of US-IALE, Tony blended hierarchy theory and landscape ecology to study spatial patterns of animal populations. He served as Councillor-at-Large (2000-2002), and was co-recipient of the [2002 Outstanding Paper Award](#). Tony was the perfect collaborator and mentor, and an outstanding ecological modeler and theoretician. He will be missed. --Y. Jager & K. With



Committee Updates

Site Selection Committee: IALE-NA seeks hosts for upcoming annual meetings, starting in 2027. This is a great way to help advance landscape ecology in North America and highlight your community. Host committees share responsibilities and work with the IALE-NA Executive Committee and Delaney Event Management. Learn about past meetings [here](#). Interested or have questions? Contact: [Kevin Potter](#)

Committees are great opportunities for professional development and networking! See descriptions [here](#).

IALE-North America 40th Anniversary Meeting in Athens, Georgia! 26-30 April 2026

The first landscape ecology meeting in North America was in 1986 at the University of Georgia, led by Drs. Monica Turner, Frank Golley, and Eugene Odum. After the meeting, the organization that now is IALE-North America was formed. Dr. Turner presented a [retrospective on the discipline](#) at the 25th Anniversary Meeting in 2010, which you can read more about [in this volume](#).



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