

Asian Soybean Rust: Training for Diagnosticians

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Online Offerings

New Updated Soybean Rust PowerPoint Available This new Special Topic PowerPoint is available on the [NPDN Module Download page](#). You will need your username and password to access this page.

New Thanks to your input, new versions of online registration for [training session organizers](#) and [training participants](#) are now available. All registered training sessions are immediately posted [here](#). For questions with the forms themselves, [contact IT support](#); for training information, [contact Amanda Hodges](#).

New The Sudden Oak Death/Ramorum Blight, Soybean Rust, and Entomology pages have been updated, and re-organized. Newly-posted items are highlighted with a **New** symbol.

New Employment Opportunities - Send news of openings to clharmon@ufl.edu for posting to the site.

New The February edition of the Southern Region Integrated Pest Management Center Newsletter "Southern Exposure" is now available for viewing on the web at: <http://www.sripmc.org/newsalerts/newsletter/February05.pdf>

Permit Process - Your input wanted!

APS, MSA and SON are interested in your experiences with the APHIS permitting regulations and process, particularly in interactions involving PPQ Form 526 "Permit to Move Live Plant Pests or Noxious Weeds." APS has a committee that will interact with APHIS to facilitate research and extension while maintaining protection for plant health and plant products. To help facilitate, the committee needs to be aware of and understand specific experiences (positive and negative) that you have had with the permitting process and how it has impacted your research/extension/teaching program. Your input is essential for our interactions with APHIS to be successful. **Please complete the survey at:** www.scientificsocieties.org/surveys/wsb.dll/aps/apsaphispermit.htm by **March 11, 2005**.

If you have any questions, contact [Jim Steadman](mailto:Jim.Steadman). APS Public Policy Board www.apsnet.org/members/ppb/

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Entomology News

Tentative Detection of Exotic Scale Insect in Alabama A bamboo sample from Birmingham, Alabama, collected in January and submitted to the Auburn University Plant Diagnostic Lab (AUPDL) was discovered to be heavily infested with an exotic armored scale. Charles Ray of the AUPDL tentatively identified the insect as *Unachionaspis tenuis* (Maskell), an Asian species. This insect was previously known in this hemisphere from a single collection in Tennessee (1999). Slides are being sent to Doug Miller (USDA SEL) for verification. The scale has greatly reduced pygidial lobes and elongate gland spines. The scale body is irregularly spindle-shaped. Specimens were found in tangled masses on the underside and at the base of host leaves. Charles Ray can be contacted at raychah@auburn.edu.

First Report of Whorl Maggots in Rice, Report article by Boris Castro, LSU AgCenter Entomologist ([PDF](#))

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug More information can be found at <http://www.cphst.org/docs/BernonfinalreportT3P01.pdf>, and a Special Topic PowerPoint is available on the [NPDN Module Download page](#).

