



Highlights of SPDN 05 meeting

(From a group discussion and brainstorming session at the end of the meeting)

Any way to more evenly distribute the number of states per region, or to make the distribution more equitable? i.e., 33% governance for each region, the rest to be distributed to all states evenly?

Lots of confusion between NAPIS and NPDPN database, CAPS etc. Howard Beck, Carrie Harmon, and three diagnosticians will attend the IT-Diagnostician meeting in January to try to clear some things up.

What is the data good for (the data going to the NPDPN database)? How can we make it useful to our states?

How can NPDPN help to prevent introductions, instead of reacting after they get in? Is this something NPDPN should be doing?

We need to start directing training to industry personnel to protect our crops.

Start thinking about advisory councils and SPDN representation.

Need Virology diagnostic training; inclusion body workshop planned for March 06, Gainesville Florida.

Need to incorporate Nematology and weed science in our next meeting

Next meeting held in Blacksburg, VA, first week or two of November 2006.

new co-chairs for Diagnostics committee: Clarissa Balbalian, Mary Ann Hansen

T&E committee: Tom Creswell and Gerald Holmes.

IT: Howard Beck

Entomology: Amanda Hodges

Need to revise mission to include accidental introductions

Kathy Wright: take her up on offer to conduct training for ppt training