

# Urban and Structural Pest Management Training Programs at UGA

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# UGA Pest Management Certificate

- Targeted to individuals not currently in the industry, looking for a job change or new job, etc. Also appropriate for new employees in pest control, exam prep, etc.
  - Unique training opportunity via lab sessions
- One lecture per week for 10-weeks.
- 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.
- Offered in both Fall and Spring since 2006.
- 24 credits total

# UGA Pest Management Certificate

## A Graduating Class



# UGA Pest Management Certificate

## Non-Technical Lectures

- 1) *Introduction to the Pest Control Industry* (Dr. Ron Harrison, Orkin)
- 2) *Sales and Technology in the Pest Control Industry* (Mr. Jeff Dunn, Northwest Exterminators)
- 3) *Customer Service in the Pest Control Industry* (Mr. Hal Coleman, Consultant)
- 4) *Legal Issues Facing the Pest Control Industry* (Mr. Jay Barber)





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## Technical Lectures

- 5) Basic Entomology and Principles of Insecticides
- 6) Biology and Management of Bees, Wasps, Blood Feeders, and Fabric & Paper Pests
- 7) Biology and Management of Wood-Infesting Beetles and Drywood Termites

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## Technical Lectures

- 8) Biology and Management of Stored Product Pests, Spiders, and Occasional Invaders
- 9) Biology and Management of Flies, Ants, and Cockroaches
- 10) Principles of Urban IPM

