**School IPM 2020 Steering Committee Conference Call Notes for July 2016**

Monday, July 11, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM CST

1. **Roll:**

* Jody Gangloff-Kaufmann, Sherry Glick, Tim Stock, Sandra Whitehead,Vanessa DeArman, Janet Hurley,Shaku Nair, Dawn Gouge, Joseph LaForest, Lucy Li, Tom Green, Lynn Braband, Amanda Crump, Matt Baur, Kathy Murray, John Connett, Thomas Cook, Fudd Graham, Matt Neff

1. **SCOPE working group overview (Jody Gangloff-Kaufmann)**

* Jody works for the NYS IPM Program. SCOPE stands for the Scientific Coalition of Pest Exclusion. Dr. Bobby Corrigan provided the idea that exclusion should be the number one pest management tool, but it’s not really a new idea. In the pest management industry significant improvement can be made to use exclusion.
  + The group includes Steve Kells, Claudia Riegel, Richard Pollack, Matt Fray, Chris Geiger, Bobby Corrigan. Jody is the chair of the residential SCOPE. Steve Kells is the chair of the commercial SCOPE. Different stakeholders and different needs for both groups.
  + The goal is to advance the industry through use of exclusion. Exclusion takes time, it takes skill, and it doesn’t always fit into the pest management business model when the tech has 10-12 accounts to visit in eight hours. It’s an uphill battle, but it’s needed.
  + SCOPE’s site: [Pestexclusion.org](http://www.pestexclusion.org). Anyone can sign up for a listserv to get updates. This is not super active at the moment.
  + SCOPE is also creating a literature review on pest exclusion – it’s amazing how little scientific literature on exclusion there is currently. About 60 pages have been written so far.
  + The meat of the project is checklist development. Bobby Corrigan is a private consultant and rodentologist. He created a checklist that he uses in his work and he wants the whole world to use it. The checklist can be modified for inspection of a school, or a hospital, or a house.
    - The commercial one is close to done and the group is working on a multi-residential one.
  + A dictionary of exclusion is also in progress: what does it mean to do exclusion and what are the components? The plans are to include videos to clearly show and demonstrate how it’s done.
* The whole purpose of the SCOPE working group is to promote the concept of exclusion.
  + The give-back for working groups for the IPM Centers is to develop Urban IPM priorities. SCOPE could use some input on those.
* Working Group grants end in March. SCOPE hopes to have the literature review done by then.
* If anyone is interested in getting involved, please go to the [website](http://www.pestexclusion.org) and signup. [Contact](https://www.entomology.umn.edu/faculty-staff/stephen-kells) Steve Kells at the University of Minnesota or [contact Jody](mailto:jlg23@cornell.edu). SCOPE needs feedback on how the checklists work!
  + Janet Hurley invited Jody to talk with her and Joe LaForest about improving the IPM checklists, since they have the IPM calculator, which is weighted.
* Lynn Braband mentioned that the wildlife control industry has workshops specifically on exclusion. In terms of exclusion resources, Cornell has this, which will probably be updated: <https://ecommons.cornell.edu/handle/1813/43861>

1. **EPA Roundtable Follow-Up: Welcome to NEHA representatives Sandra Whitehead and Vanessa DeArman**

* Vanessa is the Coordinator overseeing the SIPM project for the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA). Sandra is the Director of Program and Partnership Development at NEHA. They attended the EPA SIPM roundtable and were very impressed by all the resources and materials already out there.
* The focus of the NEHA SIPM project is matching underserved rural schools with county or city health departments interested in implementing SIPM.
  + NEHA would love to work with your groups if you know of any. Please route contact info to [Matt Neff](mailto:mneff@ipminstitute.org) and he will send out to the group.
  + NEHA will be acting as a mentor to the school and the school would be collecting data.
  + Extension could be involved—the grant specifies dealing with the schools and the health departments, but NEHA would love any help.
  + Local health departments will be doing the hands-on work at the schools.
    - Tim Stock mentioned that OSU has trained several environmental health specialists in different counties in Oregon and offered to provide contact info.
* The issue was brought up that common contact between schools and health departments is with regard to mosquito management. Schools have often been mosquito breeding hotbeds, so calls will be made with pleas for help to focus on mosquito management. Rural districts also have very significant mosquito problems.
* The group discussed how PIs on another SIPM project accompanied some of the group on a recent SIPM walkthrough and it was very helpful for them.
* Thomas Cook of EPA described the follow-up note from Frank Ellis for all the roundtable participants. EPA has let everyone know we had a very successful meeting and we’re looking forward to groups engaging with each other. The follow-up was to encourage groups to continue creating demand for IPM at the highest levels.

1. **Pest Management Strategic Plan (PMSP) review update**

* All regional centers plus Herb Bolton submitted feedback on the [PMSP](http://ipminstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/School-IPM-2020-Pest-Management-Strategic-Plan-V3.0.pdf). There were some general minor edits that were straightforward, including some that protect the document from being out of compliance with USDA document rules.
* In the past the Centers have just posted the complete PDF. Going forward, the Centers are going to break out priorities and integrate them into a database so USDA and EPA can easily look at it.
  + The regional centers also recommended breaking out sections, partitioning out so other groups can read it/engage it.
* Overall the centers think it’s great. Please see attached for comments from the regional centers.

1. **Current EPA grants (Janet)**

* Dawn’s project and Janet’s project are coming to a rapid end and we have things to deliver. Janet requests that if anyone has new material, please [send it to her](mailto:Janet.Hurley@agnet.tamu.edu) so she can get it uploaded. The database will be better because of it.
* Bugwood is working on the presentation for PowerPoints.
* The smartphone app will have 110 individual species. Each pest will have 12 images, life stages, damage it can cause, and anything else that could be significant for that species. Active ingredient recommendations will be based on extension documents.
  + Janet is on an image quest for pest damage pictures, so users get an aha moment.

1. **Quantifying the Cost of School IPM project (Janet)**

* This has been the most challenging workgroup grant project ever. Trying to get a couple years of a school’s work order information and mesh that up with how a school does their IPM program has been extremely difficult. There is nothing uniform about anything: how schools keep track of application records, how they put out, why they put out, etc. Exempt products have no documentation at the schools that have been examined.
* For each school that has filled out an IPM continuum survey, most schools are doing well. IPM STAR gives the advantage of ranking and comparing them.
* It often comes down to the question of who takes care of the building, and who maintains the building.

1. **Individual updates (Regions, EPA, others)**

* Lynn reported that the bimonthly conference call of the NE IPM WG was held last month and he made a presentation on geese on school grounds. The fact sheet on geese that’s been in the works is now ready and available [here](http://hdl.handle.net/1813/44456). The next conference call will be in August.
* Kathy reported that Lynn’s presentation was excellent. For her turf overseeding project, some grass has finally been germinating.
* Dawn reported that her team is updating the Western Region home and region priority documents.
* Shaku reported that she has been testing a web application called Dedoose.
  + Dedoose is good software for analyzing qualitative data.
  + <http://www.dedoose.com/> $10 a month. Web app, all data stored online.
  + The group agreed it may be good to demo Dedoose on a future call.
* Thomas Cook (EPA) reported that the National Awards recognition program is still on target for a mid-to-late Fall launch.

1. **Any suggested agenda items for next month’s call? (group)**

**Next month’s call:** Monday, August 1, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM CST