

ASPCRO REPORT

I (Jim Criswell) have served as the AAPSE representative to ASPCRO for two years. I have attended the ASPCRO meetings and have participated on three of ASPCRO's committees (Train-the-Trainer, School IPM and Inspector Training). ASPCRO has produced a *Train-the-Trainer* manual for pest control firms to train their own staff. ASPCRO has also produced suggested regulation for school IPM. They have also provided comment to Congress on the concept of requiring IPM on a national level in schools. The Inspector Training committee is still operative.

ASPCRO's overall concerns have dealt with termiticide products. This includes both baits and liquid termiticides. Their concerns revolve around two major issues. One is consumer protection and the second is product labels. The latter involves enforcement, education and application of the product. ASPCRO has been working with EPA and the registrants on these issues. They are also issues for AAPSE representatives who work in the structural pest control arena.

ASPCRO is also interested in increasing its inspectors knowledge and ability to identify situations and problems. This includes pest identification, damage identification, pesticide safety, pesticide labels and several related topics. I have suggested that ASPCRO might want to team up with the PSECs as many of the desired training goals are very similar. It is my opinion that AAPSE should contact and seek cooperation with ASPCRO on such training ventures.

ASPCRO will be meeting in Fort Lauderdale, FL August 27th - 29th this year. They would welcome AAPSE attendance.

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