



# The Southern Plant Diagnostic Network

## SPDN Newsletter April 2004

### ■ **Sudden Oak Death:**

- All the current news and protocols can be found on the [Sudden oak Death](#) page.
- 15 minute PowerPoint presentation [available](#) for First Detector training.
- [Let us know](#) about updates!
- All 5 regional hub labs are standing by to provide surge protection to state labs doing SOD testing.
- Please call Carrie to coordinate shipments at 352-392-3631 xt 254 or email at [CLHarmon@ufl.edu](mailto:CLHarmon@ufl.edu).

### ■ **CABI access is here!**

- Online CABI access is ready [www.ipmcenters.org/cabi](http://www.ipmcenters.org/cabi).
- *(Please note that you will need to create a username and password at the CABI site. Instructions are provided on the sign-in page. CLH)*

### ■ **First Detector and First Detector Educator tests:**

- Scantrons are available and can be shipped to you on request.
- We'll even do the grading and enter the registry information for you! Contact Amanda Hodges at (352) 392-1901 xt 122 or [ACHodges@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:ACHodges@ifas.ufl.edu)

### ■ **Explore the website:**

- Did you know that **editable PPQ Forms 526** (for receiving out-of-state samples) and 391 (for shipping suspect samples to the APHIS designate) are available for downloading? Check out the [Forms-N-Things page](#). We can always post other documents you find useful! Send them to [CLHarmon@ufl.edu](mailto:CLHarmon@ufl.edu) for same-day posting.

### ■ **Soybean Rust exercises:**

- **All 12 SPDN states** have been through at least one exercise to simulate an "event". And Tennessee, Mississippi, and North Carolina are currently developing their protocols for involving 30-50 First Detectors in a simulated "event". The idea is to work out the kinks in the communication and sample custody chain during calmer times. A huge BRAVO - you've all worked very hard! *(Don't forget - you can access your "Cast" page on the PDIS website any time to find your state's contacts! CLH)*

### ■ **Bravo to those of you who have completed First Detector and First Detector Educator training this spring!**

- Help us develop the **First Detector Registry** by submitting the names of your trainees to Amanda Hodges.