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## **2021 SONE Organized Meeting**

SONE members from all over the world were gathered in a common platform of ESA in CO, Denver, USA both in-person and virtually. This year we met virtually through Zoom on November 2, 2021 with 15 participants. Thank you all for your participation.

The agendas of the meeting were:

1. 7:00 PM – 7:05 PM Welcoming/Introductory remarks: President Dr. Babu Panthi
2. 7:05 PM – 7:15 PM Welcoming/Introductory remarks: Advisor Dr. Megha Parajulee
3. 7:15 PM – 7:45 PM SONE members introduction and 3-MT presentation
4. 7:45 PM – 8:00 PM Student award ceremony
5. 8:00 PM – 8:05 PM Break
6. 8:05 PM – 8:30 PM SONE business meeting
7. 8:30 PM – 8:50 PM Open discussion

This meeting was focused on the different professional activities. At the meeting, the SONE members shared the projects, strategies and the outlook going forward in 2022 and beyond. Graduate students presented their ongoing projects in three minutes competition. The participation was low compared to previous years due to nature (in-person and virtual) of meeting.



SONE Annual Meeting

## **2020-2021 SONE Executive Committee**

- ❖ President: Babu Panthi
- ❖ President-Elect: Sujan Dawadi
- ❖ Secretary: Binita Shrestha
- ❖ Treasurer: Buddhi Bahadur Achhami
- ❖ Webmaster: Pragya Kiju
- ❖ Executive member:
  - Sabita Ranabhat
  - Bishnu Prasad Bhandari

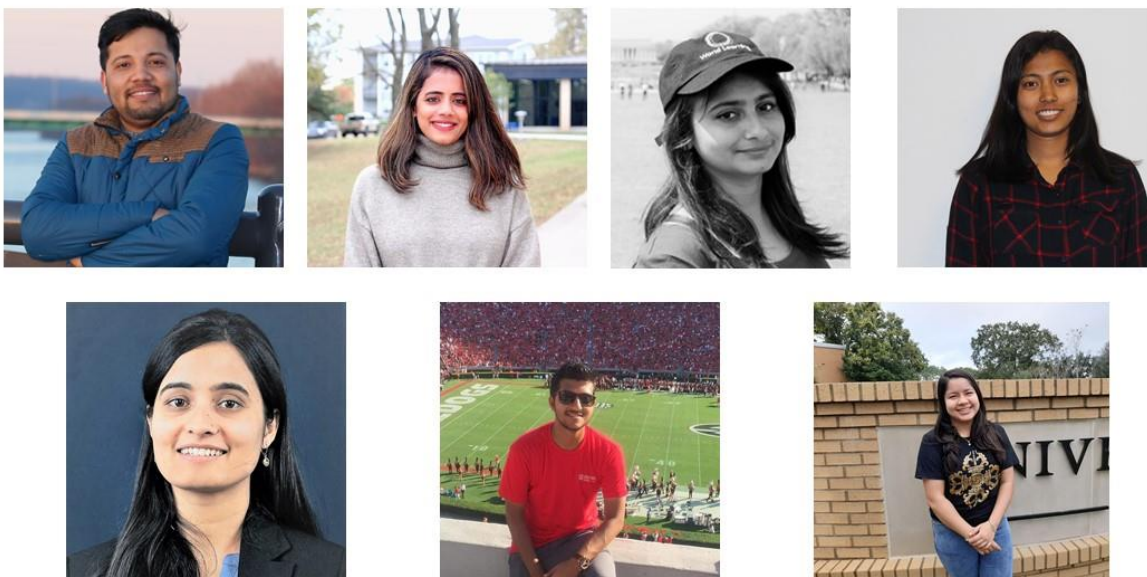


2020-21 SONE Executive Committee

## **2021-22 SONE Executive committee**

New executive committee was successfully elected. Below are the executive board for 2021-2022. Congratulations!

- ❖ President: Sujan Dawadi
- ❖ President-Elect: Sabita Ranabhat
- ❖ Secretary: Prabina Regmi
- ❖ Treasurer: Pragya Kiju
- ❖ Webmaster: Rekha Bhandari
- ❖ Executive members:
  - Swikriti Pandey
  - Sudeep Pandey



2021-22 SONE Executive Committee

### **Overview on Past, Present and Future of SONE:**

The Annual meeting was started presenting overview of SONE by SONE advisor Dr. Megha N. Parajulee (Professor at Texas A&M University). He highlighted past achievements of SONE, SONE leaders, and current activities of SONE. He also put forward the future directions for SONE.

