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OREGON PEST CONTROL ASSOCIATION

President's Message

Robert DeAngelo
OPCA President, 2022-23

The elections are behind us now and twenty-two new Legislators will be joining the Oregon Legislature. Gone is the super Majority in the legislature so now we should have more balance in legislative activity.



How does all this affect us as Pest Control Operators? Your association board has outlined challenges we will be facing in the next few years.

Rodenticide issues pertaining to effects on wildlife are being addressed by EPA. November 29, EPA released a report that addresses new proposed measures to reduce potential exposures to three Federally listed endangered species and threatened species.

"I have learned from talking to some legislators is that they really did not know what we do and in one case they thought we just threw baits out everywhere and sprayed chemicals"

These are subject to a public comment period. We are wading through the details of this and will bring forth more detail in the near future.

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OPCA Winter Virtual Seminar is January 14

OPCA Speakers have been lined up for the annual winter virtual seminar. This year the speakers are **Nick Grisafe** - Cockroaches or Ants; **Sylvia Kenmuir** - Rodenticides and Formulations; and **Steven Vantassel** - Moles.

A total of four hours of recertification credit will be filed. The seminar will begin at 8:30 am with vendor introductions. We will be wrapped up by 12:45.

Registration rates are \$80 for the first OPCA member, \$40 for additional attendees. Non member rates are \$120 for the first attendee and \$60 for additional attendees. OPCA member companies can register as a "classroom" for \$240. Registration is open on the website, www.opca.org.

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December 21, 2022
7:30 am, virtual

OPCA Winter Virtual Seminar
January 14, 2023

Pacific NW Pest Mgmt Conference
February 24-25, 2023
Best Western PLUS Hood River Inn

OPCA High Desert Seminar
June 2-3, 2023
River House Conf. Center, Bend

OPCA Fall Beach Seminar
September 15-16, 2023
Salishan Resort, Lincoln City

EPA to Update Pesticide Labels

By Larry Treleven
OPCA State Advocacy Representative

The Environmental Protection Agency reviews pesticide labels every 15 years to make sure that they are relevant, effective, and meet the guidelines established by the Agency. The big focus this year are rodenticides. Since the State of California passed a law severely restricting the usage of second generation rodenticides. Since that time, other States have been considering other restrictions of these products and materials. Both at the professional level and in retail stores as well. An anti-rodenticide group has formed under the title of RATS which is Rap-tors are the Solution – not baits! Obviously birds of prey are not a solution to control rodents.

There are other restrictions being considered by the EPA as well such as requiring second and third trips to a facility to retrieve any dead carcasses which would significantly increase the pricing for these services. Another label change by the Agency – EPA – is to require technicians to wear gloves when handling rodenticides and NPMA was supportive of this change, but the Association is NOT in favor of requiring technicians to wear respirators performing rodent control services.

Representing the Pest Management Industry is the well-respected Jim Fredericks, PhD, who has spoken at previous Conferences that we have had in Boise. Dr Fredericks in the “point guard” for both the manufacturers, the retail industry, and the pest management operators. Hanta-virus deaths from field mouse infestations were pushing this legislation. Idaho has had some deaths from

these infestations in the past. EPA promised the draft recommendations to be released last Spring and then delayed it until August. It is now promised by the end of the year and IPMA will update our membership once we have some drafts to share.

Several States are introducing Bills that would limit various pesticides from usage inside their boundaries. The primary challenge came from the State of California. Their Bill passed both Houses in the Sacramento Legislature and sat on the Governors desk for his signature. But Governor Newsom considered the fact that he had an agency the regulated pesticides in the State of California and did not want legislators to usurp their authority and vetoed this Bill. Other States are considering similar legislative action as well. But the veto in California may help to curb future political activity of this nature.

