

National IPM Coordinating Committee

October 6 and 7, 2015

Minutes

Participants: Peter Ellsworth, Charles Allen, Frannie Miller, Tom Holtzer, Doug Walsh, Ed Bechinski, Keith Dorschner, Ashfaq Sial Ahmad, Pat Beauzay, Larry Olsen, Jim Jasinski, Blaine Viator, Mike Harrington, Jeff Jacobsen, Laurie Vial, Rosemary Hallburg, Lynnae Jess, Sue Ratcliffe, Jennifer Grant, Jean Haley, Frank Louws, Steve Young, Danesha Seth Carley, Robin Boudwin, Bob Nowierski, Tom Green, Mike Fitzner, Mike O'Neill, Martin Draper, Herb Bolton, David Epstein, Scott Isard, Maria Gorgo-Gouravitch, Mary Purcell-Miramontes, Allison Taisey, Frank Zalom, Ed Rajotte, Matt Baur

Meryl Broussard (Associate Director for Programs at NIFA) provided the welcome.

Frank Zalom provided a brief history of the National IPM Coordinating Committee.

Mike Harrington charged the Committee to develop the overall IPM picture for the Science and Technology subcommittee of the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOP) within ALPU.

Executive Committee structure was ratified. Jeff Jacobsen will work with the officers to identify the ESCOP and ECOP representatives. Matt Baur will serve as interim Center Director representative to the executive committee until a new Western IPM Center Director is on board.

Officers for the Executive committee are Doug Walsh (chair-elect), Charles Allen (Chair), Frank Louws (past-chair).

Tom Green presented a review of funding for integrated pest management.

Presentation is available at

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B3ly8gBnbCeALS04UVB6TE9zVnc>

The IPM Centers requested a comment from the committee on the Pesticide Safety Education Program proposal entitled "The critical need for IPM support of Pesticide Safety Education, a statement of the national stakeholder team for PSEP funding" dated November 11, 2013. It was decided that the committee supports the IPM Center reply to the PSEP proposal, and Jeff Jacobsen will give the IPM Center reply document to the ECOP and ESCOP representatives to the National IPM dialogue meeting to be held in December.

Presentations on hot topics in IPM by Mary Purcell-Miramontes, Jill Schroeder, Scott Isard, Kieth Dorschner, Maria Gorgo-Gouravitch, and Allison Taisey. Presentations are available at

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- *IPM opportunities in President's pollinator strategy* (Mary Purcell-Miramontes)
- *Herbicide resistant weeds* (Jill Schroeder)
- *University/industry efforts in pest forecasting* (Scott Isard)
- *Evolution of IR-4 Programs* (Keith Dorschner)
- *Serving the Hispanic Community* (Gorgo-Gouravitch)
- *Urban IPM Programming* (Allie Taisey)

Discussion of national coordinated next steps regarding hot topics led to the following list:

- National IPM coordinator
- Pollinators and Monarchs
- Public health issues, specifically insects and ticks that transmit disease
- Avian bird influenza
- Climate change and pests (weather and IPM)
- Technology advancements including sensors and drones to place product on target, cultivators
- Invasive species
- IPM in marijuana
- Rebirth of IPM in major crops (corn and soybean), reliance on herbicide and insect resistant traits and seed treatments have led to resistance issues
- Weeds
- Sugarcane aphid

Day 2

Updates from the IPM Centers (Northeast, North Central, South, and West)

Updates from the Regional Technical Committees (North Central, Northeast, South, West)

Ashfaq Sial Ahmad presented the combined SERA003 and NCERA222 letter referring to extension IPM Program structure, review process and funding. Peter Ellsworth's proposal to fund the IPM network was discussed.

The national IPM needs assessment centered around the previous report (available through Ed Rajotte's Research Gate) and the possibility of a new Government Accountability Office (GAO) report on integrated pest management impacts. Decided

that a sub committee will determine the course of action. The sub committee will include Charles Allen, Blaine Viator, Al Fournier, Peter Ellsworth, Jeff Jacobsen, Sue Ratcliffe, Steve Young, Danesha Seth Carley and/or Joe LaForest (Southern IPM Center), Matt Baur (interim until a new Western IPM Center director is in place). The sub committee will report back to the executive committee.

Several aspects of the national IPM coordinator position as described in Board on Agriculture Assembly recommendation on pest management programs were discussed. Resolved that a sub committee to the executive committee should form to discuss the role and responsibilities of a national IPM coordinator. Also decided that Frank Zalom and Ed Rajotte will provide background to Charles Allen on previous national IPM coordinator discussions.