Diagnose it!
By: Ed Zaworski
The answer from last month’s sample was Burr Oak Blight, correctly answered by Rashelle Matthiesen. Please forward answers for this month’s mystery disease to aqbeeman@iastate.edu.

Host: Soybean
Symptoms
• Usually appears late in the growing season
• Small black fruiting bodies were found growing near the lower nodes of the stem
• Dark zone lines are present inside of the lower stem and crown of plant.

PLPM helps trains Master Gardeners
On October 10th and 24th, members of the department aided in training Master Gardeners (MGs) in plant pathology. The MGs learned about the difficulties of diagnosing wide variety of diseases, the difference between signs and symptoms, and the difference between a biotic and abiotic disorders.

Awards
Augustine Beeman won best oral presentation in the Agricultural and Biological Sciences section at the 9th annual GMAP Research Symposium held in the Memorial Union on October 10th.

Recent Publications


GSO organizes new activities
By: Jared Jensen
In the past the main goal of the Plant Pathology Graduate Student Organization (GSO) was to organize the department’s annual retreat. This year’s GSO has carried on this tradition and has added its own flair. To thanks the work of Grazieli Araldi Da Silva (Treasurer), Renan Kobayashi Leonel (Vice President) and Jared Jensen (President), the GSO has incorporated a few new traditions that it hopes future administrations will continue.

New activities have included a spring bowling night, the ‘Summer Kickoff Pancake Breakfast’, design and sale of an official department polo, and the start of a regular grad student lunch (‘Campustown dissemination’). With a few month’s left of this administration’s term, the GSO plans to run an appeal fundraiser for a department popcorn machine (YUM!), a grad student white elephant gift exchange, and regular prelim prep sessions. If you have any ideas of other potential GSO activities, contact one of the officers and share your thoughts.

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