



## National School IPM 2020 Steering Committee Conference Call Notes for April 2017

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The Steering Committee meets via conference call on the third Friday of each month at 1:30PM CST. The following notes are for **April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**.

### Roll

- Janet Hurley, Extension Program Specialist – School IPM, Texas A&M Dallas Agricultural Research and Extension Center
- Alina Freund, Community IPM Manager, IPM Institute of North America
- Frank Laufenberg, Project Coordinator, IPM Institute of North America
- Matthew Powell, Custodial Supervisor, KEA/KESPA Board of Directors, Director ESP at Large, National Education Association
- Carrie Strohl, Lead Teacher, Dual Immersion/Environmental Science
- Shaku Nair, Assistant in Extension, University of Arizona Maricopa
- Lawrence “Fudd” Graham, Research Fellow IV, Extension Specialist, Auburn University
- Amanda Crump, Director, Western IPM Center, University of California
- Kathy Murray, IPM Entomologist, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
- Seth Dunlap, Mgr. Commercial Pest Control Section, Arkansas State Plant Board, Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO)
- Lisa Estridge, Senior Environmental Scientist, Supervisor, California’s School and Child Care IPM Program
- Tim Barchak, Senior Program Analyst ESP-Quality, National Education Association

### Agenda

1. Welcome to New Member – Carrie Strohl
2. Shaku Nair Presentation on Arizona Statewide School IPM Survey
3. Update on SSP (Janet and Alina)
4. Regional updates (group)
5. Suggested agenda items for next month’s call

#### **1. Welcome New Member—Carrie Strohl**

- Carrie Strohl has over 15 years of experience as an educator of literacy and science, in formal and informal spaces, with children and adults, she is deeply committed to creating pedagogically inclusive educational settings using evidence-based instructional approaches. She currently works as a Lead Teacher at a Dual Immersion/Environmental Science Magnet School and teaches pre-service methods and research courses at UC Berkeley and UC Davis.
- Additionally, she is the chair of the Napa Local Food Advisory Council, and a Trainer for Life Lab, leaders in Garden-based Learning. Previously, Carrie was a Research Specialist for Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention (NEOP). Carrie was also a Literacy Specialist at the Lawrence Hall of Science, where she engaged in research, curriculum design, and professional leadership.



- Carrie is excited to learn more about school IPM from this group.

## 2. Shaku Nair Presentation on Arizona Statewide School IPM Survey

- **Please review the survey**, the following link will open a preview. Check the box at the top of the screen next to “Ignore Validation” so you can review the entire survey without adding responses.  
([https://uarizona.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe3/preview/SV\\_8xd4NgC0aO1ZBat?Q\\_CHL=preview](https://uarizona.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe3/preview/SV_8xd4NgC0aO1ZBat?Q_CHL=preview))
- Feedback on the survey can be directed to Shaku Nair at: [nairs@email.arizona.edu](mailto:nairs@email.arizona.edu)
- Purpose: Very few schools have IPM programs in Arizona, the Arizona lab wants to know how schools are dealing with pest management. Additional up to date information on what schools use IPM, the types of IPM that are used, if pest control is in house or contracted, etc.
- **Questions and comments**
  - How to disseminate?
    - Currently the survey can be answered by multiple people (could be problem with IRB)
    - Online, Faxing and hard copies to point contacts at school districts.
  - Kathy: If you allow multiple people in a school district to answer it, then you may have overrepresentation. It could also cause collection problems.
  - Cooperative extension could be a resource to get the survey distributed to the right folks at a school.
  - Will survey be available in Spanish? Yes!
    - Seth: Product labels are not bilingual so we can't license or regulate the use. Unfortunately, people who only speak and read Spanish are unable to read EPA labels.
  - Kathy: May want to enlist influential organizations with schools.
    - No support from the Department of Education. Had success with school facilities board and are trying to get a letter from them.
    - Will reach out to get the head of state education to sign on to that letter.
  - Since there is no law for school IPM in Arizona the survey also serves as an introduction to get school districts to start doing IPM.
  - Alina: What has participation been like in previous surveys? Done every 3-4 years, participation is roughly 27%, about 230 school districts in Arizona.
  - Janet: Will you run this through IRB? Yes.
    - Janet will work with them → improve letter of explanation and it would be easiest if only one person from each school district filled out the survey.

