American Mosquito Control Association

Promoting Public Health and Quality of Life Through Mosquito Control
What is the AMCA?

• Non-profit professional association founded in NJ in 1935. Originally called the Eastern Association of Mosquito Control Workers.

• 1600+ members

• Made up of: students, scientists, regulators, industry, mosquito control employees, trustees, commissioners, and many others

• Members in 52 countries
Leadership

- AMCA is the leader in promoting the highest standards in professional mosquito control
- AMCA supports sound science
- Advocates “Integrated Mosquito Management”
- Recognized as a partner in EPA's Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP)
Leadership

- At the national level, the AMCA provides information and testimony having impacts on policy decisions

- Some current issues:
  - Clean Water Act/NPDES permit issue
  - Federal Funding for West Nile virus control
  - Endangered Species Act considerations
  - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service’s national Mosquito Management Policy on National Wildlife Refuges
In 2006, AMCA contracted with Association Headquarters Inc. (AH) in Mt. Laurel, NJ, to administer:

- Financial & meeting management
- Membership coordination
- Publications services
- Marketing support
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Education and Information

- **Journal of the American Mosquito Control Association**
  - Research articles
  - Operational and scientific notes
  - NOW SEARCHABLE ONLINE FOR MEMBERS!

- **AMCA Newsletter**
  - Reports from Regional Directors, Headquarters, committees and Technical Advisor
  - Recent developments
  - Membership notices

- **WingBeats**
  - Operational magazine
  - Please consider submitting an article!
Publications available for purchase include:

- *Geographical Distribution of the Mosquitoes of North America, North of Mexico*
- *Bulletin #5: Manual for Mosquito Rearing*
- *Bulletin #7: Biorational Control of Mosquitoes*
- *2002 Public Health Pesticide Applicator Training Manual*
- *Mosquito Biology and Control DVD*
- *The Mosquito Crusades*
AMCA is proud to bring quality education right to your desktops!

AMCA will be bringing you even more webinars over the next year.

$50 member/$100 nonmembers. Each site can host as many people as you want but only registrant will receive certificate of participation.

Past webinars available for purchase.
- Give 'em What They Want: Advice to the Public on Biting Pest Control
- Strategies for Safer Pesticide Applications
- Risky Business? Mosquito Management and Risk Assessment
- Eastern Equine Encephalitis
- Dispelling Myths about Mosquito Control Utilizing the Media
- What is an Integrated Mosquito Management Program?
AMCA Student Competition

• Held annually at the AMCA Annual Meeting
• In 2010, 13 students from around the country participated.
• The winner received the Hollandsworth Prize in the amount of $2,000! Two students also received monetary awards for Honorable Mention.
• In 2010, first student competition for Latin America Symposium was held.
Benefits of Membership

- Support legislative and regulatory advocacy
- Participation in organization governance
- “Members Only” access on AMCA website
- Discounted fees on webinars
- Receive publications:
  - Quarterly: Journal of AMCA, Newsletter, WingBeats
  - Monthly: e-Newsletter
- Lower registration fee at AMCA Meetings
Membership Categories

• **Regular Membership $120**
  – Receives 4 issues of: JAMCA, WingBeats, Newsletter
  – Right to vote on association matters
  – Access to “Members Only” area of AMCA website

• **Associate Membership $50**
  – Receives 4 issues of: WingBeats, Newsletter
  – Access to “Members Only” area of AMCA website

• **Student Membership $30**
  – Receives 4 issues of: JAMCA, WingBeats, Newsletter
  – Access to “Members Only” area of AMCA website

• **Sustaining Membership (Based on budget)**
  – Includes 1 Regular Membership or 2 Associate Memberships plus additional benefits
  – Significant financial contribution to legislative efforts
  – Recognition on website, publications, and at meetings
Become a Sustaining Member!

Sustaining Membership enables AMCA to provide critical legislative and regulatory advocacy for the entire membership.