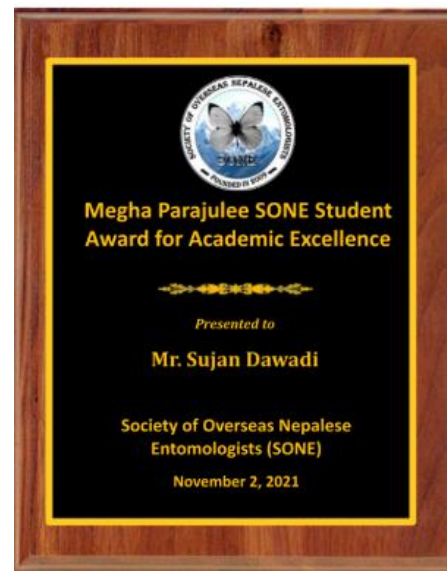


Dr. Megha Parajulee presenting his SONE overview talk

## Award Highlights

### 2021 Megha Parajulee SONE Student Award for Academic Excellence

Each year SONE presents **Megha Parajulee SONE Student Award for Academic Excellence** to one graduate student to recognize students who have distinguished him/herself through contributions to entomology. This year, the award was presented to **Mr. Sujan Dawadi** for his academic achievements and contributions to the society.



### 2021 SONE Award committee:

Chair: Dr. Sudip Gaire

Member: Dr. Jhalendra Rijal

Member: Dr. Govinda Shrestha

Member: Dr. Sandipa Gautam

### Outstanding Leadership Award

Each year SONE presents the **Outstanding Leadership Award** to outgoing SONE President, in recognition of his/her distinguished service and leadership to the society. This year the award was presented to **Dr. Babu Panthi** for his service and leadership as President of SONE in 2020-2021.



### 2021 ESA Award Winner

SONE members again proved their excellency by winning the 2021 ESA award. The list of awards and award holders are listed below:

**Dr. Sudip Gaire:** 2021 ESA Early Career Award (Medical, Urban and Veterinary Entomology)

**Sabita Ranabhat:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Poster Presentation (P-IE Integrated Pest Management Section)

Congratulations to all the winners!!!

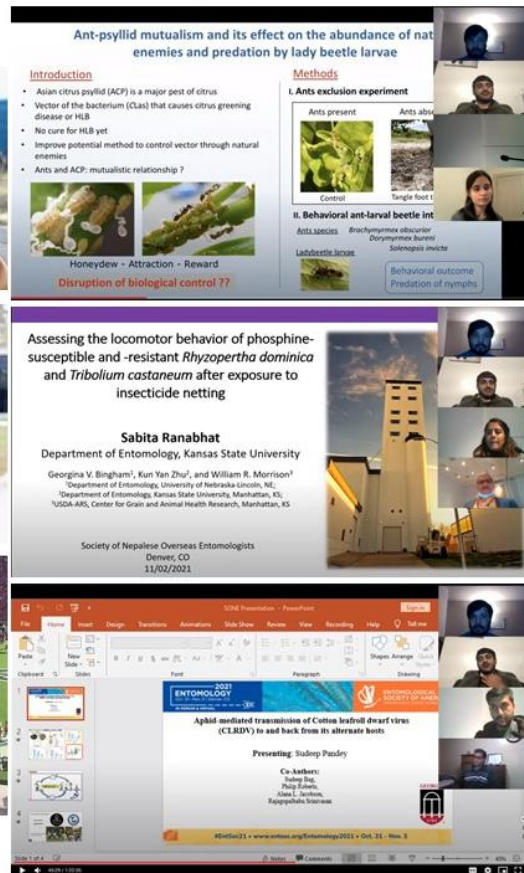


## SONE 3-Minutes Presentation

Three minutes research presentation was completed during the annual meeting. Students from different research background presented their thesis work in 3 minutes.

Presenters:

- ❖ **Dr. Binita Shrestha**
- ❖ **Sabita Ranabhat**
- ❖ **Sudeep Pandey**



## SONE Virtual Student Poster Competition

A virtual student poster competition will be organized this year. This competition will invite applications from undergraduate students from all over the world working in entomology or related sciences. More details about the criteria and deadline of the submission and award will soon be provided via email.

