ESA Holds Hill Briefing on Invasive Insect Species

On April 23, 2014, ESA hosted a congressional briefing on Capitol Hill titled “Invasive Insect Species: Pestering Our Economy and Environment.” Attended by approximately 60 staff from congressional offices and federal agencies, the briefing provided an opportunity to educate Capitol Hill staff on invasive insect issues and to raise the profile of ESA in Washington, D.C.

The event featured three speakers who highlighted different aspects of invasive insect issues. First, Michael Raupp, Professor of Entomology and Extension Specialist at the University of Maryland, provided an overview of the history of invasion and discussed some of the economic impacts invasive insects can have on our economy. Next, Bob Nowierski, National Program Leader for Bio-Based Pest Management at the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), spoke about the environmental implications of non-native species, especially those related to climate change and water quality issues. He also discussed strategies to mitigate the damage these insects can cause. Finally, Floyd Shockley, the Acting Collections Manager in the Department of Entomology at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of Natural History talked about the importance of collections for the accurate identification of an invasive insect species.
The Entomological Society of America
in cooperation with the Congressional Invasive Species Caucus
invite you to attend a briefing

Invasive Insect Species: Pestering Our Economy and Environment

Wednesday, April 23, 2014
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Rayburn House Office Building Room B-340
Lunch will be provided.

By some estimates, non-native species, including insects, fish, mammals, plants, and other organisms, are responsible for more than $100 billion of economic damage each year to the U.S. economy. Join us for a discussion of invasive insect species, the environmental and economic impacts, and the role of biological control methods and biological collections.

Featuring Real...Live...Bugs!

SPEAKERS

Michael Raupp (aka “The Bug Guy”), Professor of Entomology and Extension Specialist, University of Maryland

Robert Nowierski, National Program Leader for Bio-Based Pest Management, USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)

Floyd Shockley, Acting Collections Manager, Department of Entomology, Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History

R.S.V.P. to events@lewis-burke.com by April 17, 2014.

This briefing will be widely publicized.

Sharing Insect Science Globally
Overview of Invasive Species: Bark Beetles, Citrus Greening, and Biological Control of Leafy Spurge

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