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EPA's Bed Bug Summit: Proceedings Overview

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Bed Bug Summit Proceedings

- Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 14 to noon, April 15, 2009.
- Diversity of speakers and participants: academia, government, pest control industry, hospitality industry, and others.
- Morning speaker topics aimed at identifying problems, sharing impacts on public health, and depicting government and industry roles.

Bed Bug Summit Proceedings: Workgroup Tasks

- Ten workgroups were provided tasks of:
 - identifying most significant factors;
 - discussing options and solutions;
 - and, providing workgroup recommendations.

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- Workgroups focused responses centered around five distinct areas:
 - Research
 - Government Roles (local and federal)
 - Consumer education & communication
 - PCO Education and Training;
 - Role of Property Managers/Owners

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- Suggestions were numerous including aspects of:
 - more education and outreach
 - increased focus on IPM
 - more PCO training standards
 - increased responsibility of property owners and property management

Bed Bug Summit Proceedings: Next Steps

- EPA is continuing the dialogue stemming from Summit.
- EPA will continue increased collaboration with government and industry partners.
- EPA will evaluate public comments and meeting summaries and will continue pursuit of resolutions.

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