A Note From MPMA

With mail cost increasing annually, MPMA would like to find a way to reduce the number of pieces we mail. One way we can do this is to e-mail MPMA quarterly newsletters. It would be e-mailed in a PDF file. All you need is an e-mail account and Adobe Reader Software. You can download the software for FREE at www.adobe.com. You can either read the newsletter on your computer or print it. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically please e-mail Rhonda Wise at rwise@mipca.org to let her know you would like to receive the newsletter electronically. If you choose to receive the electronic version of the newsletter, you will no-longer receive a copy in the mail.

MPMA’s Annual Winter Meeting
February 20-21, 2014

The 2014 MPMA Winter Meeting program is set and sure to be another MPMA grand event!

The outstanding speaker line up and topics for presentations are sure to touch on a little something every Pest Control Operator can benefit from!

The 2014 Annual Winter Meeting will be Thursday through Friday afternoon, and includes the Winter Meeting Banquet and MDA recertification credits.

This year’s Winter Meeting has a power packed agenda with a remarkable lineup of technical training from exceptional industry speakers.

You can review the agenda for this year’s program and the Speakers Bio’s on pages 4-6.

Make sure to reserve your room early to receive MPMA’s group rate. Rooms must be booked by Friday, January 24, 2014 to receive the discounted group rate. Don’t delay, book today!
Proposed MPMA By-Laws Change

Currently the MPMA By-Laws read:

Section 2. Board of Directors

In addition to the elective Board, the Immediate Past President shall automatically be appointed as a voting member for a period of one(1) year to assist the new President with the continuity of business and procedure.

The MPMA Board of Directors proposes that the By-Laws be updated to read the following:

Section 2. Board of Directors

In addition to the elective Board, the Immediate Past President, at the Immediate Past President’s discretion, may be appointed as a voting or non-voting member for a period of one (1) year to assist the new President with the continuity of business and procedure.

Membership

Membership: In accordance with our bylaws, we have received the following applications for new membership. The names of the firms and their voting members are listed below. If any person has just cause as to why the applicant should not be a member they must protest in writing within 30 days of this publication. If no protests are received, their application will be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration.

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Happy Holidays. I trust that it has been successful for you and your business. The end of the year allows opportunity to reflect and give thanks. I would like to thank the members of the MPMA board and their dedication throughout 2013 and the many times they have stepped away from their business to represent our entire membership. I want to personally thank Rhonda Wise our secretary who does a tremendous job with all the tasks assigned. Often times I hear a board member ask her for something and she already had it completed in anticipation of this need. Please join me in expressing our thanks to Rhonda for her dedication.

Winter meeting 2014 is right around the corner. Bill Welsh is leading the meeting this year and has put together a tremendous agenda. I look forward to seeing many of you in Lansing.

As a reminder, you do not have to be on the MPMA board to help the association. There are plenty of opportunities to help. We are always looking for fresh ideas and new faces. There will be board positions available. Please contact myself, Rhonda or any board member for more information.

I wish you and your business continued success the remainder of 2013 and into 2014

Rick Martin
MPMA President.
MPMA 2014

Winter Meeting Program

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

12:00-2:00  Legislative Luncheon with Board of Directors
2:00 - 4:00  MPMA Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 - ??  Allied member reception

MPMA WINTER MEETING

Thursday, February 20, 2014

7:45-8:30 AM  Registration
8:30-9:00 AM  Opening Remarks –Ag Director
9:00-10:30 AM  Bed Bug Nation: Are We Making Any Progress?
               Dr. Mike Potter University of Kentucky
10:30-10:45 AM  Break
10:45-12:00 PM  Insect baiting, the lost art?
               Dr. Cisse Spragins - Sponsored by Rockwell Labs
12:00-1:15 PM  Lunch
1:15-2:30 PM  Bugs Behaving Badly- Extraordinary Infestations
               Dr. Mike Potter University of Kentucky
2:30-2:45 PM  Break
2:45-4:00 PM  Sanitation Pest Management
               Dr. Cisse Spragins - Sponsored by Rockwell Labs
4:00 PM  Wrap up and Bubble Sheets
4:05 PM  General Membership Meeting
6:00 PM  Cash Bar
7:00 PM  Annual Banquet -Dinner Tickets (invited Governor)
MPMA WINTER MEETING
Friday February 21, 2014

8:00-8:30 AM  Registration
8:30-10:00 AM  The Art and Science of Flying Insect Control
Dr. Stuart Mitchell Sponsored by Pest West
10:00-10:15 AM  Break
10:15-12:00 PM  Agriculture & Rural Development “MDARD Update”
Brian Rowe, Michigan Department of Rural Development
12:00-1:15 PM  Lunch
1:15-2:45 PM  Cimicosis: Bed Bug Bites Medicolegal
Dr. Stuart Mitchell Sponsored by Pest West
2:45-3:00 PM  Break
3:00-4:30 PM  Safety, it all in a day’s work
Mike Gibney sponsored by Orkin
4:30 PM  Wrap up and bubble sheets
4:45 PM  MPMA Board Meeting

Speaker Bio’s on next page.