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## **SONE Webinar Series**

SONE started a webinar series since 2020 and it has been great success. Invited speakers will be given a 40-45-minute talk on their work on entomology or related science. The lists of presenters are given below.

### **First speaker**

**Jan 10, 2021**

**Dr. Buddhi Bahadur Achhami**

Postdoctoral Research Scholar  
University of California, Davis CA

**Host plant resistance mechanisms in barley and its effect on population dynamics of wheat stem sawfly**

### **Second speaker**

**Feb 7, 2021**

**Dr. Govinda Shrestha**

Postdoctoral Research Scholar  
Oregon State University, Corvallis OR

**Developing an Integrated Pest Management Program to Control Lygus bugs in the Lower Columbia Basin**

### **Third speaker**

**Apr 4, 2021**

**Dr. Subodh Adhikari**

Postdoctoral Researcher  
University of Idaho, Moscow ID

**How do agricultural management systems affect pests and beneficial insects?**

If you want to present your work in this webinar series, please contact us and we will send you an official invitation.



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## Publications

Here is a list of research and extension articles published by SONE members in 2020-21.

1. **Gaire, S.**, Z. DeVries, R. Mick, E. Camera, and C. Schal. 2021. Human skin triglycerides prevent bed bug arrestment. *Scientific Reports*. 11, 22906.
2. **Gaire, S.**, W. Zheng, M. E. Scharf and A. D. Gondhalekar. 2021. Plant essential oil constituents enhance deltamethrin toxicity in a resistant population of bed bugs (*Cimex lectularius* L.) by inhibiting cytochrome P450 enzymes. *Pesticide Biochemistry and Physiology*. 104829.
3. **Dawadi, S.**, Fulya Baysal-Gurel, Karla M. Addesso, Prabha Liyanapathirana, and Terri Simmons. "Fire Ant Venom Alkaloids: Possible Control Measure for Soilborne and Foliar Plant Pathogens." *Pathogens* 10, no. 6 (2021): 659.
4. Kaur, N., L. Van Slambrook, **B. Panthi**, S.J. Dorman, and N.P. Anderson. 2021. Laboratory bioassays for screening bifenthrin resistance in white clover seed weevil (Year 2). 2020 Seed Production Research at Oregon State University. Ext/CrS 164. <https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.24386.50882>.
5. Kaur, N., B.A. Mori, J. Otani, W.R. Cooper, D.L. Walenta, K.C. Tanner, L. Van Slambrook, **B. Panthi**, and N.P. Anderson. 2021. Preemptive measures to manage the red clover casebearer moth in Oregon clover seed crops. 2020 Seed Production Research at Oregon State University. Ext/CrS 164. <https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.10964.73600>.
6. **Panthi, B.**, J. Renkema, S. Lahiri, and O. Liburd. 2021. Spatio-temporal distribution and fixed-precision sampling plan of *Scirtothrips dorsalis* (Thysanoptera: Thripidae) in Florida blueberry. *Insects*. 12(3): 256. <https://doi.org/10.3390/insects12030256>.
7. **Khadka A.**, Sandra A Allan, Daniel Cho, Emma N I Weeks, Can the Addition of Odor and Visual Targets Enhance Attraction of the Asian Citrus Psyllid (Hemiptera: Liviidae) to Sticky Traps?, *Journal of Economic Entomology*, Volume 113, Issue 5, October 2020, Pages 2563–2567, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jee/toaa184>
8. **Panthi, B.**, O. Liburd, S. Lahiri, and E. Rhodes. 2020. Efficacy Test of Various Insecticides to Control *Scirtothrips dorsalis* in Southern Highbush Blueberries. *Arthropod Manag Tests*. 45.
9. **Panthi, B.**, J. M. Renkema, S. Lahiri, and O. E. Liburd. 2020. The Short-Range Movement of *Scirtothrips dorsalis* (Thysanoptera: Thripidae) and Rate of Spread of Feeding Injury Among Strawberry Plants. *Environmental Entomology*.
10. **Panthi, B.**, and J. Renkema. 2020. Managing *Scirtothrips dorsalis* Hood (Thysanoptera: Thripidae) in Florida Strawberry with Flupyradifurone. *International Journal of Fruit Science*. 0: 1–11.

