



# Alabama Vector Management Society

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## Thank you for making the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting a success.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Alabama Vector Management Society was held March 15<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> at the Bryant Conference center in Tuscaloosa. About 120 individuals enjoyed a variety of topics from "Avian Influenza", "Bees and Wasp", "Human Lice", "Bed Bugs", "Collecting mosquito's using different trapping methods" to "Aerial Application for Mosquito Control Following recent Hurricanes." For the second year, time

was set aside for a round table discussion called "Snapshots from around the State." In this session, individuals who are involved in vector control from different parts of the state gave an update on vector control challenges they faced during the past year. A highlight of the meeting was the barbecue dinner at the Paul "Bear" Bryant Museum. Thanks to the exhibitors who sponsored the dinner.

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## Meet Your New AVMS Officers and Directors



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### Dates To Remember:

- **March 31 - April 6, 2007. The AMCA 73rd Annual Meeting** will be held in Orlando, FL.
- **March 2007 AVMS 18th Annual Meeting**

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## FPMA Offers Africanized Honey Bee Training For First Responders

ORLANDO, Fla. — Encounters with [Africanized Honey Bees](#) (AHB) are on the rise in Florida. Easily agitated, these so-called “killer” bees are vicious and tenacious. Pest management professionals and first responders need to be specifically trained to handle these bees, and the [Florida Pest Management Association](#) has stepped up to the plate to provide training opportunities across the state in April and May.

“With potentially more attacks across the state, the Florida Pest

Management Association (FPMA) recognizes the need to educate both pest management professionals and first responders on how to handle these incidents,” said FPMA President David Pomfret. “We’ve put together an exceptional program on Africanized bees and have invited all first responders such as fire and rescue, police, sheriff’s departments to send their personnel free of charge.”

The programs will be held in Jacksonville, Fort Lauderdale, Tampa, Panama City and Apopka. Visit [www.flpma.org](http://www.flpma.org) for additional details.

## Mosquito Awareness Week 2006

June 25-July 1, 2006 is “Mosquito Control Awareness Week”, and it’s not too late to do your part in educating the public and enhancing the image of the mosquito control profession.

Many local mosquito control districts will once again put together high-visibility projects during this week, designed to bring positive press coverage to our profession. These campaigns range from providing television and radio interviews to informational booths at malls. By actively participating in this multi-pronged campaign, your district will be able to take maximum advantage of the positive press that will be generated by both your state associations and the AMCA. There are many things that you can do, even at this late date, to help your district get the maximum play out of “Mosquito Control Awareness Week.”

- Write and distribute a press release to your local newspaper. A template is provided.

Feature problem mosquitoes that are currently active in your area.

Write an article about integrated pest management (IPM) and how your district employs it.

Write about what it would be like to live in your district without mosquito control.

- Call your local radio station and offer to be a guest expert.
- Call your local elementary school and offer to give a talk about mosquitoes.
- Have your technicians mention to the public that it is “Mosquito Control Awareness Week”

Emphasize the positive changes that have occurred within our profession.

Emphasize that we use environmentally-friendly control methods.

“Mosquito Control Awareness Week” was instituted to provide our profession with a timeframe each year that we can devote to focusing the public’s attention toward the service we provide. Your cooperative efforts in this regard can help to assure that the public support we require will be there when we need it.



To all AVMS members:

It has been my pleasure to serve as President of the AVMS during the past year. As I tried to reflect in my personal remarks at the opening session of our 17<sup>th</sup> annual meeting at Tuscaloosa, March 15-16, the Society has seen significant growth and development since its inception in 1990. We are indebted to the foresight and initiative on the part of several people for recognizing the need for, and organizing, this state-wide group to address vector-related issues in Alabama. Among those individuals were **Gene Strother** and **Roy Ledbetter** (Auburn University Extension), **Scott Lankford** (Alabama Power Company), **Terry Collier** (County Environmentalist, Alabama Department of Public Health), **Joe Cooney** and **Ed Snoddy** (Tennessee Valley Authority, Muscle Shoals).

I am pleased to count myself among the charter members of this organization and to have participated in its development over these past many years.

The quality of our annual programs continues to improve each year, offering a diversity of topics and excellent choice of invitational speakers. This year's program was no exception. **Leigh Salter**, 2005-06 program chair, is to be commended for overseeing the planning and arrangements for this year's meeting at the Bryant Conference Center, University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. Not only was the meeting well attended, but also the facilities, program, social activities, and opportunity for professional interaction among the attendees were excellent. Leigh was ably assisted by acting secretary-treasurer **Paula Pratt** (Montgomery County, ADPH) to whom we are especially indebted for her generous help and support during this past year.

