



## Diagnosics Committee Meeting

Fourth Annual SPDN Meeting October 2005

### Participants:

Clarissa Balbalian, Meg Williamson, Jackie Mullen, Denita Habzidnik, Anne Vitorelli, Rick Cartwright, Consuelo Estevez, Patricia De Sa, Elizabeth Bush, Breno Leite, Jane Lawrence, Larry Barnes, Alan Windham, Mary Ann Hansen, Mila Pearce

### Funding

Did everyone get theirs yet? Auburn not yet (Jackie), Arkansas not yet (Rick) Both will check with their Offices of Sponsored Programs.

Other funding issues: Next round may have indirect. What about the entomologists? If they don't participate do we have to give them \$\$? Can they leverage their IPM formula funds (the pathologists are leveraging their funds)

### Data:

How soon to get the entomology samples in? Next year. No data for a lab (ent or path) = no \$\$.

What about the other labs within states – samples that don't go into the diagnostic labs don't get recorded. Several states note that this is an issue in their state. What is their incentive? This is mostly a policy issue – from upper administration within the university. Software must be able to link in additional labs.

### Planning for next year:

Revise the lab capability list? Update the Committee email list. SPDN Recommended Infrastructure Committee: Clarissa Balbalian, Elizabeth Bush, Meg Williamson, Anne Vitorelli, Larry Barnes, Carrie Harmon. The present list will stand as guidelines for now – either have or have access to those items still recommended for SPDN member labs.

### Sample surveys:

Issues about collecting Dept of Ag sample numbers. Are these numbers that SPDN needs to actually get, or should we just concentrate on our LGU samples? Just concentrate on the LGU samples from now on, note the samples your lab or lab affiliate process and the funding source.

### NPDN SOP notebooks:

How to find out about new versions? Carrie will send links by email when she knows there are new versions or new SOPs. Carrie will also send by snail mail new SOPs and significant upgrades. Specific question about missing pieces of SOPs – ie, bark for SOD testing (bark is not included as sample material in the SOP) go to Carrie and to Karen Snover-Clift..

### SPDN notebooks:

One per state to collect all SPDN-related forms.

### New co-chairs:

volunteers: Clarissa Balbalian volunteered for one more year. Mary Ann Hansen volunteered. Semiannual calls to be the end of March and late September.

Updating culture collection list and specialist list:  
all will check theirs, send or email Carrie the updates.