

Hello school IPMers,

March monthly update below (note attachments, which are associated with the last item below).

ARIZONA SCHOOL IPM PROGRAM ADOPTING LIST SERV FORMAT...

Due to numerous bounce-backs, spam guards, and other difficulties, the University of Arizona school IPM program (that's us!) is converting group correspondences to a list serv format. What does this mean? Soon, all the monthly updates, newsletter announcements, and ACE Health Coalition workshop announcements will be sent out through an electronic mailing list managed by us. A list serv will help our correspondences to more reliably reach several school districts who are currently unable to receive many of our messages. **Please note: we will not be able to add your e-mail address to the list serv; anyone wishing to continue receiving information on Arizona's school IPM program will need to sign up for the new list serv.** Instructions for signing up will be sent out soon. Thanks for your patience during this conversion!

AUTO-PLAY SCHOOL IPM DVDs...

California Department of Pesticide Regulation has developed four interactive DVDs for use by school IPM managers. These 23-35 min. DVDs can be used to: facilitate IPM training of in-coming facilities and maintenance staff; introduce kitchen personnel and custodians to IPM concepts; share with parents and administrators at school board meetings as a way of explaining the nuts and bolts of a sIPM program. IPM topics include:

- Ants
- Weeds
- Cockroaches
- General implementation (cost effectiveness, sustainability, etc.)

DVDs are free, but of limited quantity. Please let Jennifer or Dawn know by end of April if you would like a copy (and which).

BED BUG RESOURCE...

Pinto & Associates just published the "Bed Bug Handbook – The Complete Guide to Bed Bugs and Their Control." This 275-page book includes sections on how bed bugs spread, as well as medical and social considerations of bed bug infestations. The largest section of this book consists of step-by-step guidance for preventing bed bug

infestations and dealing with outbreaks. Out only two months, this book is already in its second printing! You can view the table of contents and order your copy at: <http://techletter.com/>.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS...

- ❖ Arizona Department of Public Health: Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases Workshop. **Mesa, AZ, March 25-26, 2008.** Workshop audience will include those working in the environmental health fields, including pest management professionals. Some of the topics include: scorpion envenomation; rabies; bat biology and speciation. CEU's *may (or may not)* be offered; check website link here for the latest update. Workshop is free; however, space is limited to first come, first served. To register or get more information: <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/oids/vector/confweb.htm>.
- ❖ Arizona Invasive Species Advisory Council – various dates for statewide meetings; input is sought on the new Invasive Species Management Plan. **Flyer attached.**
- ❖ Arizona Association of School Business Officials Spring Conference. **Laughlin, NV, April 3-5, 2008.** For registration and details: <http://www.aasbo.org/index.cfm>
- ❖ University of Arizona Annual Spring Turfgrass Seminar. **Tempe, AZ at the Pera Club, April 7, 2008.** The seminar will highlight "Integrated Pest Management - Definition and Real World Practice". Turf-specific IPM strategies for insects, weeds, and diseases will be presented. Registration fee of \$25 includes handouts, refreshments, and lunch. (Late registration fee of \$40 after April 1). Detailed agenda, information on obtaining CEU's for SPCC and GCSAA, and registration information at: <http://turf.arizona.edu/events.htm>
- ❖ National Environmental Health Association's 72nd Annual Educational Conference (AEC) and Exhibition. **Tucson, AZ, June 22-25, 2008.** More information at <http://www.neha.org/>.
- ❖ Various spring workshops by the Arizona Association of School Business Officials – various spring dates for a number of workshop types. **Flyer attached.**

Thanks all!

Jennifer L. Snyder
Research Specialist and School IPM Program Coordinator

University of Arizona Maricopa Agricultural Center
37860 W. Smith-Enke Rd.
Maricopa, AZ 85238
Office: 520-381-2266
Cell: 480-459-0620
Fax: 520-568-2556
jsnyder@ag.arizona.edu

<http://ag.arizona.edu/urbanipm/index.html>