



The Southern Plant Diagnostic Network

SPDN Newsletter May 2004

New budget forms available

This year's subcontract process may be a little easier - we are looking for shorter Plans of Work (2 pages, with justification of last year's spending and plans for this year's). Each state will have \$36,000 to spend in the areas of Training and Education, IT, Diagnostics, and Entomology. The regional budget and related forms are available for use as templates (your "Total Request" should equal \$36,000)

Soybean rust response workshop, May 11-12 2004, Raleigh, NC

Eleven states in the southern region, plus representatives from the North-Central and Northeast regions, participated in a two-day workshop aimed at developing state-specific response plans, should soybean rust be found in their state. The workshop was co-hosted by the SPDN and the Southern Region Center for IPM, and participants were invited to ensure representation from each state in the areas of extension, plant pathology departments, IPM, agricultural regulation, and the SPDN. ; please contact Carrie Harmon at clharmon@ufl.edu or 352-392-3631 xt 254 for more information.

Sudden Oak Death:

13 states now have positive trace-forward test results for *Phytophthora ramorum*.

More funding will be available for SOD diagnostics and surveys - keep track of your sample costs!

All the current news and protocols can be found on the [Sudden Oak Death](#) page.

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.

SPDN Entomology Diagnostics Listserv

Are you a diagnostician or extension specialist that would like to communicate with other professionals concerning insect/arthropod identification? Sign up today for the SPDN entomology diagnostics listserv!

Contact Amanda Hodges: achodges@ifas.ufl.edu

Mark your calendars for the Third Annual Regional Meeting!

November 4-5 in Atlanta, GA. More information to come later this summer.

Explore the News You Can Use section on the SPDN homepage.

Send links to your state's training events to Carrie Harmon clharmon@ufl.edu for advertising.

Soybean rust exercises completed in all states in the Southern Region

All states in the SPDN have completed at least one mock exercises of a soybean rust event. The state teams include the diagnosticians at the state diagnostic labs, soybean specialists, State Plant Regulatory Officers, State Plant Health Directors, and others. Congratulations on completing your

exercises!

First Detector and First Detector Educator testing:

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

Explore the website:

The [In The News](#) section of the SPDN homepage is available for advertising your state's training events. Please email information and/or links to clharmon@ufl.edu for posting.

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 at achodges@ifas.ufl.edu