I also want to take this opportunity to recognize the generous support that AVMS continues to receive from vendors and our sustaining members in Industry. They play an important role in AVMS through both their financial help and as exhibitors at the annual meeting. This year we wish to express appreciation to **Adapco, Inc.**; **B&G Chemicals and Equipment Company, Inc.**; **Bell Laboratories**; **Bradshaw Consulting Services**; **Clarke Mosquito Control Products, Inc.**; **Dynamic Aviation**; **Forshaw Distribution**; **Univar**; **Valent Biosciences Corporation**; and **Wellmark/Zocon**.

In recognition as Secretary-Treasurer 2004-2006, **Jim Austin** (Scottsdale, AL) was presented *in absentia* a plaque bearing the AVMS logo and an expression of appreciation for his valuable service to AVMS during the past two years. Since Jim could not be at this year's meeting, **Kevin Humphreys** was asked, and kindly agreed, to personally deliver the plaque to Jim on behalf of the Society.

I want to welcome the newly elected officers and board members who assumed their responsibilities on conclusion of the annual meeting in March. They include **Leigh Salter**, who as president-elect assumed the office of AVMS President, 2006-07; **Rachel Jennings** (Baldwin County, ADPH), President-elect; **Paula Pratt**, Secretary-Treasurer; **Jeff Beck** (Gulf Shores), Newsletter Editor and AVMS Webmaster; and **Lynn Scott** (Area 8 Environmental Director, ADPH, Wetumpka) and **Matthew Smith** (Mobile County Health Department) as new members of the Board of Directors. Congratulations also to **Kelly Micher** (Mobile County Health Department) who will continue another year on the Board, completing the remainder of Paula Pratt's term; and to **Drew Lockhart** who was reappointed as Industry Liaison.

In closing, I encourage everyone to continue to support AVMS in any way you can. If you have suggestions, please do not hesitate to communicate them to any of the officers or board members. They are a dedicated group who welcome your input and ideas.

Respectfully,

Gary R. Mullen

Auburn University

Immediate-past President, AVMS

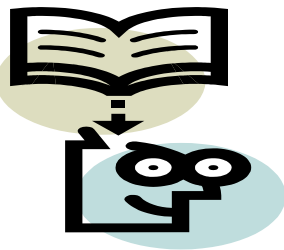


Check out our web page and you'll find interesting articles on bed bugs, mosquito's, snakes, mites and other pests. You'll also find links to other sites that may be of interests to you. Be sure to check out the web page for pictures of our last meeting in Tuscaloosa. You never know, you may find a picture of yourself.

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The Board would like to send out our best wishes to Kelly Micher and her new husband. Congratulations Kelly!

We are in the process of making the Newsletter available electronically and hope to speed delivery of the Newsletter and eventually reduce printing and mailing costs. Please let us know if you would like to receive the electronic version or not by sending us your e-mail. [admin@alabamavms.org](mailto:admin@alabamavms.org)



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## CODE OF ETHICS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ALABAMA VECTOR MANAGEMENT SOCIETY



Preamble: The purpose of the Alabama Vector Management Society is to promote the management of public health pests and arthropod vectors of disease, provide for the educational and scientific advancement of members, encourage scientific research in vector management and public health pests, promote an exchange of information among members, and to extend and develop public awareness and interest in the discipline.

Public health pest and vector management provides services that are extremely important to the health, welfare and progress of society. Those employed in the public health pest and vector management profession have the responsibility to render effective and professional service to humanity, in keeping with high standards of ethical conduct. Therefore, in striving to advance

and maintain the honor and dignity of the profession, the Alabama Vector Management Society (AVMS) has established the following code to define the conduct and ethics due the profession. This code is binding on the membership of the AVMS.

- AVMS members will use their knowledge and skill for the betterment of human welfare.
- Members will, at all times, strive to maintain the public trust, and advance the standards and principles established by the AVMS.
- Members will cooperate in the exchange of information and technology for the growth and progress of the public health and vector management profession and the AVMS.
- Members will not cause dishonor to the Society through their actions while representing the AVMS.
- Members will comply with all laws and regulations that apply to our science and profession.
- Members will promote solidarity, harmony and support among members and fellow workers. They will not undermine, vilify, berate or otherwise intentionally injure the work, accomplishments, efforts or professional reputation of another.
- Members will not conduct or in any way participate in a fallacious review of the work of a fellow worker or other member.

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I UNDERSTAND THAT, AS A MEMBER OF THE AVMS, I AM EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO THE AVMS CODE OF ETHICS.

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