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Congratulations to Dan Lisenko, Manatee County School District!

On the left **Dan Lisenko** is demonstrating inspection methods to FDACS Entomology and Pest Control Chief Michael Page and Danielle Dimon.



Our very own **Dan Lisenko** was awarded one of the six Southern Region IPM Center's Friends of IPM awards in the category of

IPM Implementer!

Dan is the IPM coordinator for **Manatee Public Schools** in Florida. Not only has he been able to reduce pest-related incidents in his school district, but his program is a model for the state which is now being called the "certified operator model". This model is described in our **statewide BMPs**, has been published in *Urban Pest Management: An Environmental Perspective*, and is being promoted nationally.

Excerpted from the BMPs:

The "Certified Operator Model"

- *School districts that choose to employ a certified operator who has the background, extensive training and certification in pest control appear to have the most effective and sustainable IPM programs.*
- *Certified operators trained in IPM understand how to*
 - *Prioritize, route and schedule their technicians for IPM service*
 - *Train their technicians in IPM, particularly in the area of documentation*
 - *Evaluate the effectiveness of a treatment strategy*
- *Certified operators and staff engaged with the consortium take pride in their work at the schools and feel an obligation to do a good job for the staff and students who spend many hours a day in school facilities.*
- *The Manatee County School District serves as the benchmark of this model and has operated a sustainable and verifiable IPM program since the mid-1990s.*

Dan receives calls from neighboring school districts to aid them with similar control programs. He has also been able to educate teachers and students about the importance of sanitation to prevent pests from entering the classroom. Additionally, he has provided guidance to Florida DACS, the EPA and others in the Southern Region IPM

workgroup.

The **Friends of Southern IPM Awards** program recognizes extraordinary achievement in research, Extension and implementation of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in the southern region of the United States. Winners are chosen by a subcommittee of the Advisory Council. *Dan – way to go – we are all very proud of you!*

Training Opportunities

We are pleased to announce our first **Foundations of Turfgrass Pest Management course**: Offered at the Mid-Florida Research and Education Center in Apopka, FL, from March 6 (8 am) to March 8 (noon), 2013.

Topics and activities will include how to reduce your risk through proper safety training (e.g., pesticide storage, transport, use, and spill management), turfgrass management (e.g., distinguishing grasses, weeds and different pest signs and symptoms; ID of weather-related stresses, compaction, irrigation and mowing problems), and understanding pesticide labels, common formulations, integrated pest management, and pesticide resistance management.

Registration for this program will be through EventBrite (<http://pestmgmtuniv.eventbrite.com/#>) rather than the PMU website. After this course, please look for us at the PMU website. Register soon because it'll fill up quickly. Hope to see you there!

Date: March 6-8, 2013; W-F

Registration deadline: March 1, Friday or until full

Place: UF/IFAS Apopka MREC

Time: 8 AM-5 PM (W, TH); 8 AM-12 PM (F)

Cost: \$350

[Register here](#)

WDO Inspections and Form 13645: Improperly completed 13645 forms are a leading cause of litigation for pest control. Foundations recommended, but not required. Class duration: 1.5 days.

- Do an inspection at PMUs house for WDOs with Paul Mitola from DACS
- Learn the proper determination of "live, damage and evidence" and how to use DACS 13645.
- Learn from industry attorney Mark Ruff about the legal ramifications of an incomplete WDOI, using case studies and a mock trial video.
- Review WDO biology and behavior.

Date: Mar 21-22, 2013; W-F

Registration Deadline: Mar 15, Fri

Place: UF/IFAS Apopka MREC

Time: 8 AM-5 PM (TH); 8 AM-12 PM (F)

Cost: \$195

[Register here](#)

Foundations of Termite Management 101: Learn how termites exploit over 50 building construction elements and how to treat them in a hands-on environment in 2-days instead of 2 years.

- Practice doing a DACS vehicle inspection and spill drill with Paul Mitola from DACS before a crisis occurs.
- Hear about the top 10 reasons technicians get in trouble and how to avoid them from Mark Ruff, industry attorney.
- Get more in-depth information on termite biology and behavior as well as product label navigation. Class duration: 2.5 days.

Date: April 24-26, 2013; W-F

Registration deadline: April 19, Friday

Place: UF/IFAS Apopka MREC

Time: 8 AM-5 PM (W, TH); 8 AM-12 PM (F)

Cost: \$350

[Register here](#)

New Course Offered Through UF!

Landscape IPM: Ornamentals and Turf

Starting May 2013, take your first steps toward getting a certificate or becoming LMA certified! A new three credit course will be offered starting May 2013 at the University of Florida (UF). The course is called "[Landscape IPM: Ornamentals and Turf](#)" and is course number IPM 4254. This course will be offered for UF credit and will be available for students that are enrolled at UF or for people outside UF that are interested in the material. UF will offer the course this summer (2013) and it will be available 100% online. You must have computer and internet access to take this class. This course is for UF juniors and seniors and landscape and pest management supervisors and owners.

This course will be used as a measure for LMA Certification. The LMA will offer students who pass this class (with an A or a B) the opportunity to become LMA Certified without additional testing since they will be tested as part of the course. This course will also count towards a UF Certificate in Landscape Pest Management. Learn more about the UF distance program, including costs and how to register-

<http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/academics/distance/>

To register for this course please complete a Non-degree Registration

Request at the following website: <http://www.isis.ufl.edu/cgi-bin/eaglec?MDASTRAN=nda-intro>

You will need to fill out some personal information on the form and the following course information:

- Select Year and Term of Registration: 2013 Summer A/C (May)
- College: THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIFE SCIENCES – Entomology Undergrad Distance Courses
- Course Information: Prefix- IPM. Number- 4254.

If you have trouble filling out this form and registering for the course please contact Ms. Ruth Brumbaugh, Entomology and Nematology Department Student Services Coordinator. Phone: 352-273-3912 Email: brumbaugh@ufl.edu.

If you would like more information about the course please contact the course instructor Dr. Jennifer L. Gillett-Kaufman Phone: (352)273-3950 Email: gillett@ufl.edu. She cannot help you with registration and will forward all registration requests to Ms. Brumbaugh.

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. We hope this will get you more visibility. Please send news items to **Jennifer Gillett-Kaufman**.

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