



North Central School IPM Working Group

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Agenda

1. Introduce IPM Institute Community IPM Manager – Julian Cooper and Alyssa Foss
2. North Central Schools Contact list discussion
3. 9th International IPM Symposium School IPM Recap
4. Working Group member updates

1) Introduce IPM Institute Community IPM Manager and new working group member

- a) IPM Institute's new Community IPM Manager, Julian Cooper.
 - i) Julian will be working part time remote until he can join the IPM Institute in Madison in early June. Julian got his masters from the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign, where his research identified sources of quantitative resistance to Goss's wilt in maize. His work in plant pathology introduced him to the ideas of IPM, and his desire to inform the public on the need for sustainable pest practices brought him to the IPM Institute.
- b) Alyssa Foss: started working at Wisconsin Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection in December
 - i) Works across various pesticide programs and managing the school IPM program for the state of Wisconsin.

2) North Central Schools Contact list discussion

- a) Illinois
 - i) Chicago: Ruth did 5 years of work with Chicago public schools, adopted IPM policy in 2010
 - ii) Trained thousands over the years there, no contact in the last 8 years
 - iii) Limited interest in maintaining a program
 - (1) Have to get the principal onboard
 - iv) Run through the environmental services department, Ruth's contact retired
 - v) All food managers/servicers have IPM training
 - vi) Schools share nurses and they are overwhelmed
 - (1) Maybe there are other groups that are NEA members who we can work with
 - vii) Chicago Asthma Consortium with building management

- (1) Connecting IPM/SSP with reduced asthma
- (2) Chicago Health Association could also be an ally
- viii) Frank sent Ruth the Stop School Pests flier for companies doing IPM trainings.
- ix) Very little engagement in U46 (large and spread out) and Rockford
- b) Indiana:
 - i) Marc Lame is the contact
 - ii) Several schools that are using IPM
 - (1) Pike Township (leadership for decades) in and around Indianapolis
 - (2) Bloomington Indiana, Monroe County is well-equipped
 - (3) Seth did a walk through in Evansville, not sure on long-term progress
 - (a) Not acted in Gary or Hammond
 - (4) Contact organization: Improving Kids Environments, did a pilot contract in Indiana
 - (a) Margaret Frericks: 317-253-1312 or mfrericks@ikecoalition.org.
- c) Iowa
 - i) Dr. Showers in Ames is the main contact
 - ii) One school did a pilot program with school IPM (Des Moines or Davenport)
- d) Kansas
 - i) Frannie: No contact with big schools, some small schools are engaged
 - ii) Topeka has a school district that Frannie has done some work with
 - (1) High attendance with EPA
 - (2) Frannie can find an active contact
 - iii) Mark: smaller schools expressed interest
 - (1) A small school: Erie
 - (2) Delaware Ridge Elementary—will have earth day follow up
 - (a) Mark will give bed bug show to principal and facility manager
 - (b) Environmental progressive school body
- e) Michigan
 - i) Most IPM progress is in the western part of the state
 - ii) Bob Stoddard has been helping schools in this region
 - iii) Rest of MI is less covered
 - (1) Support from MI school business officials could help get SSP integrated into state training procedure
 - (2) Suburb of Detroit: Clintondale
 - (a) Has program through Michigan State
 - iv) Tie IPM with overall maintenance of buildings for these larger districts
 - v) Lynnae Jess and John Stone are in charge of Michigan State extension trainings
 - (1) Lynnae manages that grant and she may know where that online training module is right now
- f) Minnesota
 - i) Steve Kells is primary contact
 - (1) Bed bug and commercial IPM and main contact for school IPM
 - (2) Extensive effort trying to integrate IPM with schools
 - (a) Difficult to crack the pest management monopoly
 - (b) Performed a pilot that started with eight schools, we should see where the three remaining schools are now
 - (3) Need to work with the schools that are most interested in green control
 - (a) Seth Dibblee has a list of green schools and will share with the group
 - (4) MN has a pesticide application notification rule, but that's it

(5) IPM is required only as a matter of policy

g) Missouri

i) Mark: Department of Ag School IPM contact retired, very little has happened since then

(1) One school nursing group in St. Louis contacted him

(a) We arranged a speaker for their July conference

(i) Dr. Kandace Fisher will give a talk on bedbugs

(ii) Recently joined region 7 school IPM work group

(iii) Mark passed this contact onto Frank

1. Frank will follow up with Kandace

h) Nebraska

i) Jody Green: Has contact with all of the three largest school districts in Nebraska

ii) Tammy in Omaha and others that manage school IPM

(1) Frank or Julian will follow up with Jody to provide support with any of these contacts

iii) Green school's initiative can be activated with IPM

iv) Jody has the strongest connections in the Lincoln public schools

(1) Also connect through Nebraska Nurses Association.

v) Contact through communications manager on twitter

(1) Sometimes they are interested in learning and coming to workshops and other times they aren't

vi) Jody has a conference coming up in April

(1) Funding for speaker: there is an opportunity for someone from IPM Institute to come present on Stop School Pests

(2) Frank will follow up with Jody regarding this conference

i) North and South Dakota

i) Clyde Wilson, EPA region 8 is very knowledgeable about programs and which schools to work with in North and South Dakota

ii) Frank or Julian to follow up and see if additional supportive materials are needed

j) Ohio

i) Columbus: Jennifer Andon in Columbus worked in two or three schools because of intense bedbug school issues

(1) Worked with the grounds crew for outdoor issues

ii) Seth Dibblee can give contact, she's with Ohio State Extension

iii) Rule that applications need to be done by licensed applicators

iv) Optional rule on IPM in Ohio

(1) Standards were pretty high and we aren't sure the status of implementation

k) Wisconsin

i) Milwaukee has a strong IPM program

ii) Success in Madison area has been in Middleton

(1) Both HS and MS have strong IPM programs

(2) Seth Dibblee may have a contact from a few years ago, he will follow up with Frank

iii) Kenosha

(1) Seth Dibblee: only private Montessori school

iv) There is another school district that follows IPM in Wisconsin, Seth can't remember the name

v) Victoria Rydberg at WPPI

(1) Robust program, works with green schools regarding health

3) 9th International IPM Symposium School IPM Recap

a) School IPM meet and greet

- i) For the funding table, the general focus was to work through the health aspect of IPM
 - ii) Frank is still getting additional notes from members who sat at the other two tables
- b) School IPM Session
- i) Productive session and discussion, Julian shared notes with the group

4) Other Working Group updates

- a) Tom Green provided a Stop School Pests training to NEA members in Florida in the last week of March
- b) Jody Green working with school nurses right now through annual meetings
 - i) Funding through presentation opportunities for nurse programs goes back to those same trainings
 - (1) Jody is giving talks in June to new school nurses (funded), these workshop fees will be used to fund exhibitor for bedbug roadshow in Kearney
- c) Midwest ESA meeting did not cover school IPM topics