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## New Appointments/Personnel

**Mary Harris** joined the department in January as the director of the new Butterfly Wing at Reiman Gardens Conservatory (currently under construction). Dr. Harris will oversee the logistics of getting the 2,500 sq. ft. butterfly conservatory up and running for its opening in November. The butterfly wing will house both domestic and exotic species of butterflies some of which will be reared on site. Harris will continue to do research developing biological control strategies for insect pests in greenhouse environments and developing IPM strategies compatible with live-insect exhibitry. Dr. Harris arrived at ISU from the University of Georgia via the University of Iowa.

**Nathan Brockman** was hired as a research associate for the Insect Zoo. Nathan's responsibilities focus on the rearing and maintenance of insects, especially lepidopterans, that are used for our outreach programs and in the Butterfly Wing of the Reiman Gardens Conservatory.

**Michael Fisher** has joined the medical entomology group as a graduate research assistant.

**Jodi White** has joined the medical entomology group as a research associate II.

**Jerry DeWitt** has accepted the position of interim national program leader, sustainable agriculture, for CSREES-USDA in Washington, DC, starting January 7 and ending August 31. He will work half time in DC and maintain his present positions and responsibilities in the department and on campus.

**Douglas Sumerford** has been hired as research entomologist in the Corn Insects and Crop Genetics Research Unit. He is currently a research entomologist at the USDA-ARS Research Center, Stoneville, MS. Doug will begin his appointment on April 1, 2002.

## Visiting Scientists

**Ada Nar**, a Ph.D. student at the Cukurova University in Adana, Turkey, spent 3 months this fall in the Coats Lab learning techniques in insect toxicology. She was sponsored by the ISU/Purdue Cooperative International Higher Education Loan Program for international scholars.

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## Departures

**Jennifer Remmers** has enlisted in the U.S. Navy's Medical Service Program.

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## Graduations

**Brad Coates** graduated with an M.S. in entomology. Brad will continue to work for the USDA-ARS Corn Insects and Crop Genetics Research Unit and has enrolled for a Ph.D. in the Genetics Program.

**Jose Gerardo Marquez** graduated with a Ph.D. from the Krafur lab.

**Wilmar Morjan** graduated with a Ph.D. in December. Wilmar accepted a job with Monsanto as an applied field crop entomologist and will start work at the end of January in Waterman, IL (near De Kalb).

**Laura Weiser** graduated in December and moved to St. Paul, MN, to work with Dr. George Heimpel as a postdoctoral research associate. Laura will be working on biological control of the soybean aphid by using imported parasitoids.

**Shaohan Zhao** graduated in December with a Ph.D. in toxicology from the Coats Lab. He is employed by ABC Laboratories, Inc., Columbia, MO, in their pesticide metabolism and analysis division.