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**SANC: Systems Approach to Nursery Certification**

*“Promoting a harmonized, risk-based systems approach to nursery certification”*

**SANC Initiative Snapshots: HIS Interstate Inspections!**

On June 12-13, 2012, 27 inspectors from 9 states gathered in the Quad Cities of Illinois and Iowa to participate in an interstate inspection sponsored by the Central Chapter of the Horticultural Inspection Society (CHIS) with support from the SANC leadership team. Susan Ehlenbeck, Missouri Dept. of Agriculture and CHIS – SANC liaison provided inspectors with a background in SANC, shared SANC outreach materials and introduced the concept of looking at nurseries from the standpoint of critical control points and best management practices to reduce pest risk. An evening session after the first day provided an opportunity for inspectors to critique the inspection/learning process and SANC strategy. For a meeting summary, and much more information about SANC, visit:

<http://nationalplantboard.org/committee/nonnpb.html#sanc>

**Upcoming interstate inspection opportunities in the other HIS chapters:**

- Southern Chapter: June 25-27, 2012 Contact John Rochelle  
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- Eastern Chapter: Being planned for October, New York Contact Ethan Angell  
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- Western Chapter: SANC training session during their annual meeting,  
Sacramento CA, October 2-4, 2012 Contact Beth Slate  
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