Preemption is the rule of the land with regard to pesticide regulations being administered by the various States with the EPS’s approval in the various Department of Agriculture at the state level. This procedure is in place for 44 of the 50 States. The National Pest Management Association, under the direction of their Public Affairs Committee, did get a Bill entered to make this the normal way to enforce pesticide regulations Nationwide. Our bill was sponsored by Congressman Rodney Davis and we were successful in getting other members of congress to sign on in support. But Congressman Davis lost his seat in the last election cycle. So now we have this same language in the Farm Bill which Congress will deal with in 2023. We will keep all of you updated on our progress in the future. Have a great Holiday Season.

President’s Message, *Cont. from page 1*

EPA also released a note November 22 for stronger plans for Certification of Pesticide Applicators. Your Oregon Department of Agriculture is involved in upgrading testing and new training materials. This is ongoing and we have a committee that is working with ODA on this.

There had been some speculation that Neo Nicotinoid restrictions and secondary generation anti coagulants might be targets by the Legislature, but we will not know until we get into the new legislative session.

What I have learned from talking to some legislators is that they really did not know what we do and in one case they thought we just “threw baits out everywhere and sprayed chemi-

cals”. As one put it; “When we learned what you do, we understood the importance and see that you are real stewards of the Environment.”

So, get to know your state representative. Give them a proper perception of what we do as responsible stewards in Pest Management. Best wishes to you and your families this Holiday season!



Entomology Scholarship Honors WSU Adjunct Professor, Alumna Dr. Laurel Hansen

A passion for insects and a willingness to implement her research in the field set Laurel Hansen apart in entomology. Now, the Washington State University adjunct professor and alumna's contributions are being recognized through a new scholarship.

The WSU Foundation established "The Laurel Hansen Entomology Fund" this month after receiving a \$5,000 gift from Kurt Treftz, founder and owner of Snohomish, Wash., based Cascade Pest Control. Funds will support students and researchers in WSU's Department of Entomology who are studying urban pest management and insect biology — especially ants. Hansen and Treftz have worked together for over 40 years.

"Laurel is one of the most influential people in our industry," Treftz said. "She became quite the fixture and the go-to person, and we've relied upon her heavily."

Surprised and flattered by the honor, Hansen has spent more than five decades teaching and working in entomology. She taught biology for 51 years at Spokane Falls Community College before retiring in 2020. She was an adjunct entomology professor at WSU for most of that time, a position she still holds today.

"The new fund helps keep the pest control industry up to date on ideal practices for sustainability and managing pests," said Laura Lavine, professor and chair of WSU's Department of Entomology. The department has received only a handful of endowments for urban entomology over the last three decades, making this an especially rare gift.

"There's not a lot of money available for research in urban integrated pest management, so this is a really tremendous investment in the research side," Lavine said. "These kinds of gifts and scholarships ensure that this sort of work continues to be done and isn't left behind."

Hansen echoed that sentiment: "I hope it will help someone pursue more urban interests in entomology. The emphasis in entomology is in horticulture and agriculture, so urban areas often feel slighted."

Raised a farmer's daughter on a homestead near Davenport, Wash., Hansen has long seen agriculture as a part of her life. She began her academic career at Eastern Washington University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in natural science and went on to receive master's and doctorate degrees in entomology from WSU in 1967 and 1985, respectively.

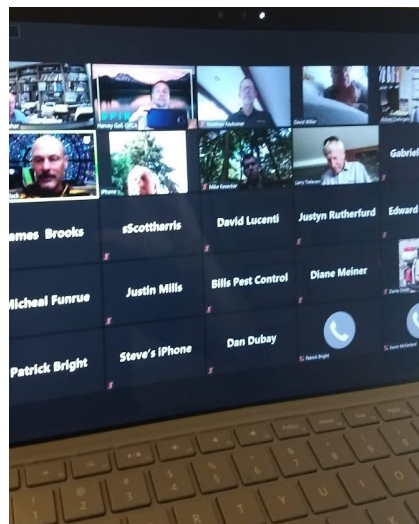
Interested in social insects, Hansen originally planned to study termite behavior for her doctorate degree. However, she was encouraged by her adviser, Dr. Roger Akre, to pivot to carpenter ants after he received samples of the insects



Dr. Laurel Hansen teaches the ANT ID seminar for OPCA.

from Treftz.

