



NEWSLETTER WINTER 2021

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**We look forward to meeting
again, in-person!**

**21st Annual WHIS Meeting
postponed until Fall 2022, in Oregon**

WHIS PURPOSE

- To promote high standards of horticultural and regulatory inspection work
- To combine and share expertise, knowledge, experience and training among plant pest inspectors toward stimulating interest in and professionalizing plant inspection work
- To advocate harmonization between State and affiliated agencies
- To provide a means of disseminating information to plant pest inspectors, allied workers and the general public that is particularly pertinent to plant pest inspection work
- To provide a means of furthering fellowship among plant pest inspectors and allied worker

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2021 National HIS TELECONFERENCE

WHIS held its portion of talks for the National HIS meeting on July 13th, 2021. WHIS Vice President Chris Benemann (OR) started by giving an overview of the western states that make up our chapter, providing a little information from responding states including top agricultural commodities and top pests/diseases of concern. We got to see the great variation between states though some similarities include concern over Japanese beetle and Spotted lanternfly.

Our first speaker was Chris Looney (WA), who provided an update on the giant hornet situation in his state:

- Little information is known about the giant hornet queen dispersal stage
- The hunting stage may last all season and not result in a bee slaughter phase
- Some bees are able to defend themselves from giant hornet by covering the pheromones giant hornets use to mark a hive
- Citizen science greatly helped WSDA extend their trapping to cover more ground
- WSDA has been trying many different methods of trapping giant hornet

Our second speaker was Samantha Tomlinson (CA) who works with an inspector dog to detect various prohibited materials that are shipped in the mail. These dogs can be trained to detect many different kinds of plants and pests. Perhaps we will see more detector dogs in the future to help us with inspections!

2021 National HIS TELECONFERENCE

The Central Chapter presented on July 6th. Topics included of plant phenology and Asian pests.

The Southern Chapter presented on July 20th. Topics included SITC e-commerce, and Asian longhorned beetle.

The Eastern Chapter presented on July 27th. Topics included Spotted lanternfly and kiln certification of firewood.



Left: Photo credit Richard Gardner, Bugwood.org

Above: Photo credit Karen Snover-Clift, Cornell University, Bugwood.org

**Conference videos available at
<http://whis.org/meeting>**

Horticulture Inspection News

ORIENTAL FRUIT FLY

CDFR recently detected Oriental fruit fly, and enacted a quarantine to control the spread of this pest in parts of Santa Clara County. The quarantine was established in conjunction with APHIS, and went into effect September 30th. You can read more about USDA's fruit fly quarantines at: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-health/ff-quarantine>



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Information from the North American Plant Protection Organization Phytosanitary Alert System. Accessed 8 Dec. 21. <https://www.pestalerts.org/official-pest-report/bactrocera-dorsalis-oriental-fruit-fly-aphis-establishes-quarantine-santa>