

## Copesan Raises Over \$9,500 for Pest Management Scholarships and Research

**Menomonee Falls, WI** – March16,2015 – Pest management industry leaders, Copesan, a premier service provider, and Syngenta, a leading supplier, teamed up to raise dollars for two nationally recognized, organizations providing scholarship funds and research support to the industry during Copesan's annual conference held February 10-12 in St. Augustine, FL.

Conference attendees, including members of Copesan's Partner network and pest management suppliers, raised \$3,719 to support the Pest Management Foundation for research and Pi Chi Omega for scholarships. Copesan matched this amount for a total donation of \$7,438 to be equally divided between the two organizations.

Additionally, a unique "Arthropod of the Hour" clock entitled "Beetlemania," featuring preserved insects on each hour of the face, was auctioned off, raising a record \$2,150 which will be added to the donation amount for Pi Chi Omega. The clock was created and donated by Dr. Gerry Wegner, Technical Director and Staff Entomologist, ProGuard Commercial Pest Solutions of Columbus, OH, a Copesan Partner.

Pi Chi Omega, a pest management professional fraternity, provides a number of \$2,000 scholarships each year to deserving entomology students at universities across the country and around the world. The Pest Management Foundation has been providing grants for the research, development and refinement of pest management tools and techniques for over 30 years.

"Copesan is once again pleased to support both Pi Chi Omega and the Pest Management Foundation," said Deni Naumann, President. "The dollars raised reflect the investment of our attendees and the Copesan network to growth in our industry. We believe strong, future leaders and scientific developments are essential to providing the best service to our clients now and in the years to come."

Sponsored by Syngenta, a long-time supporter of Copesan and this fundraiser, 2015 marked the fourteenth anniversary of Copesan's Annual Charity Raffle. In addition to the raffle, Copesan further supports industry research with an annual \$10,000 contribution to the Norman Goldenberg Research Fund.

## **About Copesan**

Copesan is an alliance of premier pest management companies united as a single entity for the sole purpose of providing quality pest solutions to businesses with locations throughout North America. www.copesan.com.

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