## 3. Session Proposal

- Planned as a group discussion, already have four presenters. The proposal is ready to submit, due on Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Brief description of the proposal – see attached for full proposal.
  - Title: School IPM: Sinking Ship or Soaring Success? A Discussion
  - Speakers: Janet Hurley, Lisa Estridge, Ryan Davis, Ruth Kerzee. Additional panelists listed on the attached proposal
  - 1) the role of legislation in adoption of school IPM
  - 2) using schools as public health information distribution centers
  - 3) enforcement agency perspectives on school IPM laws
  - 4) involvement of county health and other departments in school IPM through kitchen and food service inspections



- 5) specific school pest issues of national importance
- The abstract was sent out via email, Shaku has integrated the feedback she received.
- School IPM will also have a **meet and greet** after the conference part of the symposium – informal evening gathering. We will have some short conversation prompts to include in the meet and greet about school IPM. Please send any recommendations for potential topics. We won't need to hand in a proposal because the meet and greet will be held in the evening (Tuesday,) shortly after the official sessions have finished. Frank and Alina are organizing this event.

#### 4. SSP update

- Janet: has been working to update all stop school pest presentations on the eXtension website. Updated some broken links – work ongoing.
  - New website project (Critical issues stop school pests project): Alina working with Joe on the online courses to be integrated into a new website so it can be a complete online learning experience including exam questions. If people pass or don't pass the exams they receive certificates (proficiency and completion).

#### 5. Regional updates

- **Kathy Murray: NE region**
  - NEIPMC Working group is active with listserv, bimonthly conference calls second Thursday at 11 am ET.
  - Recent call hosted discussion with school business and IPM manager. Talked about reaching out to new groups.
  - Marcia Anderson has been joining calls for outreach recently. Trying to get her PSP newsletter and blog posts disseminated more widely.
  - School business officials will have a presentation at an upcoming event on the east coast.
  - Turf workshops to be held this year: 5 on the east coast.
  - School nurse grant will include IPM as well as health training for school nurses.
- **Shaku: Western region**
  - IPM STAR--one of our schools passed and the excitement is high!
  - The other one is still working on getting IPM STAR certified.
  - A few other school districts are thinking about joining the IPM STAR program due to the excitement and success of one school.
  - A few of the communication specialists at these school districts have helped, this is how the word got out! It could be a good way to reach out to schools regarding IPM.
- **Alina: NC region**
  - Ryan Anderson to be speaking at next call about leveraging public and parental engagement on outside pesticide use to get entire IPM program in place.
  - New member from Department of Ag. in Wisconsin joined.
  - Reviewed and updated priorities, they can be found here: <https://ipminstitute.org/projects/north-central-region-school-ipm-working-group/>
  - Updating national priorities coming up in the next few weeks as well.



- Recently surveyed newsletter subscribers and will be updating editorial calendar accordingly. If any of you want to contribute to the newsletter you can contact [flaufenberg@ipminstitute.org](mailto:flaufenberg@ipminstitute.org) to learn more about focus areas.
- IPM STAR: we look forward to featuring any articles that come from the successful Arizona school.
- Featured Milwaukee when they became re-certified.
  
- **Janet: Southern region**  
Spring School IPM trainings in Texas (2 day)  
Usually have some newbies and some more experienced participants. Lately it has been all brand new folks, extremely telling because there is a major shift of turnover for school IPM Coordinators in Texas.
- Working on getting a poster for each training module (brief graphic intense), and a separate handout (more information).
- Hoping to add my programs to Stop School Pests resources.
- Seth Dunlap: April 30<sup>th</sup>-May 3<sup>rd</sup> National School Plant Managers meeting in Arkansas, Seth will see if they can get IPM going (all facility managers). Regulatory perception.
- Seth will add more emphasis on school IPM for hired companies. Especially for pest management where there aren't government requirements. Will explain that IPM is cost effective and safer for kids.
- Schools are going to competitors for training where this is free. However, training is less comprehensive and if problems occur those still come back to Janet.
- Site audits are inefficient for travel and budget.

#### **6. Suggested agenda items for next month's call?**

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The next conference call will take place on **Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**. Future calls will continue to fall on the third Friday of each month at **1:30 PM Central time**.