Nick C. Toscano, University of California Riverside’s extension entomologist, has been appointed associate dean for Cooperative Extension in the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Toscano has published more than 70 articles in scientific and semi-scientific journals.

Harold Pellett, professor of horticultural science and landscape architecture at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, has received the Norman Jay Colman Award from the American Association of Nurserymen. The award recognizes outstanding achievement in horticultural research.

Dwayne Ingram, professor and extension specialist in ornamental horticulture at the University of Florida, received the Nursery Extension Award. Clifton Comstock of Monrovia Monrovia Nursery Co. in Azusa, Calif., won the AAN’s Wholesale Plant Salesman of the Year Award.

Paul Smeal, professor of horticulture and extension specialist at VPI-SU, won the L.C. Chadwick Educator’s Award. Henry Spalding won the Garden Communicator’s Award.

E. Thomas Smiley joined the Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories as plant pathologist and soil specialist. Smiley received his Ph.D. from Michigan State University in those areas. He was previously with ACRT Environmental Scientists.

Alston Legare Van Ness has been appointed director of marketing for the National Club Association. Van Ness holds a bachelor’s degree in history from the College of Charleston, and has specialized training in the master’s program at the University of Dallas.

Ron Zwiebel has joined Lesco as a fertilizer and seed specialist serving Alabama, Tennessee and central Georgia. Zwiebel was previously president and founder of Green Care Lawn Service. The company is now being run by his wife, Marlene.

Internationally recognized horticulture research scientist and professor at Clemson University, D.C. Coston has been named associate dean/director of the S.C. Agricultural Experiment Station. Coston replaces Absalom Snell, who retired from the post this year after serving the station for 39 years.

Long-time association executive George Rose retired after more than 50 years in the horticulture industry, including 24 years with All-America