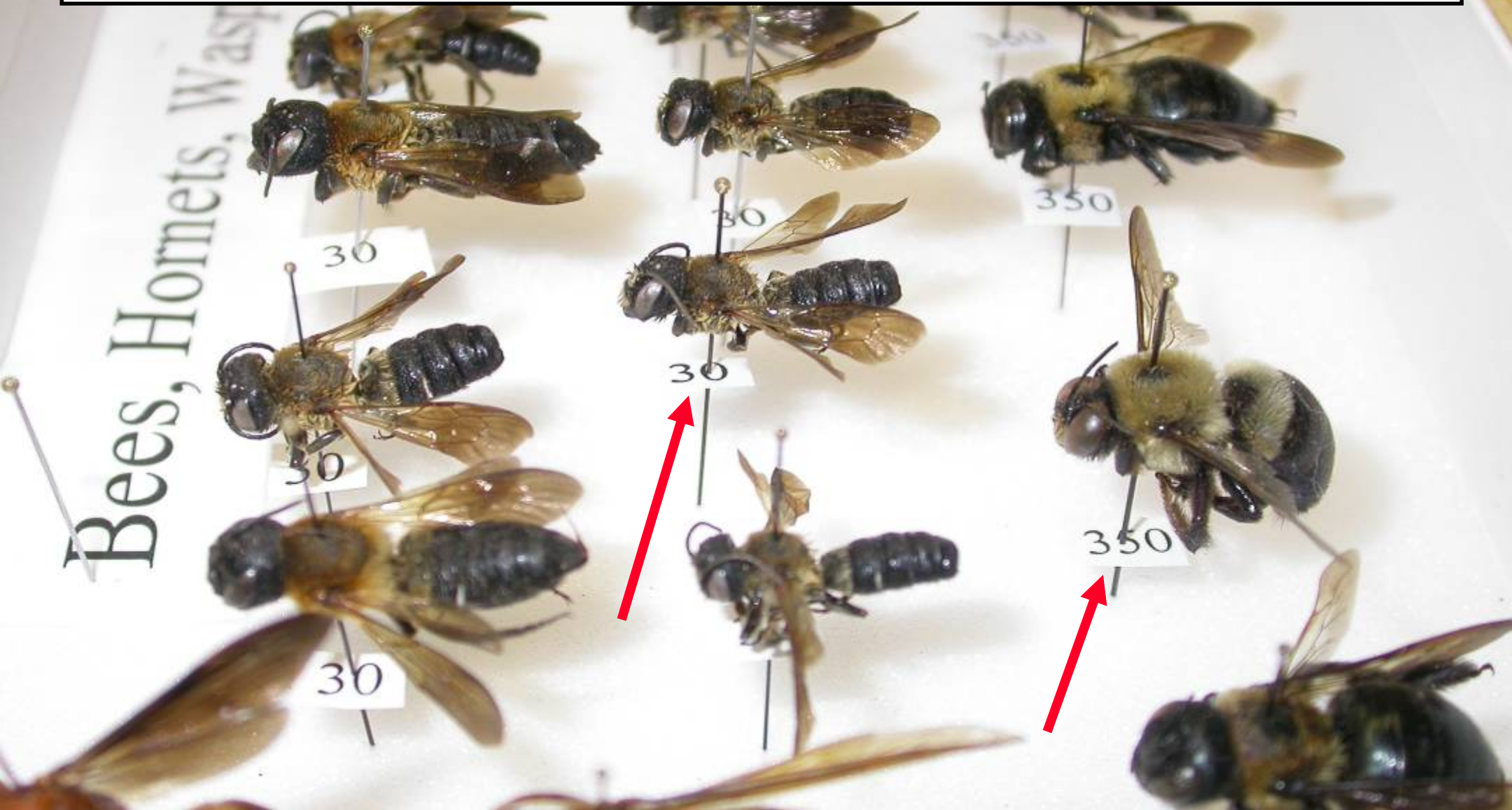


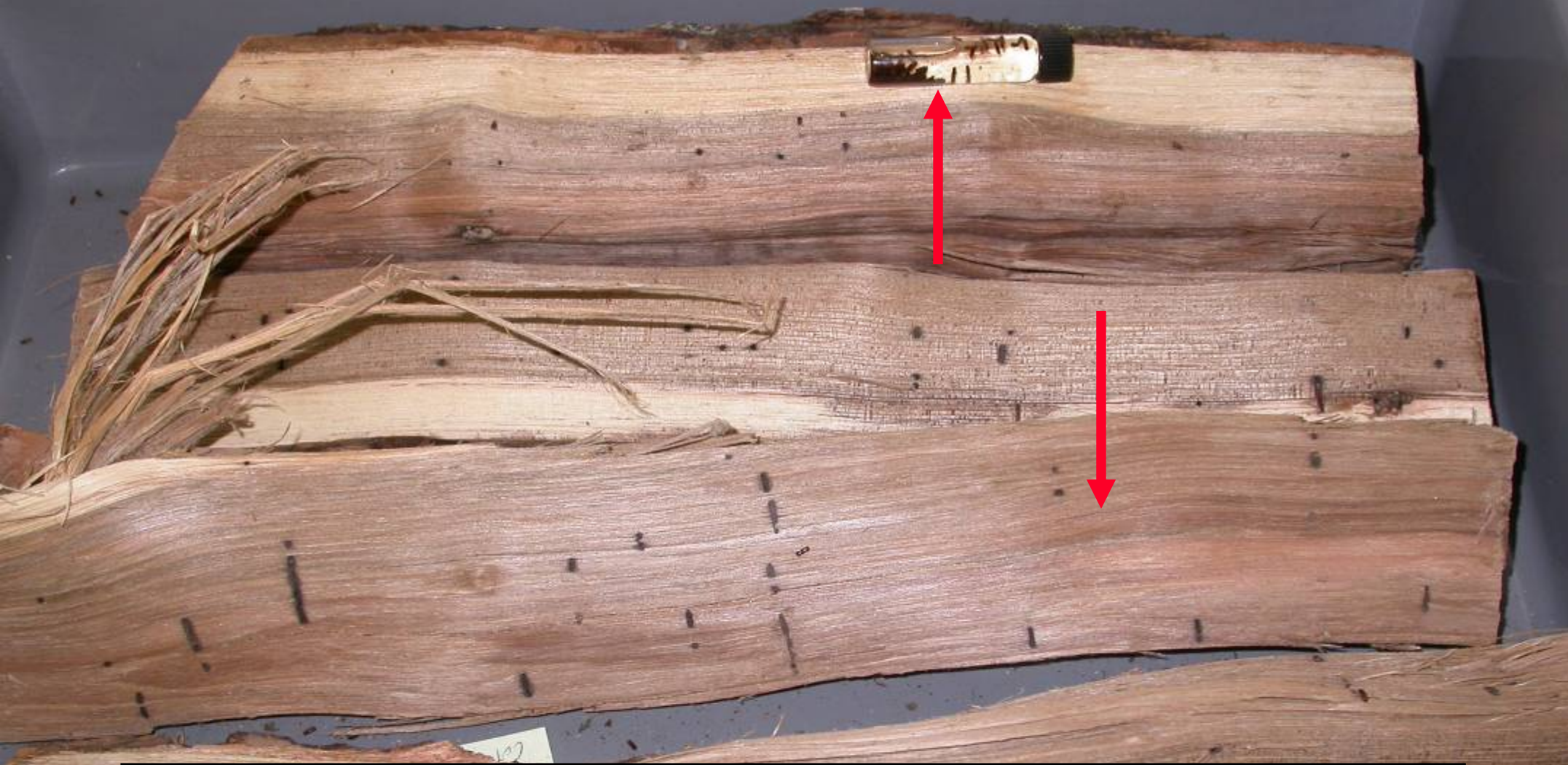


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- Webinar Series (12 hours/year).
- Unique speakers/content brings together cutting edge researchers with rural PMPs.
- 2 hours in February, April, June, August, October, and December.
- GDA Policy on Distance Ed has been the model for all states and provinces where credit is granted.
- Credit in GA, AL, SC, NC, TN, NJ, PA, Nova Scotia, Labrador/Newfoundland, British Columbia.

# Do we Need a New Training Model?

1. Are regulatory requirements for training *enough*? (Every state's different, but typically boils down to less than 10 hours a year of required training.)
2. Might we ever see an educational requirement (Associate or Bachelor's Degree) for Certified operators? Tech School degree or certificate for technicians?
3. Do we train enough to make a difference? Are current requirements "difference making"?
4. Do we teach the most appropriate material? (maybe start teaching *Problem Solving; Logic; Critical Thinking Skills*?)
5. Should training include non-technical?
6. What's the role of distance ed, social media in training?