11. Lahiri, S., and **B. Panthi**. 2020. Insecticide Efficacy for Chilli Thrips Management in Strawberry, 2019. Arthropod Manag Tests. 45.
12. Liburd, O. E., **B. R. Panthi**, and D. A. Phillips. 2020. Chilli Thrips on Blueberries in Florida. 1. 2020: 4–4.
13. **Achhami B. B.**, G. V. P. Reddy, J. D. Sherman, R. K. D. Peterson, and D. K. Weaver. 2020. Antixenosis, antibiosis, and potential yield compensatory responses in barley cultivars exposed to wheat stem sawfly under field condition. Journal of Insect Science, Volume 20, Issue 5, September 2020, 9, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jisesa/ieaa091>
14. **Achhami B. B.**, G. V. P. Reddy, J. D. Sherman, R. K. D. Peterson, and D. K. Weaver. 2020. Multiple decrement life tables of *Cephus cinctus* (Hymenoptera: Cephidae) across a set of barley cultivars: The importance of plant defense versus cannibalism. PLoS ONE 15(9): e0238527. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0238527>.
15. **Achhami B. B.**, G. V. P. Reddy, J. D. Sherman, R. K. D. Peterson, and D. K. Weaver. 2020. Effect of precipitation and temperature on larval survival of *Cephus cinctus* (Hymenoptera: Cephidae) in barley cultivars. Journal of Economic Entomology. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jee/toaa097>.
16. **Ranabhat, S.** and Wang, C., 2020. Effect of Moisture on Efficacy of Selected Insecticide Dusts Against the Common Bed Bug, *Cimex lectularius* (Hemiptera: Cimicidae). Journal of Economic Entomology. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jee/toaa122>
17. **Adhikari, S.** and F. D. Menalled. 2020. Supporting beneficial insects for agricultural sustainability: the role of livestock-integrated organic and cover cropping to enhance ground beetle (Carabidae) communities. Agronomy.10, 1210.
18. **Adhikari, S.**, I.C. Burke, and S. D. Eigenbrode. 2020. Mayweed chamomile (*Anthemis cotula* L.) biology and management – a review of an emerging global invader. Weed Res. 60:313-322.
19. Adhikari, A., K. P. Mainali, **S. Adhikari**, L. Rew, and B. D. Maxwell. 2020. Projecting distribution of invasive weed species across the road network landscape of Montana State: implication for weeds management. Reg. Environ. Change. 20:60.
20. **Gaire, S.**, C. Schal, R. Mick and Z. C. DeVries. 2020. The role of antenna in heat detection and feeding behavior in the bed bug (*Cimex lectularius* L.). Journal of Economic Entomology. 113 (6) 2858–2863. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jee/toaa250>.
21. **Gaire, S.**, C. D. Lewis, W. Booth, M. E. Scharf, W. Zheng, M. D. Ginzel, and A. D. Gondhalekar. 2020. Bed bugs, *Cimex lectularius* L., exhibiting metabolic and target site deltamethrin resistance are susceptible to plant essential oils. Pesticide Biochemistry and Physiology 169, 104667. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pestbp.2020.104667>.

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22. **Gaire, S.** and A. Romero. 2020. Comparative efficacy of residual insecticides against the Turkestan cockroach, *Blatta lateralis* (Blattodea: Blattidae) on different substrates. *Insects* 11, 477. <https://doi.org/10.3390/insects11080477>.
  23. **Gaire, S.**, M. E. Scharf, and A. D. Gondhalekar. 2020. Synergistic toxicity interactions between plant essential oil components against the common bed bug (*Cimex lectularius* L.). *Insects* 11, 133. <https://doi.org/10.3390/insects11020133>.
  24. Feston, J.\*, **S. Gaire\***, M. Fardisi, L. Mason and A. D. Gondhalekar. 2020. Determining baseline toxicity of ozone against an insecticide-susceptible strain of the common bed bug, *Cimex lectularius* L. under laboratory conditions. *Pest Management Science* 76: 3108-3116. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ps.5864> (\*indicates joint senior authors).
  25. **Neupane, S.**, Bonilla, S.I., Manalo, A.M. and Pelz-Steliski, K.S. Near-complete genome sequences of Wolbachia isolated from *Diaphorina citri* Kuwayama. *Microbiology Resource Announcements* 2020 Aug 27;9(35):e00560-20. DOI: 10.1128/MRA.00560-20.
  26. Chen, X.D., Gossett, H., **Neupane, S.**, Misleby P., Pelz-Steliski, K.S., Stelinski, L.L. Development and recovery stability of insecticide thiamethoxam resistance in a field population of the Asian citrus psyllid, *Diaphorina citri* Kuwayama and the underlying molecular mechanism. *Pest Management Science* 2021 Jan;77(1):464-473. PMID: 32770656 DOI: 10.1002/ps.6039.
  27. Chen, X.D., **Neupane, S.**, Gossett, H., Gill, T., Pelz-Steliski, K.S., Stelinski, L.L. Comparative transcriptome analysis of thiamethoxam susceptible and resistant Asian citrus psyllid, *Diaphorina citri* (Hemiptera: Liviidae), using RNA-Sequencing. *Insect Science* Accepted: 2021 Jan. In Production. DOI: 10.1111/1744-7917.12901.

