

International Floriculture

Distinguished Lecture Series

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An International Perspective on Sustainable Production in Greenhouses

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

2:00 p.m. Reception

3:00 p.m. Presentation

102 Horticulture/Forest Science Building

Texas A&M University
College Station, Texas



Michael Parrella

**Chair of the Department of Entomology
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A member of the University of California Davis, Department of Entomology faculty since 1989, Michael Parrella chaired the department from 1991-1999 before becoming associate dean, Division of Agricultural Sciences, CA&ES. In July 2009, he was reappointed chair of the Department of Entomology. In addition to his entomology appointment, Parrella holds a joint appointment with the Department of Plant Sciences.

A native of Elizabeth, N.J., Parrella received his bachelor of science degree in animal science in 1974 from Rutgers-State University of Cook College, New Brunswick, N.J., and his master's and doctorate degrees in entomology from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Va., in 1977 and 1980, respectively. He began his academic career as an assistant professor at UC Riverside in 1980 and was promoted to professor in 1988. In 1989, Dr. Parrella relocated to the UC Davis campus.

Parrella maintains a teaching/research program in entomology and develops integrated pest management (IPM) and biological control strategies for the environmental horticulture industry. He is widely known for his applied research that has advanced IPM and biological control for this industry that includes floriculture crops, nursery and bedding plants and landscape plants in the urban environment.

In demand as a speaker at national and international conferences, he gave the keynote address, "Worldwide Development of Sustainable Production Systems in Greenhouses" at the Greensys 2009 Conference, sponsored by the International Society for Horticulture Science in Quebec City, Canada.

Parrella has trained more than 30 students and postdoctoral students, many of whom worked in floricultural entomology. He is the author of more than 375 publications that are equally split between scientific and trade journals. For 10 years he wrote a monthly column for the trade magazines *Greenhouse Grower* and *GrowerTalks*.

The recipient of numerous awards, Parrella was selected a fellow of the 5700-member Entomological Society of America (ESA) in 2008. ESA honors up to 10 fellows annually for their outstanding contributions in entomological research, teaching, extension or administration.

Parrella received the Emma Lausten Horticulture Award from Rutgers University in 2007; the Virginia Tech Distinguished Alumni Award in 1998; the Alex Laurie Research Award from the Society of American Florists in 1997; the Futura Research and Education Award from the Professional Plant Growers Association in 1991; Recognition Award from the Entomological Society of America in 1987; and the California Association Research Award in 1986. He is the Yolo County representative to the Sacramento/Yolo County Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees.