

To: Insects, Diseases and Invasive Plants (IDIP) – SRS-4552
From: Kier Klepzig, Project Leader



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February 26, 2009

Terry Wagner - Acting PL, January and February.

New IDIP tech transfer activities

Jim Miller – Jim presented a talk: Hanula, J. 2009. Invasives in the landscape. 14th Urban Forestry and Horticulture Conference.

... and notes that, on Feb 6, a group of 17 agency and NGO representatives formed the Alabama Plant Conservation Alliance patterned after the GA PCA, to conserve rare native flora and habitats in the State.

Jim Hanula – Jim was invited to discuss his Chinese privet control experiment at "A Biological Control of Invasive Species Demonstration Field Day: Using sheep as a tool to manage Chinese privet and other invasive species", Watkinsville, GA

Kier Klepzig – Kier and co-authors have two manuscripts just out: Valiev, A, Z.B. Ogel and K.D. Klepzig. 2009. Analysis of cellulase and polyphenol oxidase production by southern pine beetle associated fungi. *Symbiosis* 47:000-000.

... and Yuceer, C. and K.D. Klepzig. 2009. Bugs and bacteria: Meet the southern pine beetle's newly discovered ally. *Tree Talk: Winter 2009*: 22.

Dan Miller – Dan and coauthors just had a publication accepted: Miller, D.R. and R.J. Rabaglia. 2009. Ethanol and (-)- α -pinene: attractants for bark and ambrosia beetles in southeastern USA. *Journal of Chemical Ecology*.

... and two more submitted: Gandhi, K.J.K. and Miller, D.R. 2009. Southern pine engravers (*Ips*) beetles in your backyard. *Georgia Faces Magazine*.

... Li, L., Miller, D.R.; and Sun, J. 2009. Effects of prior experience on preference-performance relationships of a cryptoparasitoid *Scleroderma guani* (Hymenoptera: Bethyridae) on beetle hosts. *Oecologia*

Dan will also be participating in the National Review of the 2020 Draft Report from the Roundtable on Sustainable Forests Workshop (in Athens GA).

... and moderating a session ('Research updates on bark and ambrosia beetles') at WFIWC in Spokane, WA.

Assistant Director Notes

The Project Leader position for 4552 is currently open. It closes March 5. Hopefully we'll have a good selection of candidates to choose from. Congressional visits went well, lots of interest in invasives (hemlock woolly adelgid in particular). I will be visiting our Pineville location next week.

My Schedule

I am in and out the next few weeks. Let me know what's up.

Monday 2/23/2009	Raleigh	North Carolina Management Review
Tuesday 2/24/2009	Raleigh	North Carolina Management Review
Wednesday 2/24/2009	Asheville	Annual leave
Thursday 2/26/2009	Asheville	In the office
Friday 2/27/2009	Denver	Annual leave
Monday 3/2/2009	Asheville	In the office
Tuesday 3/3/2009	Pineville	Site Visit
Wednesday 3/4/2009	New Orleans	Forest Futures Project
Thursday 3/5/2009	New Orleans	Forest Futures Project
Friday 3/6/2009	New Orleans	Forest Futures Project
Monday 3/9/2009	Asheville	In the office
Tuesday 3/10/2009	Asheville	In the office
Wednesday 3/11/2009	Asheville	In the office
Thursday 3/12/2009	Asheville	In the office
Friday 3/13/2009	Asheville	In the office

Take care and keep in touch - Kier