



Become an NPDN First Detector Educator!

**2005 NACAA Meeting
Thursday July 21st
Noon to 4pm
Box Lunch Provided**

- **Learn about Crop Biosecurity, High Risk Pests and Digitally Assisted Diagnosis**
- **Gain Access to Educational Materials to Conduct Your Own Trainings**
- **Receive Free Sample Submissions of High Risk Pathogens***

*Check with your local land grant university diagnostic clinic for participation

Who is a First Detector?

The mission of the National Plant Diagnostic Network (NPDN) is to enhance national agricultural security by quickly detecting introduced pests and pathogens. First Detectors will play an important role in this mission by being the first line of defense in the field.

A First Detector:

- is anyone who, in the course of their duties, is in a position to notice an unusual outbreak, a pest of concern, or symptoms of a pest of concern. This includes a wide variety of private, commercial, university and government personnel.
- is familiar with the normal appearance of the crop and the common insects, diseases, weeds, and other pests associated with the crop.
- knows how to monitor for pests in the crop and submit a sample of an unusual pest to their local diagnostician.

To create a cohesive national network of First Detectors the NPDN has created a “train the trainer” program for developing groups of First Detector Educators in each state. First Detector Educators are First Detectors that have received additional training and are qualified to conduct First Detector training.

Program Agenda

NPDN First Detector Educator Training July 21, 2005 Noon to 4pm

12:00 to 12:20 pm	Introduction and Program Expectations , Mary McKellar, Cornell University
12:20 to 1:20 pm	Lunch Presentation <i>Crop Biosecurity and the Mission of the NPDN</i> , Dr. Jim Stack, Kansas State University
1:25 to 4:00 pm (Breakout sessions will run for 1 hour 10 minutes concurrently. Participants will rotate between breakout sessions.)	Breakout Session 1 <i>Quality and Secure Sample Submission</i> , Robert Durgy, University of Connecticut, and Carolyn Klass, Cornell University <i>Digitally Assisted Diagnosis</i> , Margery Daughtrey, Cornell University and Kent Loeffler, Cornell University
	Breakout Session 2 <i>Updates on Significant Pathogens featuring Soybean Rust</i> , Karen Snover-Clift, Cornell University <i>Emerging Exotic Insect Pest Problems in the U.S.: What's Happening and What's Next?</i> , Dr. Amanda Hodges, University of Florida

Registration

NACAA meeting attendees must register for this program with the NPDN. You can register online at:

<http://spdn.ifas.ufl.edu/Forms/ReadRegistSessions.jsp/> under First Detector Educator Sessions.

Additionally, participants can register at the NPDN tradeshow booth on July 17th and 18th of the NACAA meeting. A registration table for this program will also be located in the lobby of the Adam's Mark on July 19th and 20th.

For More Information

For more information contact Mary McKellar, Northeast Plant Diagnostic Network Training and Education Coordinator at (607) 255-4162 or mem40@cornell.edu.