

Hello School IPMers,

This is Arizona's first monthly school IPM program update via our program's new list serv. After a couple sputters during which we worked out the kinks, we hope this reaches everyone successfully. If there is no below message, or if you have any problems reading the content, please let us know so that we can improve it.

Monthly updates will also be archived on the University of Arizona Urban IPM website: <http://cals.arizona.edu/urbanipm/listserv/update/index.html>.

Thanks all!

Monthly update is as follows...

STAR CERTIFICATION AWARDED...

We want to wish congratulations to two school districts who were recently awarded the STAR Certification for excellence in IPM: Scottsdale Unified School District (AZ) and Salt Lake City School District (UT). Kudos to these districts and their IPM managers for achieving the highest national certification for school IPM excellence by an independent third party assessment (The IPM Institute of North America, Inc.). Way to go!

SCHOOL IPM DVDS...

The University of California has school IPM trainings on DVD. The videos are 33-39 minutes, and serve as a great sIPM introduction to school staff and pest managers. Topics include: weeds, roaches, "what is IPM and why use it?", and "practicing IPM in schools". DVDs are available for sale (\$35 for all four presentations) at the UC Agriculture and Natural Resources online catalog: <http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/?Items/6589D.aspx>

HEALTHY SEAT LIVE...

First, what is Healthy SEAT? The Healthy School Environments Assessment Tool (version 2) is an Environmental Protection Agency resource, "...designed to help states, school districts and tribes create customized self-assessment checklists and track all school environmental health and safety conditions." You can learn how to download, install, customize and generally use the Healthy SEAT tool in a live "webinar" (web seminar) on May 21st, 2008, 10:30 am-12 pm Pacific Standard Time. Reserve your spot for the webinar at: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/174023804>.

INSECT AND RODENT WORKSHOP...

Environmental health professionals and pest managers may want to take advantage of the upcoming National Environmental Health Association's conference in Tucson, which is offering a free "Biology and Control of Insects and Rodents" workshop June 20-21st, 8 am-5 pm. At least 14 CEUs will be awarded for those who attend both days. The workshop will address identification, biology and control of insects and rodents, and will incorporate a wide variety of topics, including: IPM methods, vector-borne disease, pesticide resistance in the environment and health effects. Attendees need not be registered for the larger NEHA conference; however, a letter of intent is required for signing up. Download the flyer with more details by visiting <http://www.neha.org/>, and select the workshop title.

ASTHMA AID...

Asthma is a growing problem among school-aged children in Arizona and nationwide, resulting in significant health problems and student absenteeism. An article in the April issue of PCT magazine highlights asthma's relationship to pest management. For school pest managers working to educate their district administration on the value of a *well supported* IPM program, these types of articles can be helpful. Download at <http://pct.texterity.com/pct/200804/>. Also, you can download the March 2005 Pest Press on asthma and pest management in schools at http://cals.arizona.edu/urbanipm/pest_press/index.html.

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