This is an article that I take editorial responsibility for. I may be biased, but the Hawaii fruit fly suppression program has been successful because it utilizes the One-Team concept. The multi-agency and multi-investigator team was assembled by Eric Jang and continued by Roger Vargas. For all who are unaware, the Area Wide Program is funded by the USDA ARS with cooperating agencies contributing significant amounts of in-kind funding (faculty, staff, and facilities). I think that we have learned what can be accomplished when we take some risks and work outside of the box. Each agency in the partnership brings unique knowledge and specialties to the table. Alone, we probably could not approach the level of success that we now enjoy. Together, we can accomplish great things. Subsequent newsletters will include the following combined logo from our respective institutions. This will serve as a reminder that success often happens when we adopt the one-team way of thinking.

Annual HAW-FLYPM Conference to be Held on Maui
J. Sugano

HAW-FLYPM successes have been highlighted repeatedly over the past few months through channels such as the Agriculture Hawaii magazine to the UH College of Tropical Agriculture’s 2002 Impact Report. Despite these advances, a program of this magnitude cannot be sustainable without support at all levels. Each day, we are gaining momentum and support of Hawaii’s growers, backyard gardeners, businesses, associations, communities, and multi-agency groups. Fruit fly suppression is possible, but its future depends on everyone’s continuous involvement and support.

On April 28-29, 2003, the HAW-FLYPM program will hold its second annual meeting at the Outrigger Grand Wailea Hotel on the island of Maui. Program staff from Hawaii to Washington DC will be coordinating the two day event. The meeting will consist of program component updates, a field tour of the Kula implementation area and ample networking opportunities. Program cooperators are all encouraged to attend. Learn about program impacts, new developments and upcoming events.
HAW-FLYPM Represented at UH Day
J. Sugano

HAW-FLYPM was one of 3 programs selected by the UH College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to participate in UH Day at the State Capitol on February 4, 2003. UH Day provided legislators and their staff members with an opportunity to view program displays and network with staff members.

Ron Mau and Jari Sugano help spread the word about HAW-FLYPM at the State Capitol

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with current updates on fruit fly activities across the State of Hawaii. We hope this information will be useful to you.

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