



ATHENS CAMPUS and ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Beginning this week, we will try to stay on schedule with the Newsletter, so please remember to submit materials to entoinfo@uga.edu by the Thursday deadline each week.

A reminder that Seminar this Semester is at 11:15 AM rather than during the noon hour.

Faculty Activity Reports turned in to the Dean's Office and staff evaluations completed by January 31st.

The Extension federal plan of work report has been submitted.

Activities have gotten underway with a development project to establish the "Horace O. Lund Professorship" in urban entomology. Update information on this initiative will be provided periodically.

Our next faculty meeting is Friday, February 8th at 9:00AM in the Conference Room. Griffin and Tifton Campus Faculty, remember to link up at your respective locations.

GRIFFIN CAMPUS

Brown Recluse and Brown Widow Spiders Are Spreading



Brown Recluse Spider

Lisa Ames, Homeowner IPM Diagnostician assigned to the Griffin Unit, reports that the brown recluse spider and the brown widow spider appear to be spreading across Georgia with increased reports and collections. If you collect any specimens, please send those to Lisa for further records of distribution and occurrence.

In her role as diagnostician, Lisa identifies between 350 and 500 insect samples each year. 120 to 150 of these are DDDI (distance diagnostic) samples. All are usually submitted by county extension offices. Lisa's job is to identify and provide information on the insect's biology and management.

Lisa says that the most frequent submissions are stored product pests and paper or fabric pests - carpet beetles, booklice, and clothes moths being the most frequent.

TIFTON CAMPUS

The Georgia Cotton Conference went on in Tifton January 30th and 31st. A significant part of that meeting was getting input from GA and SC cotton producers so that a GA/SC Cotton Pest Management Strategic Plan (PMSP) could be developed. (Mike Toews, Phillip Roberts and Gretchen Pettis).

UPCOMING ATHENS EVENTS

Monday, Feb. 4th

ENTOMOLOGY SEMINAR: "The European Woodwasp, *Sirex noctillo*, in North America: Are Southern Pine Forests at Risk?" by Kevin Dodds, USDA Forest Service. 11:15 a.m. Room 404A Biological Sciences Bldg.

Friday, Feb. 8th

BIOCHEMISTRY & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY SEMINAR: "Seeing the invisible by Solution NMR Spectroscopy" by Lewis Kay, University of Toronto. 3:30 p.m. Room C127 Davison Life Sciences Complex

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

UGA FOCUS: Tuesday, February 5, 3:30pm – Wed, February 6, 4:40pm. 213 Aderhold Hall

Post available student worker positions, internships, undergraduate research opportunities, or available graduate student positions [HERE!](#)

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