



Bringing Rural America to Life!

The images in a recent article of *MaryJanesFarm* magazine by Jerry Dewitt is just a small sampling of the beautiful photographs in his collection that are featured in two books. In addition to being a “photographer by heart and passion,” Jerry is a Professor in the Department of



Entomology, serves as the Iowa State Extension IPM Coordinator and provides leadership for the Sustainable Agriculture Program in the College of Agriculture for Iowa State University. To learn more about sustainable agriculture in Iowa, please visit

<http://www.ag.iastate.edu/centers/leopold/>. I had the pleasure of viewing other images from Jerry’s collection during his presentation “Linking pest management centers with other CSREES programs: Sustainable Agriculture Program” as part of an Entomological Society of America Section E Symposium “Pest Management Centers: Moving IPM Adoption Forward?” that was held on December 12, 2001 in San Diego. Jerry has generously allowed us to include some of his Farm Hands images in this newsletter.

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Jerry and Cynthia Vagnetti co-authored “People Sustaining the Land” in 2002 and Jerry served as Senior Photographer for a second book in 2003 entitled “Renewing the Countryside – Iowa.” I encourage everyone to take the time to enjoy more of Jerry’s collection depicting rural America.

For more information on MaryJanesFarm, please visit <http://www.maryjanesfarm.org/>

ESA Symposium

A symposium focusing on the role of IPM Centers in increasing IPM adoption will be held at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America in Salt Lake City, Utah. Co-organizers of the session are Drs. Susan Ratcliffe, Michael Gray and Larry Olsen. The Section E Symposium: Increasing IPM Adoption with IPM Centers: Mission Impossible? will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2004 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Session speakers are:

The long and winding road

Frank G. Zalom, University of California - Davis

Increasing accountability: Are IPM centers the solution?

Susan T. Ratcliffe, University of Illinois

Relating IPM adoption levels to risk

William M. Coli, University of Massachusetts

IPM Centers: If you build it, they will come

Michael Fitzner, USDA-CSREES

IPM centers’ roles in IPM adoption: A director’s perspective

Larry Olsen, Michigan State University

IPM centers: The view from the state

Ed Rajotte, Penn State University

An independent crop consultant’s view of the IPM centers’ role in IPM adoption

Al Averitt, Protech Advisory Service, Inc.

How IPM centers can drive instead of dampen change: An outsider’s perspective

Charles Benbrook, Benbrook Consulting Services

Session Moderator

Michael E. Gray, University of Illinois



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http://www.entsoc.org/annual_meeting/2004/ameeting.htm

CAB International Compendia Now Available to Land Grant Universities

USDA-CSREES Regional IPM Centers and the National Plant Diagnostic Network are providing access to the CAB International (CABI) Compendia for Plant Protection, Forestry and Animal Health and Production for land grant universities. The compendia are knowledge bases, designed to assist individuals who are involved in various aspects of technical development, outreach and Extension, research and development, policy making, trade and quarantine management, and environmental issues. The Compendium for Crop Protection contains information on 10,000 pests across 200 crops from 150 countries.



Please share this information with others in your state and we encourage feedback regarding the usefulness of these products to assist USDA-CSREES in determining if access should be continued beyond the current agreement. To access the CABI Compendia please visit www.ipmcenters.org/cabi/index.cfm. Feedback can be sent to Susan Ratcliffe at sratclif@uiuc.edu.



The Connection Question

Welcome to "The Connection Question," the newest feature of our monthly newsletter.

Each month we will pose a "yes" or "no" question. We hope you will take the time to respond and we will provide a summary of the responses in the next issue of the Connection. If you are interested in submitting a "Connection Question" contact Susan Ratcliffe at sratclif@uiuc.edu.

The Connection Question for September is: *Have you heard of the National Roadmap for Integrated Pest Management?*

You can place your vote online at www.ncipmc.org/CQ

National Soybean Pest Alert in Spanish

Carrie Harmon, Southern Plant Diagnostic Network, University of Florida, Gainesville, is coordinating the development of a Spanish version of the Soybean Rust National Pest Alert developed by the Regional IPM Centers. The images and layout will be identical to the current version in English, but with the assistance of a translator from Puerto Rico, the text will provide Spanish speaking producers an enhanced opportunity to learn of the impending threat of soybean rust.

Discussion regarding the creation of Spanish versions of other pest alerts, including Sudden Oak Death, *Ralstonia* and West Nile Virus are currently underway.

If you are interested in ordering copies of the Spanish version of the Soybean Rust National Pest Alert, please contact Susan Ratcliffe at sratclif@uiuc.edu or by phone at (217) 333-9656. The cost of this publication is \$50.00 per 500.

September Meeting in Washington D.C.

The National IPM Coordinating meeting was held in Washington D.C. on September 15-16, 2004. Individuals from the North Central Region in attendance included: Jerry DeWitt, Iowa State University; Lynnae Jess, Michigan State University; Joe Kovach, The Ohio State University; Larry Olsen, Michigan State University; and Susan Ratcliffe, University of Illinois. Discussion topics included regionalization of Pest Management Alternatives Program (PMAP) priorities, training needs for Natural Resources and Conservation Services (NRCS), updates from the Regional Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Centers, and the Regional IPM Grants Programs.

EPA Training Workshop

The NC IPM Center hosted a training workshop in Holland Michigan from June 28 – July 2, 2004, for personnel from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Pesticide Programs and a representative from the EPA Region 5 Pesticide Program. Dr. Larry Olsen and Ms. Lynnae Jess, Michigan State University, coordinated the



Nikhil Mallampalli, Environmental Protection Agency, participates in the Weed Identification exercise.

program that focused on woody ornamental production, economics, pest management including weeds, insects and diseases and potential worker exposure to pesticides. A CD-ROM containing all PowerPoint presentations, reference documents and photos of the week's activities was provided to participants. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the CD, please contact Lynnae Jess at (517) 432-1702 or via email at jess@msue.msu.edu.



Brian Bosch of Bosch Country View Nursery explains production protocols.

Discussions are underway with Nikhil Mallampalli, EPA, regarding a North Central Region Multi-state Training Workshop that focuses on livestock. If you are interested in participating in development of this program, please contact Susan Ratcliffe at (217) 333-9656 or via email at sratclif@uiuc.edu.