Over the years, Hansen's teaching skills and her talent for making her research relevant drew the attention of the pest control industry. She has often been witnessed wearing coveralls and boots, examining pests in the field.



Save the Date:

OPCA Winter Seminar

**January 14
2023**

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Medford Seminar Held November 18

By Miriam McNie, OPCA Membership Coordinator

OPCA'S Southern Oregon Seminar took place on Friday, November 18 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm at Rogue Regency Inn in Medford, OR.

The conference was fully attended and offered a variety of topics such as fly management (Anna Berry, PELSIS), ants in the PNW (Ethan Crowder, Target), cockroaches (Jeremy Davis), rodents and treatments for mosquitos (both Jon Paulsen, Vesperis). OSHA (Paul Utterback) gave an informative update for pest management professionals, and Larry Trelevan discussed recent government affairs over lunch. Those attending were able to earn 7 ODA credits, (6 core, 1 other), 7 WSDA, 4 OCHI and 1.25 ODFW.



We appreciate the large turnout for this seminar and encourage you to join us for our virtual conference coming up on January 14, 2023. Go to OPCA.org for more details on that, and stay tuned as we update the agenda.

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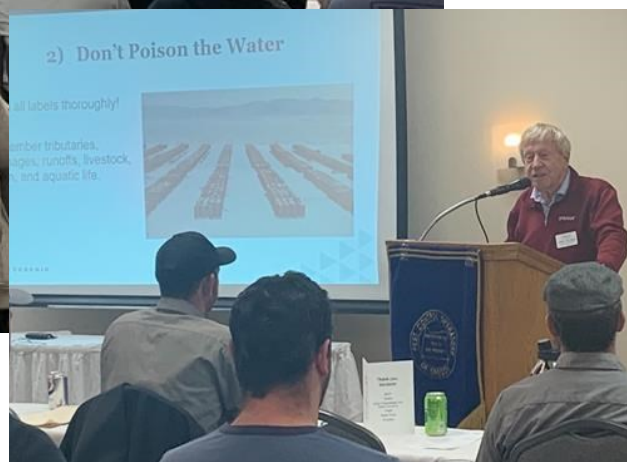
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Anna Berry from PELSIS presents on fly management in commercial kitchens. About 60 people attended the seminar at the Rogue Regency in Medford.



Larry Treleven, OPCA State Public Affairs Rep (S.P.A.R.) gives an update on national issues.

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Excerpts from the OFS Online newsletter

OFS Joins More Than 300 Organizations in a Letter to Congress Regarding Pesticide Labeling and Packaging Requirements

More than 300 agricultural, environmental and stakeholder groups called on Congress in a letter today to reaffirm that states may not impose additional labeling or packaging requirements that conflict with federal findings.

Signers of the letter explain some states have begun to regulate pesticides in a manner contradicting decades of scientific guidance from the Environmental Protection Agency. The misinterpretations of long-standing policy could prevent farmers from accessing current and future pesticides.

The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act is clear that states “shall not impose or continue in effect any requirements for labeling or packaging in addition to or different from those required” by the federal government.

However, in recent years, states have sought to impose health claim label requirements that directly contradict federal findings. This could put the public’s trust in sci-

ence and evidence-based regulation at risk, and it opens the door for conflicting labels that could disrupt commerce and limit access to important pesticide tools.