You can find more of their work in their professional profiles. Follow [Publications](#) link to view and update your publications.

## Presentations and Invited Talks

<b>Babu Panthi</b>	Oral	2021 Sial, Ashfaq, A. Babu., B. Panthi. Novel strategies for organic management of spotted-wing drosophila, Annual Meeting of Entomological Society of America, Nov 2021. Location: Colorado Convention Center, Meeting Room 102-106. Paper
	Poster	2021 Panthi, B., S. Lahiri, J. Renkema, O. Liburd, A. Abd-Elrahman. Delayed insecticide application is useful in managing <i>Scirtothrips dorsalis</i> (Thysanoptera: Thripidae) in Florida strawberry. Annual Meeting of Entomological Society of America, Nov 2021. Location: Colorado Convention Center. Poster
	Oral	2021 Panthi, B., L.G. Van Slambrook, E.C. Verhoeven, J. M. Durringer, N. Kaur. Screening grass cultivars for resistance against sod webworm. Virtual. 80th Annual Pacific Northwest Insect Management Conference. 5 Jan. Paper
<b>Sujan Dawadi</b>	Oral	Urban microclimate warming as an indicator of insect pest reproduction and overwintering survival. Annual Meeting of Entomological Society of America, Nov 2021. Location: Colorado Convention Center
	Oral	Addesso, K.M., Jason B. Oliver, Paul A. O'neal, Gonzalez, A., and Sujan Dawadi. Managing flatheaded borers in nursery production without insecticides. Annual Meeting of Entomological Society of America, Nov 2021. Location: Colorado Convention Center
<b>Sabita Ranabhat</b>	Oral	Ranabhat, S., G.V. Bingham, K.Y. Zhu, and W.R. Morrison III. 2021. Assessing the locomotor behavior of phosphine-susceptible and -resistant <i>Rhyzopertha dominica</i> (Coleoptera: Bostrichidae) and <i>Tribolium castaneum</i> (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae) after exposure to controlled release materials with different active ingredients. 69th Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, Denver, CO.
	Poster	Ranabhat, S., G.V. Bingham, K.Y. Zhu, and W.R. Morrison III. 2021. Brief exposure to insecticide netting interrupts olfaction and taxis to kairomones and pheromones by the warehouse beetle, <i>Trogoderma variabile</i> (Coleoptera: Dermestidae). 69th Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, Denver, CO.
	Oral	Bruce, A., J.R. Montgomery, S.R. Ranabhat, F.H. Arthur, A. Nolan Wilson, and W.R. Morrison III. 2021. Biofuel byproducts mimic insect growth regulators at inducing lethality of immature but not adult stored product insects. 69th Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, Denver, CO.

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## SONE Members Profile

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## SONE Membership

Currently, there are about 80 active members of SONE from all over the world (based on email-addresses). We have a total of 7 life members (based on provided information) including one new member this year: **Dr. Govinda Shrestha, Dr. Sandipa Ghimire Gautam, Dr. Ram Shrestha, Dr. Sudip Gaire, Dr. Buddhi Bahadur Achhami, Dr. Sudan Gyawaly and Dr. Jhlendra Rijal.**

If you haven't renewed your membership, please consider doing so and be a part of an active professional organization. Please contact our SONE Treasurer, **Pragya Kiju**, [\*\*pragyakiju4488@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:pragyakiju4488@gmail.com) for more information.

Membership fee:

\$10 USD for overseas students

\$20 USD for overseas professionals

\$100 USD for life member

\$2 USD for students in Nepal

\$5 USD for professional in Nepal

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Thank you all for your help and support!

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