PMU Focus - Announcing a New Course and Upcoming Classes

You still have a little time to register for the first GHP Foundations course of the year, Feb 20-22, 2013! There are a couple of slots available. Remember, DACS will be holding a special state exam for GHP after the Masters class for each category if you complete the Foundations and Masters courses and qualify to sit for the State Exam.

- GHP Masters course date: Oct 16-18 with review and exam after lunch on Oct 18
- WDO Masters course date: Nov 13-15 with review and exam after lunch on Nov 15

New Course!

We are pleased to announce our first Foundations of Turfgrass Pest Management course! It will be offered at the Mid-Florida Research and Education Center in Apopka, FL, from March 6 (8 am) to March 8 (noon), 2013. Topics and activities will include how to reduce your risk through proper safety training (e.g., pesticide storage, transport, use, and spill management), turfgrass management (e.g., distinguishing grasses, weeds and different pest signs and symptoms; ID of weather-related stresses, compaction, irrigation and mowing problems), and understanding pesticide labels, common formulations, integrated pest management, and pesticide resistance management. Registration for this program will be through EventBrite (http://pestmgmtuniv.eventbrite.com/#) rather than the PMU website. After this course, please look for us at the PMU website. Register soon because it’ll fill up quickly. Hope to see you there!

Date: March 6-8, 2013; W-F
Registration deadline: March 1, Friday or until full
Place: UF/IFAS Apopka MREC
Time: 8 AM-5 PM (W, TH); 8 AM-12 PM (F)
Upcoming Training Opportunities:

**PMU Course Offerings**

**Foundations of General Household Pest Management 101**

Foundations of General Household Pest Management 101: Pest control matters. Cockroach allergen mitigation can be achieved with IPM. Class duration: 2.5 days.

- Study domestic and peridomestic cockroach species and how to control them as well as rodent, small fly, filth fly, fire ant and nuisance ant management.
- Review the labels of commonly used GHP products, practice pest inspections at PMU’s house and develop treatment strategies focused on IPM.
- Do a vehicle inspection and spill drill with Paul Mitola from DACS.

**Date:** Feb. 20-22, 2013; W-F  
**Registration deadline:** Feb 18, Monday  
**Place:** UF/IFAS Apopka MREC  
**Time:** 8 AM-5 PM (W, TH); 8 AM-12 PM (F)  
**Cost:** $350

**WDO Inspections and Form 13645**

Improperly completed 13645 forms are a leading cause of litigation for pest control. Foundations recommended, but not required. Class duration: 1.5 days.

- Do an inspection at PMUs house for WDOs with Paul Mitola from DACS
- Learn the proper determination of “live, damage and evidence” and how to use DACS 13645.
- Learn from industry attorney Mark Ruff about the legal ramifications of an incomplete WDOI, using case studies and a mock trial video.
- Review WDO biology and behavior.

**Date:** Mar 21-22, 2013; W-F  
**Registration deadline:** Mar 18, Monday  
**Place:** UF/IFAS Apopka MREC
Time: 8 AM-5 PM (TH); 8 AM-12 PM (F)
Cost: $195
Register here

Foundations of Termite Management 101
Learn how termites exploit over 50 building construction elements and how to treat them in a hands-on environment in 2-days instead of 2 years.

- Practice doing a DACS vehicle inspection and spill drill with Paul Mitola from DACS before a crisis occurs.
- Hear about the top 10 reasons technicians get in trouble and how to avoid them from Mark Ruff, industry attorney.
- Get more in-depth information on termite biology and behavior as well as product label navigation. Class duration: 2.5 days.

Date: April 24-26, 2013; W-F
Registration deadline: April 19, Friday
Place: UF/IFAS Apopka MREC
Time: 8 AM-5 PM (W, TH); 8 AM-12 PM (F)
Cost: $350
Register here

FINALLY! Some L&O opportunities via UF! Stayed tuned for more!

Landscape IPM: Ornamentals and Turf
Starting May 2013, take your first steps toward getting a certificate or becoming LMA certified! A new three credit course will be offered starting May 2013 at the University of Florida (UF). The course is called "Landscape IPM: Ornamentals and Turf" and is course number IPM 4254. This course will be offered for UF credit and will be available for students that are enrolled at UF or for people outside UF that are interested in the material. UF will offer the course this summer (2013) and it will be available 100% online. You must have computer and internet access to take this class. This course is for UF juniors and seniors and landscape and pest management supervisors and owners.

This course will be used as a measure for LMA Certification. The LMA will offer students who pass this class (with an A or a B)
the opportunity to become LMA Certified without additional testing since they will be tested as part of the course. This course will also count towards a UF Certificate in Landscape Pest Management. Learn more about the UF distance program, including costs and how to register-

http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/academics/distance/

To register for this course please complete a Non-degree Registration Request at the following website:

http://www.isis.ufl.edu/cgi-bin/eaglec?MDASTRAN=nda-intro

You will need to fill out some personal information on the form and the following course information:

- Select Year and Term of Registration: 2013 Summer A/C (May)
- College: THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIFE SCIENCES – Entomology Undergrad Distance Courses
- Course Information: Prefix- IPM. Number- 4254.

If you have trouble filling out this form and registering for the course please contact Ms. Ruth Brumbaugh, Entomology and Nematology Department Student Services Coordinator. Phone: 352-273-3912 Email: brumbaug@ufl.edu.

If you would like more information about the course please contact the course instructor Dr. Jennifer L. Gillett-Kaufman Phone: (352)273-3950 Email: gillett@ufl.edu. She cannot help you with registration and will forward all registration requests to Ms. Brumbaugh.

Learn more from IFAS

- UF/IFAS has Extension Offices in each Florida’s sixty-seven counties. We also have twelve Research and Education Centers (RECs) and Research and Demonstration Sites (RDSs).
- If you need help a great place to start is your local County Extension Office. With an office located in every county it has never been easier to partner with the University and your local County Government. To find an office near you please visit: http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/map/