Network Newsletter

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Asian Soybean Rust in the US: confirmed in nine states

Find up-to-date news, biology, response information, and more at http://www.sepdn.org/DesktopModules/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=2384

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Online Offerings

NEW **Who can ID Soybean Rust?** The APHIS State/Federal Responsibilities for ID are here (PDF)

NEW **Need to work with *Phakopsora pachyrhizi*?** Exemptions from the requirements of the Select Agent Regulations may be made.

Asian Soybean Rust Pest Alerts available in English and Spanish at http://ncipm.org/soybeanrust/index.html

NPDN Diagnostic Laboratory Standard Operating Procedures for Asian Soybean Rust can be downloaded from the SPDN soybean rust page or from the NPDN website.

Training and Education

New **Online registration for access to the modules has begun!** To use this new feature, we must have your email address on file. The old username and password will not work with the new system - your new password will be computer generated and individual to you. Contact Carrie Harmon with questions or to add your email address to the database at clharmon@ufl.edu.

New **The Extension Disaster Education Network** has an excellent online course on **Crop Biosecurity** http://www.agctr.lsu.edu/eden/LearningOps/PlantBio/default.aspx

Entomology workshop, SPDN: The SPDN hosted an intensive Homoptera workshop http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/homoptera for general diagnosticians and extension specialists at the University of Florida in Gainesville, December 9-11, 2004. **Photos of the workshop** are at http://www.sepdn.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=30

Partners

New **The Extension Disaster Education Network** has posted a useful video clip of preparing a sample for shipment at http://www.ces.purdue.edu/eden/educators/bio/index.htm (Just scroll to the plant section at the bottom half of the page.) They also have an excellent online course on Crop Biosecurity at http://www.agctr.lsu.edu/eden/LearningOps/PlantBio/default.aspx

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FYI

Need help applying for APHIS Permit 526 to receive unknown samples from out-of-state? Find useful information at http://www.sepdn.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=39

First Detector and First Detector Educator testing:
Scantrons are available and can be shipped to you on request. We can 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