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Jan Nyrop Named Chair of Entomology at Cornell University in Ithaca

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GENEVA, NY: Jan P. Nyrop has been named chairman of Cornell University’s department of entomology in Ithaca, NY, effective July 1. "My decision to become chairperson in Ithaca can be explained in one complex word - citizenship," Nyrop said. "Entomology as a field of research and education is strong at Cornell because of the synergies that arise from the two entomology departments on the Geneva and Ithaca campuses. Neither department alone can provide the depth of research, instructional and extension expertise that results from both departments being vigorous and vibrant enterprises."

Nyrop plans to maintain his long-term commitment to the Experiment Station and entomology department at Geneva. In the short term, he will devote a good portion of his energy to helping the Ithaca department realize its potential.

Nyrop develops tools required for the biologically based management of arthropods in horticultural crops. He is particularly interested in mite predator-prey interactions in apple and grape.

Nyrop received his B.S. from the University of Maine in 1977, and his M.S. and Ph.D. from Michigan State in 1979 and 1982, respectively. He was appointed assistant professor of entomology at Cornell in 1985, associate professor in 1992, and full professor in 1999.

Wendell Roeloffs, the Liberty Hyde Bailey Professor of Insect Biochemistry, will continue as chairman of Cornell’s department of entomology at Geneva, a position he has held since 1991.

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