The Early Career Members Committee (ECMC) is committed to bringing you information and opportunities to enhance your professional development and networking among your peers. You can find monthly articles, workshops, and service and networking opportunities sponsored throughout the year by the ECMC. By tapping into the insights and experiences of your fellow peers and the rich diversity of early career members among our Societies, you will be optimizing your chances for success as well as finding joy by contributing to other’s success. The ECMC was created to encourage new members—faculty, students, and professionals—to get more involved. The Societies define early career members as being within 10 years of obtaining their terminal degree. You can find out more about the ECMC from Dr. Moss’s article—“What is the Early Career Members Committee and How Can I Get Involved?” (see http://bit.ly/1RNzncY).

CSA News Magazine

Each month, you can find articles by early career members in CSA News magazine. Articles written by early career members in 2015 included:

- Early Career Members Committee: The Voice for Early Career Members by Dr. Marty Schmer
- Tearing Down the Ivory Tower by Dr. Trenton Roberts
- Bringing Back the Passion: Using Your Expertise to Gain Experience, Improve Motivation, and Create Real Change in Global Agriculture by Dr. Jill Motschenbacher
- How to Publish a Manuscript in ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Journals by Dr. Olga Walsh
- How Do You Manage Your Time in the Midst of Chaos? An Introduction to Covey’s Grid by Dr. Aaron Daigh
- Research Support Team: The Difference between ‘Make It or Break It’ by Dr. Olga Walsh
- Having it All... or at Least Trying to by Dr. Abbey Wick
- Teaching: The Other Part of a Faculty Position by Dr. Thorsten Knappenberger
- Gaining Work Experience Can Be Valuable as a Young Scientist by Ms. Heather Dose
- Setting Yourself up for Success: Planning and Executing Field Campaigns Far from Home by Mr. Nathaniel Bogie

These articles are geared towards sharing information, experiences, and opinions from your early career member peers. If you have a topic that you believe will benefit early career members, you can contact the ECMC chair and vice chair and discuss the opportunity to contribute an article to the Early Career Members section of CSA News magazine. The articles are due by the first day of each month for the next month’s issue. Contributing an article is not only a great avenue to share your experiences and opinions, but it is a great way to gain exposure and engage conversation with nearly 10,000 ASA, CSSA, and SSSA members and certified professionals.

Annual Meeting Sessions and Workshops

At the 2015 ASA, CSSA, and SSSA International Annual Meetings in Minneapolis, MN, the ECMC sponsored six sessions and workshops:

- Negotiation Strategies from Early Career Scientists—(NEW)
- Tips from the Experts on the Job Application and Interviewing Process
- Building Active Teaching and Extension-based Programs—(NEW)
- How to Publish a Manuscript in ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Journals
- Interactive Workshop: Writing Manuscripts for Publication
- Grant Application Navigation and Resources for Expanding Early Career Opportunities

Each year, the ECMC sessions reach hundreds of members and professionals. If you attended any of the workshops or sessions and would like to share your opinion on their format, usefulness, and material presented—let us know. We are dedicated to bringing you the information you need that will benefit you. If you have ideas for new article topics, sessions, and workshops or would like to get involved in the new year, please feel free to contact the ECMC at any time. On behalf of the ECMC, we are wishing you happy, fulfilling, productive, and successful 2016!