Florida School IPM Working Group Summer Meeting - RSVP Now!

Mark your calendar for July 16, 2010 (10:00 – 2:30) and email your RSVP to foi@ufl.edu

Your attendance and participation is always welcome.

Location: UF-IFAS Mid-Florida REC, 2725 S Binion Road, Apopka.

This meeting will have two special sessions:

- Fumigation for schools: safety and compliance. Ellen Thoms, Dow Agrosciences. This session will cover laws and basic safety protocols for fumigation of schools to manage several different pest species including bedbugs. The discussion will cover unique safety aspects of working in schools and how fumigation on a larger property differs from general residential programs.

- Regulatory strategy for SIPM, including possible training requirements and SPID or endorsement. Mike Page, FDACS. This session will cover new topics from FDACS including a new regulatory strategy for SIPM, including possible training requirements for people who apply pesticides in schools and SPID or endorsement.

If you are new to the meeting we have attendance from industry, school districts, county extension, Department of Health, Department of Agriculture, pest management associations, pesticide manufacturers, and the University of Florida. We are expecting a very productive and informative meeting. It will be a great time to get the CEUs you need!

Duval County School IPM Pilot

Who is working on it: A partnership with the Duval County School Board, the Jacksonville Department of Health, FDACS, Industry and UF/IFAS Extension.

What are the successes so far: Our elementary (Arlington Heights) and middle school (Northwestern) programs are starting strong with lots of cooperation from school administrators and staff. We hope to be in every Duval County school by 2012.
What resources are you using the most: We are using the ABCs of Entomology 4-H curriculum with students and resources from the School IPM Website. Support from industry and funding for monitoring stations has been very useful.

We think communication is the key to a successful SIPM program. Duval currently has a SIPM working group that meets regularly and is comprised of 10 people all of whom bring valuable experience to the program.

For more information on activities in Duval please contact Erin Harlow.

Instant Online CEUs: ABCs of IPM

A Video-based School IPM training program available in English and Spanish. The ABCs of IPM video set is a comprehensive training program for pest control operators, public health professionals and school employees. The six modules include 119 minutes of video time! Once you pass the online post test you can print your CEU form. It is that easy! NO waiting!

Developed and reviewed by Texas A & M University and University of Florida experts in the fields of entomology and pest management. While emphasizing the "how-to's" of pest control these videos also help explain the IPM concept in a school environment.

The complete package includes six video modules that provide instruction, content, illustrations, and examples focused on pertinent School IPM topics. Each module consists of a video plus a User's Note Guide. The note-taking outlines help you follow the key topics for each video. Module post-tests help you gauge if you understand the purpose and intent of each video.

These videos are available online at the UF/IFAS Extension Continuing Education Solutions Website (https://eces.ifas.ufl.edu/) for a $40.00 fee and they will come with a note taking guide also in English or Spanish. Successful completion of these courses will instantly provide two Core Florida DACS CEUs for pesticide recertification. Depending on demand CEUs may become available in other states.

You can also buy in bulk and give your employees coupon codes to use! For more information please contact Jennifer Gillett-Kaufman.

Post Your School IPM News!

We hope you will submit news items and would be happy to help you write a story if you have an idea but don’t have the time to write up the information. This newsletter will be published as content arrives please keep the information flowing! Please send news items to Jennifer Gillett-Kaufman.