All Sustaining Membership fees, with the exception of the first $120, fund legislative advocacy.
Benefits of Sustaining Membership

- Includes 1 Regular Membership or 2 Associate Memberships
- All agency personnel receive member registration rate at AMCA meetings
- Recognition in AMCA Newsletter & at Annual Meeting
- Receive “Certificate of Recognition”
- Support legislative advocacy
Another Benefit of Sustaining Membership:

Sustaining Members can apply to become a “PESP partner under the AMCA’s auspices”
In 1994, the EPA initiated the PESP program with the goal of: "reducing pesticide risk".

In 1997, the AMCA became a “partner” with the EPA in this program.
In 1999 & 2004, the AMCA was recognized by the EPA as an outstanding PESP partner.
“PESP Partner under the AMCA’s auspices”

Multi-State Partners
Northeast MVCA
Northwest MVCA

State Partners
California MVCA
Florida MCA
Georgia MCA
Louisiana MCA
Michigan MCA
New Jersey MCA
North Carolina MCA
“PESP Partner under the AMCA’s auspices”

**Individual Partners**

Anastasia MCD – FL
Beach MCD - FL
Indian River MCD - FL
Pasco County MCD - FL
Cape Cod MCP – MA
Central Mass. MCP – MA
Salt Lake City MAD - UT
Search:
- Back issues of *JAMCA, Mosquito News, Mosquito Systematics*
- For an AMCA member’s contact info
- Past issues of the Newsletter/WingBeats

Download AMCA Resources:
- Contains news release examples
- Comprehensive communications plans
- Examples of letters and correspondence

www.mosquito.org
**Legislative & Regulatory Affairs**

**Presence in Washington, D.C.**
- Represented by law firm of McDermott, Will & Emery
- Keeps AMCA informed of important issues
- Represents AMCA at federal agency & congressional meetings
- Serves as legal counsel when needed

**Technical Advisor - Joe Conlon**
- Attends meetings & testifies at hearings on AMCA’s behalf
- Joe provides the AMCA’s voice of sound science and reason

*Watch monthly E-Newsletter for updates*
Held annually since 1999

2012 event will be held at the Hilton Alexandria, VA, April 30-May 2

Serves as an opportunity to make our presence known in Washington and influence decision makers

3-day meeting with one day spent visiting legislative offices on Capitol Hill

Travel assistance available

Typically 80-90 attendees
The “I’m One” program was developed in 2008 to highlight awareness of the dangers of WNV.

This 30 second video PSA includes elements of a comprehensive media communications program.

The program highlights the importance of community collaboration to reduce the threat of mosquito-borne disease.

Go to www.mosquito.org to view “I’m One”
At the 2010 Annual Meeting, the AMCA Board of Directors created the Young Professionals Group.

- To promote interaction among young professionals in the field of mosquito control and research. Members may be students (undergraduates/graduates) with an interest in medical entomology, mosquito control/industry employees, research scientists/post docs in government/private institutions new in the professional world (~5 years or less).
- To promote interaction between young professionals and well-established, experienced and well known professionals in the field of mosquito control and research.
- To promote already existing student activities during the AMCA annual meeting and create new activities to increase participation of AMCA Young Professionals.
- To highlight research/professional achievements of AMCA Young Professionals.

Contact AMCA Headquarters at amca@mosquito.org to get involved!
Upcoming AMCA Meetings

• **2012: 78th Annual Meeting**
  February 26 - March 1
  Hilton Austin
  Austin, TX

• **2013: 79th Annual Meeting**
  February 24-28
  Trump Taj Mahal
  Atlantic City, NJ

• **2014: 80th Annual Meeting**
  February 2-6
  Sheraton Seattle and Washington State Convention & Trade Center
  Seattle, WA

• **2015: 81st Annual Meeting**
  March 29-April 2
  Hilton Riverside
  New Orleans, LA
Go to mosquito.org for more information!