

Hello IPM in Schools folks and interested others,

Just a quick touching-base here:

- 🦋 Congratulations to Larry Schmeits (Washington Elementary School District) and Anna Masayeva (Hope Environmental Protection Office) on their individual nomination for the IPM Achievement Award for this year's Fifth National IPM Symposium (April 4-6th). They further school IPM in their district with outstanding efforts in education and implementation, and they juggle administrative red-tape issues with the same ease as hands-on maintenance issues. Perhaps most importantly, they approach their program with the patience and persistence of one who knows that "IPM is not an overnight miracle, it's a process". Congrats Anna and Larry!
- 🦋 The next Arizona Children's Environmental Coalition meeting will be late summer, folks. Dawn and Jennifer are knee-deep in research through the first half of this year. Regular monthly program updates will be sent out regarding pest populations (if and when rain arrives, numbers will increase). Meantime, please do continue to communicate with us, and don't hesitate with your IPM and pest questions.
- 🦋 **We are looking for bark scorpions, widow spiders, and southern fire ants (if anyone knows of a resident colony).** Please let us know if you've spotted these. We will share the results of some of the studies we've carried out with you all later this year.

Thanks all,

Dawn & Jennifer

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