Winter Meeting Registration forms will be sent out in December.
Speaker Bios

Stuart Mitchell, DO, PhD, PsyD, MPH, FAAIM, BCAAFP, BCIM, DABFE, CMI, BCE
Stuart Mitchell is an observing physician; Board Certified in Family Medicine, Board Certified and a Fellow of Integrative Medicine, a Clinical Psychologist, Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Examiners and a Certified Medical Investigator. In addition, he is an entomologist, Board Certified in Urban, Industrial, Medical, and Veterinary. He has been in the pest management industry since 1982, and has served as a technical specialist, technical director, consultant, expert-witness, columnist, author, lecturer, speaker, technical director for NPMA, BCE Director in 2009, and currently serves as principal technical specialist for PestWest Environmental, Sarasota, FL. Dr. Mitchell resides in Des Moines, IA with his wife, Martha, and Persian cat, Toby.

Michael F. Potter, Professor of Entomology at the University of Kentucky
Dr. Potter specializes in pests infesting buildings, people, pets and property. He received his B.S. degree in entomology from Cornell University, and his M.S. and Ph.D. in entomology with a specialization in integrated pest management from the University of Arizona. Before joining the University in 1991, Potter was national technical director for Orkin, the world’s largest pest control company. Prior to that, he worked in the agrichemicals industry as a research entomologist and manager of insecticides.

Dr. Potter’s education and research program at the University of Kentucky provides cutting-edge information and advice to homeowners, multi-unit housing, hospitality, health care, food and manufacturing industries, regulatory, legal, and consumer protection agencies, national and international media, and the professional pest control industry. Dr. Potter is a frequent industry speaker, writer and educator. He’s been an invited lecturer in almost every state, and has been Keynote Speaker at pest control conferences throughout the world. Mike’s also been the recipient of several awards recognizing career contributions to urban pest management. In 2011, the National Pest Management Association honored him with their Pinnacle Award. In 2012, he was inducted into the Pest Control Hall of Fame.

Dr. Cisse Spragins, Rockwell Labs
Dr. Spragins grew up in Jackson, Tennessee and received a B.S. in Chemistry from the University of TN. She then received an M.S. in Chemistry, an M.S. in Physics, and a Ph.D. in Plasma Physics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She worked for a Wisconsin manufacturer of rodent control products for nearly 10 years in the successive capacities of Researcher, Technical Director, and Director of International Business Development. In the latter capacity she lived in England for three years and set up an office for the company there. She traveled extensively to over 40 countries on five continents.

She left her position in late 1998 and started Rockwell Labs Ltd in Minneapolis, MN. Rockwell develops, manufactures and markets products for public and environmental health (sanitation and structural pest management products). The business is located in North Kansas City (since 2004) and sells all over the U.S. and in a number of overseas markets. www.rockwelllabs.com.
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ties to landlords, tenants and pest management professionals in the prevention and
management of bed bug infestation in rental properties. Under Senate Bill 657, a dwell-
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before it is occupied by a new tenant, a pest management professional or accred-
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unit. The measure also establishes timeframes by which a tenant must report
an infestation after moving into the unit, the unit must be inspected by a pest man-
agement professional or accredited canine team and, if necessary, treated by a pest
management professional. In addition, the bill requires landlords to employ pest
management professionals to treat units for bed bugs and relieves landlords from
damages arising from a bed bug infestation or from con-
trol or treatment, except in cases of gross negligence.
2013 Industry Award Recipients Announced at PestWorld

November 4, 2013 - During the National Pest Management Association's (NPMA) annual awards ceremony at PestWorld, several key awards were presented, including the Pinnacle Award, the Women of Excellence Award, the Young Entrepreneur Award, the Committee of the Year Award, and the Chairperson of the Year Award.

Victor Hammel was presented with NPMA's highest honor — the 2013 Pinnacle Award. The award, NPMA's most coveted and prestigious accolade, honors an individual who has contributed not only to the success of the association but to the industry as a whole over a lifetime or career.

"Victor has embraced the core principal of leaving things better than he found them throughout his life — and every single one of us has been affected by what he has accomplished," stated NPMA President Kevin Pass in his remarks.

Marie Horner of The Terminix Company in Greensboro, North Carolina, was the recipient of the 2013 Women of Excellence Award, presented by Orkin. This award recognizes female pest management professionals who demonstrate outstanding leadership and have made notable contributions to the development and growth of other women in the industry.

Ryan Bradbury of Viking Termite and Pest Control in Bound Brook, New Jersey, received the 2013 Young Entrepreneur Award, presented by Rentokil North America. The Young Entrepreneur Award recognizes young entrepreneurs (40 years of age or less) working in the professional pest management industry who have helped create or develop an industry business and/or those who have stewarded a meaningful industry concept to fruition.

NPMA's Wood Destroying Organisms Committee was awarded Committee of the Year and Cindy Mannes of the NPMA Marketing Committee was awarded Chairperson of the Year.

Information about the 2014 Awards Program will be available this Spring.
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