



Call for Program Proposals for the 6th International IPM Symposium

"Transcending Boundaries," is the theme of the **6th International IPM Symposium** that will be held **March 24–26, 2009** at the Oregon Convention Center, Portland, Oregon. Symposium sessions will address IPM across disciplines internationally, in agriculture, the market place, urban settings, greenhouses, and more. Plenary speakers include:

- Aziz Lagnaoui, World Bank IPM specialist, who will address transcending international boundaries
- Janjo deHaan, Wageningen Research Center, The Netherlands, expert on IPM in multifunctional cropping systems
- Pierce Jones, director of the Program for Resource Efficient Communities at the University of Florida, who is incorporating IPM practices into planning and establishing new communities
- Sara J. Scherr, director of Ecoagriculture Partners, an international partnership to promote increased productivity jointly with enhanced natural biodiversity and ecosystem services in agricultural landscapes

The program format will include mini-symposia, workshops, poster sessions, and a series of brainstorming sessions. The latter will be related to IPM adoption, training, marketing, and systems design. Other proposals for brainstorming sessions are encouraged. The goal of these sessions is to facilitate intensive brainstorming with the expectation that diverse perspectives from the participants may stimulate unique approaches/solutions for major obstacles in specific areas of IPM.

Mini-symposia should have a broad interest with estimated audiences of 150-200 individuals. Workshop sessions will be more focused with estimated audiences of 25-75 people. Brainstorming discussions will likely be topic specific attracting 20 to 30 attendees. Mini-symposia, workshops, and brainstorming discussions will each be approximately two hours in duration.

The number of each type of session will be limited, as will the number of accepted posters due to space constraints. The program planning committee will review all proposals and try to accommodate as many as possible.

As at past symposia, limited "Program Enhancement" funds for speaker support are anticipated. Preference will be given to speakers who would not normally attend the event. Details about requests for these funds will be made available after the proposals have been submitted.

Session proposals must be submitted on-line at <http://www.ipmcenters.org/ipmsymposium09/> by **April 18, 2008**. Suggestions sent earlier **must** be resubmitted in response to this announcement to be considered by the program committee. A call for poster submissions will be announced at a later date.

A list of possible session topics is included below, but other topic suggestions are welcome. If you have questions regarding the format or development of the program, please contact co-chairs of the program planning committee: Margaret Appleby (margaret.appleby@ontario.ca or 613-475-5850); Robert Hedlund (rhedlund@usaid.gov or 202-712-4188); Greta Schuster (gschuster@mail.wtamu.edu or 361-595-4116).

Examples of Possible Topics (but not limited to these)

Mini-symposia	Workshops	Brainstorming sessions
International IPM	Regulatory/Policy IPM Issues	IPM Adoption
Pesticide Resistance Management		IPM Marketing
Economics and Impacts of IPM		IPM Systems Design
New and Emerging Technologies for IPM	Biological Control Reduced Risk Products Biotechnology Host Plant Resistance	IPM Training
IPM Education & Delivery Systems		
Invasive Species		
Crop Production IPM	Field Crops Fruits Vegetables Organics/Sustainable Ag Forest Pest Management Nursery and Greenhouse	
Animal IPM	Livestock IPM Vertebrate IPM Companion Animal IPM	
Urban & Rural IPM	Turf and Landscape IPM School IPM Public Health IPM Community IPM Structural IPM Aquatic Vegetation Rangeland and Pasture Natural Areas Management	
IPM and the Media		
Building an IPM Network		
Nutrient Management and Water Quality		
Funding IPM		
IPM and Natural Resources		
IPM and Climate Change		