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Dear President

### Re: Filippo Silvestri Memorial Award

We write to update you regarding the Filippo Silvestri Memorial Award and Lecture, a newly established Honour that will be awarded every 4 years to coincide with the International Congresses of Entomology.

As you may know, Filippo Silvestri was an outstanding and internationally recognized entomologist for his pioneering work on insect polyembryony. He is considered one of the founders of Biological Control. Professor Silvestri spent his academic career at the University of Napoli Federico II, where he was a Professor of Entomology at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences in Portici (1904 to 1948).

We are delighted to inform you that the LOC have agreed to hold the Award ceremony and Lecture within the scientific programme of Kyoto2024, as part of the Opening Ceremony. On behalf of Council-ICE, The Italian Academy of Entomology, The Italian Entomological Society and the University of Napoli Federico II, we would be grateful if you would disseminate our request for nominations to your membership and other relevant colleagues.

Details of the Award and nomination process are appended and can also be found online (<https://bit.ly/3ZVj17j>). Should you require any further information please contact Prof Francesco Pennacchio, who is President of The Italian Academy of Entomology and also a Council member of ICE ([f.pennacchio@unina.it](mailto:f.pennacchio@unina.it)).

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Distinguished Prof Walter S. Leal  
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