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School IPM Focus- Global Pests

Do you ever feel like you are the only person dealing with a pest problem? We have had high hopes that this newsletter would not only help you stay connected with other school IPM programs but that it would ease that feeling of "I am the only person suffering with this _____". We will let you fill in that blank because we know every month in Florida you suffer with a new problem.

In this issue we will give you some food for thought. Not only are pest managers in Florida suffering with a new problem every month, world-wide pest managers have the same problems! In April, Faith had the great privilege of providing training at PestWorld East, sponsored by the National Pest Management Association and Ecovar, in Dubai. In this issue we will cover some of the things she learned about on her trip.

As always for more information on pests or on developing an IPM program please visit our [website](#).

Know The Facts: Other Places



Dubai is a prosperous, modern country with a rich history dating back thousands of years. Faith had a chance to talk with many pest control operators from several Middle Eastern countries during her IPM presentation on the German cockroach and all expressed the same concerns about the difficulties in control. Guess what the number one complaint was? **CLUTTER**.

Emphasis On Facts

Fact: Cockroaches as a group have existed for 300 million years. Sometimes the Carboniferous period is known as the "Age of the Cockroaches" because of the numerous fossils recovered attributable to this era. What makes us think that we are going to get rid of them overnight?

Fact: The origin of the German cockroach is now considered to be Asia, not Africa. The German cockroach was named "*Blattella germanica*" because of the source of Linnaeus' specimens, not necessarily their "true" origins.

Fact: There are no known “wild” populations of German cockroach. They live in association with man. We provide them ample resources to not only survive, but thrive in. **CLUTTER.**

As schools draw to a close after what can we do to reduce **CLUTTER** and harborage sites for German cockroaches to thrive in over the summer break? **Start de-cluttering now.**

Training Opportunity

Pest Management University will hold a special training session on School IPM.

Date: June 28, 2012, Thursday

Time: 8:30 - 5:00 pm

Place: Apopka MREC, 2725 S. Binion Rd., Apopka, FL 32703

Cost: \$150

This class is geared toward the special challenges of working in a school environment, including special needs classrooms, schools as multi-use facilities and tight budgets! Topics will include knowing the components of an IPM program and communicating information to your clients, how to identify pest vulnerable and pesticide sensitive areas, choosing the right products for the pest problem, record keeping, model contracts and developing an IPM plan. Who should attend? Anyone doing pest control in schools, IPM coordinators, administrators and purchasing agents.

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**.

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