



IALE - NORTH AMERICA

Monthly Update: July 2025

Hello! from the President

Thank you for your continued support! Congratulations to our Best Student Presentation Award winners for their outstanding work! We also are calling for proposals to host the 2027 Annual Meeting (see below). Whether it is through mentoring, committee service, or hosting a meeting, there are many ways to get involved and help shape our community's future. See you at next year's meeting in Athens, Georgia!

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

Highlights

Best Student Presentation Awards 2025: Thank you to all students who entered and all who served as judges. Congratulations to this year's two winners!

- Oral presentation: Noah C. Weidig (University of Florida), "Fire at the fringe: drivers of large wildfires in and near the wildland-urban interface of the eastern United States"
- Poster presentation: Eli Horner (NC State University), "Quantifying and partitioning landscape patterns of uncertainty in ecological forecasting"

Committee Updates

Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Committee: The NSF [BioLEAPS grant](#) was cancelled. Brainstorming is underway for new resources to continue these awards. Interested in joining the committee to help with this effort? Contact: [Lilia Stemet](#)

Site Selection Committee: Do you have a passion for landscape ecology? Are you located near nature that other landscape ecologists would enjoy experiencing? Is your location an awesome place to gather? ***If you said yes to any of these questions, please consider hosting the 2027 IALE-NA annual meeting.*** This is a rewarding networking and leadership experience that looks great on a CV! Host committees consist of several people who divide responsibilities and work closely with the IALE-NA Executive Committee and Delaney Event Management. Learn about past meetings [here](#). Interested or have questions? Contact: [Kevin Potter](#)

These are great opportunities for professional development and to work with amazing people! Committee descriptions are found [here](#).

IALE-North America 40th Anniversary Meeting! **26-30 April 2026**

To celebrate **40 years of IALE-NA**, we will return to Athens, Georgia, the location of the first annual meeting in 1986 and the 25th anniversary meeting in 2010. Plan to come early and enjoy the 45th running of the [Athens Twilight Criterium](#), a world-class nighttime cycling race, which also includes a 5k road run and festival-like atmosphere and activities the Saturday before the conference.



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