



The Cockroach Challenge

What is the most attractive bait for the German Cockroach, *Blattella germanica*?

This question was posed to the 16 contestants (3 ladies and 13 men) at the novelty event at the Pest Summit 2010 Bali. At stake was US\$1,000 each for the "Fantastic Cockroach Woman" and the "Super Cockroach Man".

Each contestant was required to be handcuffed and put on Personal Protective Equipment, before walking into a cage filled with more than 1,000 German Cockroaches. His or her body was laced with a personal secret bait concoction, minus any pesticide. The men were bare-chested and the ladies donned on a white T-Shirt.

The contestant with the highest number of cockroaches found on his or her body at the end of 2 minutes was declared the winner.

Fending off some stiff competition from Australia and Malaysia, Indonesia won both titles. Awang Widjanarko attracted 1,485 German cockroaches onto his upper torso, while Tristi Isriana managed 191 onto hers. Both winners are from PT Agricon Putra Citra Optima / Terminix. Our congratulations.

We salute all 16 truly brave contestants. They were awesome.

The winning concoction? A mixture of milk and peanut butter.