



February 9, 2010

INSECTS INVADE ANNAPOLIS!

BUTTERFLIES, BEDBUGS, THE TANK OF DOOM, AND VINCENT VAN ROACH.

MARCH 7, 2010 1:00 – 5:00 pm. It's a Bug's World AT THE SHERATON ANNAPOLIS

Annapolis, MD – Thousands of insects and a swarm of entomologists will converge on Annapolis for the 81st Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, Eastern Branch. The meeting will include a free public outreach program, “It’s a Bug’s World”, to be held on Sunday, March 7 from 1:00-5:00PM at the Sheraton Annapolis. “Bug’s World” will feature demonstrations and interactive displays, featuring:

- live insects and tarantulas, including examples of Maryland’s finest six-legged wildlife,
- demonstrations on the proper procedure for pinning various kinds of insects,
- examples of jewelry made *by* insects,
- chances for kids to draw insects with a professional Nature illustrator,
- Vincent van “Roach”, a Madagascar hissing cockroach who paints with his legs,
- Gizmo, the bedbug detecting dog, and
- Build-a-Bug and Bug Bots.

The Entomological Society’s scientific meeting sessions will be held March 7-9, 2010, at the Sheraton hotel in Annapolis. The three-day meeting will draw entomologists from northeastern and mid-Atlantic states and several Canadian provinces who will attend symposia on identifying and managing pest and invasive species, pollinator health and biodiversity, biological control, and several other topics. In addition, there are submitted paper and poster presentations, and student competitions.

The Entomological Society of America (ESA) is the largest organization in the world dedicated to the science, magic, and mystery of the world’s most abundant life form - insects. With more than 5700 active members, the ESA helps to promote understanding of insects and solve world problems associated with them, including world hunger, disease prevention, and urban pest control. ESA is a 501c(3) not-for-profit membership society headquartered in Lanham, MD.

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For more information about "It's a Bug's World" contact the Program organizer, Faith Kuehn, Delaware Department of Agriculture at (302) 698-4587 or Faith.Kuehn@state.de.us. The Sheraton Annapolis Hotel is located at 173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD 21401, (410)-266-3131.