

Consilience Of Mosquito Control Operations and Associations - Nolan Newton

- 1) Consilience - The Unity of Knowledge
 - a) EO Wilson
 - b) 1988
- 2) Unification of ideas and knowledge
- 3) What does this have to do with mosquitoes?
 - a) Many different levels of knowledge in mosquito control
 - b) Everything from local to state to regional to national associations
 - c) University and researchers
 - d) Industry and applied research
- 4) Problems
 - a) Compartmentalized knowledge
 - b) Restricted knowledge flow up and down
 - c) Poor communication within and outside of mosquito control
 - d) Imprecise and incorrect knowledge flow
- 5) What can be done?
 - a) Visit state and federal legislators
 - b) AMCA Washington Day
 - c) Write state and federal representatives (fax)
- 6) A modest proposal
 - a) Need better coordination between AMCA, SOVE, and NAVCO on federal issues
 - b) Regular conferences calls would help
 - c) Allies
 - i) AMCA (www.mosquito.org) - Croplife (<http://www.croplifeamerica.org/>)
 - ii) SOVE (<http://www.sove.org/Home.html>) - California Mosquito & Vector Control Association (<http://www.mvcac.org/>)
 - iii) National Association of Vector Control Officials
 - (1) Association of State & Territorial Health Officials (<http://www.astho.org/>)
 - (2) CSTE (<http://www.cste.org/dnn/>)
- 7) Need more transparency
 - a) Mosquito control is of vital public health importance
 - b) Educate the public and the legislators
 - c) Need to educate people better about pesticides and risk
- 8) What to do?
 - a) Use our allies
 - b) Get professional groups working together
 - c) Make sure our leaders know the facts