



## North Central School IPM Working Group February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

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### Agenda

1. Working Group Funding update
2. 9<sup>th</sup> International IPM Symposium School IPM Activities
3. Working Group member updates

### 1) North Central School IPM Working Group objectives

- a) In November of 2017 the IPM Institute submitted a renewal to continue the coordination of the NC SIPM Working Group in 2018 and the proposal was accepted in January of 2018.
  - i) The objectives of the renewal grant include:
    - (1) Promote IPM in schools of the region by further establishing the free school employee IPM training program Stop School Pests that was developed by the working group and other school IPM experts.
    - (2) Promote IPM in schools in the North Central region by introducing Stop School Pests to school districts.
      - (a) Marcia Anderson provided the schools who have had high attendance on school IPM.
      - (b) Frank will create a draft list of regional schools to contact. It would be great to get this list reviewed and start on this work before our call in April.
      - (c) Seth: working to establish new contact with MDARD.
    - (3) Coordinate with crucial stakeholders to integrate the Stop School Pests trainings into the state of Michigan's school IPM training requirements to strengthen the requirement by adding scientific, up-to-date information on IPM from Stop School Pests training courses.
      - (i) We need to take a look at Michigan State modules (EPA Grant—training modules).
      - (ii) Waiting to have these modules put online, we wanted to coordinate with the Stop School Pests.
      - (iii) **Seth Dibblee** will follow up with this grant contact to see how to get this online. John Stone was the P.I.
      - (iv) This is John's busy season for training – could also check in with Lynnae Jess regarding this progress.
      - (v) **Frank** will follow up with John, CC Lynnae Jess and Seth D.
  - (b) Ruth: working with NCIPM Center for the state of Illinois to fulfill SIPM training requirements using SSP. Online training is not currently allowed. They need 6 hours of training. These modules would work well if they could incorporate them into the training.

- (i) Does IDPH review what the private pest companies offer? Yes, however funding is low so it is pretty limited.
  - 1. It doesn't provide the means to transition to IPM program.
  - 2. We could provide SSP fliers to people who are giving free training.
  - 3. **Frank** will be in contact with Ruth to get these documents out.
- (ii) 6 hours every 5 years is the training requirement in Illinois for schools that do not adopt an IPM program.
- (4) Continue call and email coordination of the North Central and National SIPM groups.
- (5) Continue to create and send the monthly school IPM newsletter.
  - (a) Monthly newsletter went out on January 19<sup>th</sup>, if you have announcements you want on our newsletter please send them my way!
  - (b) Please let me know if you or people you know are not getting this newsletter and we can add them, also – if you know someone who would be a good fit for our working group feel free to connect me with them.
- ii) Frank will send out these grant objectives to the group.

## 2) School IPM update for the 9<sup>th</sup> International IPM Symposium

- a) Registration for the 9<sup>th</sup> International IPM Symposium is now open, the symposium is set to take place in Baltimore, Maryland from March 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> in 2018. The Symposium will have a School IPM Session which will focus on a national strategy and update on implementation, Shaku Nair from Arizona and Janet Hurley from Texas will be facilitating the session in the morning of Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- b) In conjunction with the Symposium we will be moderating a School IPM Meet & Greet from 5:00-6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - i) The meet and greet will contain different topic areas that people can move to and discuss.
    - (1) The meeting will be opened with an overview of School IPM by Shaku Nair, from Arizona
      - (a) There will be a Stop School Pests training table
      - (b) Three topics: School IPM Funding (Tom Green and I will be in this corner)—we are hoping to gather more information about 3<sup>rd</sup> party funds for school IPM and or IPM improvements that can be added with other common expenses to save on cost.
        - (i) Do any group members have a suggestion on places I should look for this? If you have a resource for this, please send it to [flaufenberg@ipminstitute.org](mailto:flaufenberg@ipminstitute.org).
        - (ii) Ruth: resources—how to improve energy efficiency with school IPM? Resources that fund energy efficiency could also fund school IPM (sealing the building)!
        - (iii) Varies from school district to district and state to state
          - 1. Certain states have life safety reviews, in Indiana schools can work with architectural engineer and Fire Marshall to include IPM for the building.
          - 2. School districts have a separate fund for life safety improvements.
      - (c) School IPM Laws: Ashley Freeman from California Department of Pesticide Regulation
      - (d) School IPM in Extension: Dawn Gouge from Arizona and Lynn Braband from Cornell.
- c) Community IPM Practitioner Track, which will include the Tick Summit and School IPM sessions.
- d) If you need additional information about the IPM Symposium feel free to contact Frank at [flaufenberg@ipminstitute.org](mailto:flaufenberg@ipminstitute.org).
- e) Tick Summit will be on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- f) Capitol Hill Visit to educate policy makers on the benefits of IPM will be on Thursday afternoon, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- g) Early registration ends on **February 19<sup>th</sup>**!
  - i) Ruth and Ryan, Frannie, Frank and Tom will all be attending.
    - (1) Jody Green will be unavailable, regional ESA is the same week.
    - (2) EPA will be there with Posters!

### 3) Other Working Group updates

- a) Jody Green: Provided a talk to school nurses regarding SSP and other resources such as bed bugs.
- b) Marcia: Spending time trying to get tribes to become more involved with IPM.
  - i) NIHB conference in Minnesota in May, we will talk about bed bugs and IPM and new technology.
  - ii) They are still asking for abstracts, if anyone is interested in presenting at that conference.
- c) Webinar on Kissing bugs in two weeks.
  - i) Working to get this information out on Chagas disease in lower 2/3 of the united states.
  - ii) Over 300,000 associated issues with immigrants and Chagas disease.
- d) Series of mosquito vector webinars in March and April
- e) Brand new bed bug laundromat poster on website; laundromats represent a common place where bed bugs are transferred.
- f) Ruth: We have had success with starting schools using outside IPM, <http://midwestpesticideaction.org/midwest-grows-green/>.
  - i) Natural fertilizers, water capacity, curriculum development and pilot project up in Wisconsin.
  - ii) Using natural lawn care.
- g) Food for thought: green cleaning is getting quite a bit of foot hold and getting corporate sponsorship.
  - i) Is there a way we can connect this to IPM?
  - ii) There's an upcoming green cleaning leadership summit in the Midwest.
  - iii) Green schools conference in March.
    - (1) Corporate sponsor along with that.
    - (2) Healthy Schools campaign has been supporting this.
- h) **Seth Dibblee** will send out a flyer for green cleaning summit.
  - i) School planning and management magazine.