EPA Advances Early Pesticides Protections for Endangered Species, Increases Regulatory Certainty for Agriculture

Wednesday, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released an Endangered Species Act (ESA) Workplan Update that outlines major steps to increase protections for wildlife and regulatory certainty for pesticide users. The Workplan Update details how EPA will pursue protections for nontarget species, including federally listed endangered and threatened (i.e., listed) species, earlier in the process for pesticide registration review and other Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) actions. These early protections will help EPA comply with the ESA, thus reducing the Agency’s legal vulnerability, providing farmers with more predictable access to pesticides, and simplifying the ESA-FIFRA process that, left unchanged, creates both significant litigation risk and a workload far exceeding what EPA has the resources to handle.



Managing the Asian Longhorned Beetle Webinar

OPCA members, register for this webinar on January 23rd, 2023, 2:00 – 3:30 PM EST. Oregon preapproves EPA webinars for Oregon pesticide applicators.

The Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) is an invasive insect that was first discovered in the U.S. in 1996. The USDA has noted that ALB infests 12 genera of hardwood trees in North America. Since that time, it has been found in five states. USDA has had success in eliminating ALB from some areas. However, eradication efforts are ongoing in Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, and South Carolina.

Although not yet found in the western U.S., all states are at risk and re-infestation is always a possibility with interstate transport

of wood and plants. This webinar will focus on the identification and management of this pest including eradication programs and other management strategies. The webinar registration link is: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6413026240389419790>.

CEUs will only be available for the live webinar on the above date. As with all SLAs, we will send back the complete attendee verification metrics in the EPA excel document with your attendee listing. For more information contact Marcia Anderson, EPA Center for Integrated Pest Management, 202-566-1590; Anderson.marcia@epa.gov.

ODA-accredited Trainings for Pesticide Credits:

To search ODA-accredited CE trainings, go to: <http://oda.direct/PestRecertClasses>.

The OSU Pesticide Safety Education Program is offering live webinars this training season:

<https://oda.fyi/PSEPLi>



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Save the Date:

OPCA High Desert Seminar

June 2-3, 2023

**RiverHouse
Conference Center
Bend, OR**



This update is a follow-up to EPA's April 2022 ESA Workplan that addresses the complexity of meeting its ESA obligations for thousands of FIFRA actions annually. Among other things, the ESA Workplan prioritizes certain FIFRA actions for ESA compliance, outlines how EPA will pursue early mitigation for listed species under FIFRA, and describes directions for expediting and simplifying the current pesticide consultation process.

When EPA registers a pesticide or reevaluates it in registration review, it has a responsibility under FIFRA to determine whether the pesticide presents unreasonable adverse effects to human health or the environment. EPA conducts human health and ecological risk assessments to determine what risks are posed by a pesticide and whether changes to the use(s) or proposed use(s) are necessary to protect human health or the environment.

In 2007, an amendment to FIFRA formalized a requirement that EPA review each registered pesticide every 15 years. This amendment set the registration review deadline for pesticides registered before Oct. 1, 2007, as Oct. 1, 2022. EPA shared an update on its registration review work in Sept. 2022.

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From the OPCA Executive Director

Greetings from the OPCA office! First, mark your calendars for January 14. We are back online for our annual virtual winter seminar. We will have four speakers, so we will be done by lunch.

For *Crack and Crevice*, we have interest from members in providing articles and pictures. Send pictures to exec@opca.org as a jpeg file. But, be sure to provide a detailed caption. If you have anything else to offer, contact me at exec@opca.org.



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We have had some success at recruiting new members into OPCA. Postcards were mailed to about 50 prospective member companies. Also, prospective members can get a discount on event registration if they use a special code that comes with the membership packet. Thanks to those of you who have passed out membership information (especially Robert DeAngelo!).

Welcome new members **Spray Masters** and **Eagle Eye Termite and Pest Control** who joined in the last couple of months

OPCA's board wants to ensure open and transparent operations. All of our minutes and financial reports are available on the website as a page under the "about" tab. If you have any questions, email exec@opca.org or call our office 503-363-4345.

Have a great holiday season!



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