

This conceptual insight resolves the apparent contrast between comparative studies (which, like Levine's, typically find that naturally diverse native communities are the most frequently invaded) and theoretical predictions (which ignore environmental factors to focus on the independent effect of native diversity on invasion resistance). Levine's work raises the bar for future work on invasibility, and shows the power of combining comparative and experimental approaches in the same system. The results have fundamental implications for theories of community assembly: in focusing exclusively on the effects of native diversity on invasibility, these theories neglect more important determinants of invasibility operating at larger spatial scales. The results also have implications for the management of exotic species. For these reasons, Jonathan Levine's paper was the standout choice for the 2002 Mercer Award in this year's competition.

*Mercer Award Subcommittee: Nicholas J. Gotelli (Chair), Brian Enquist, Alice Winn, Susan Mopper, Shahid Naeem, Steven Heard, and Judy Stamps.*

## **CORPORATE AWARD**

### **Adam Davis**

The Corporate Award of the Ecological Society of America recognizes and honors a company for accomplishments in incorporating sound ecological concepts, knowledge, and practices into business activities. The 2002 Award is for resource recovery and recycling, and is given to Mr. Adam Davis, Director of Environment with EPRI Solutions. Mr. Davis is recognized as an individual who has acted both directly and indirectly to promote resource efficiency and integration of sustainability principles into business strategy. Prior to

joining EPRI Solutions, he founded the management consultancy firm Natural Strategies, LLC.

Among his accomplishments, Mr. Davis has drafted the wood procurement policy for the second-largest purchaser of wood products in the United States, acknowledging certified forest management practices as a key factor in procurement decisions. He has aided in developing a new investment fund for the largest forestry investment firm in the country, specifically integrating environmental values into investment decision making. In addition, Mr. Davis has written numerous articles for the business press, has appeared on national TV and radio, and has made numerous keynote presentations to industry and municipal groups, explaining the role of business in environmental protection and pointing out the importance of resource efficiency and sustainability principles for economic productivity.

In recognition of these contributions, the ESA is pleased to present Adam Davis the Corporate Award for 2002.

*Corporate Award Subcommittee: Laura Foster Huenneke (Chair), Gregory Aplet, Joan Ehrenfeld, Susan Galatowitsch, Carolyn Hunsaker, and Kate Lajtha.*

## **AWARD OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND MERIT**

### **Department of Utilities and Energy Management, Cornell University**

The ESA made a unique Award of Special Recognition and Merit in 2002 to honor the Department of Utilities and Energy Management at Cornell University for its "Lake Source Cooling Project." The professional engineers in this department are recognized for "their extraordi-