



## **National School IPM 2020 Steering Committee Conference Call Notes for April 20<sup>th</sup>**

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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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.

### **Roll**

- Frank Laufenberg, IPM Institute of North America
- Joe LaForest, Southern IPM Center
- Shaku Nair, University of Arizona Maricopa
- Eric Denmark, California Department of Pesticide Regulation
- Matthew Powell, National Education Association
- Matt Bauer, Western IPM Center
- Lynn Braband, New York State Community IPM and Cornell
- John Connett, University of Wyoming
- Joellen Lampman, New York State Community IPM and Cornell
- Tim Barchak, National Education Association
- Seth Dunlap, Arkansas State Plant Board for Structural Pests

### **Agenda**

1. 9th International IPM Symposium Recap
2. Tracking SIPM and SSP trainings
3. Regional updates (group)
4. Any suggested agenda items for next month's call? (group)

#### **1. 9<sup>th</sup> International IPM Symposium Recap**

- The Meet and Greet at the [IPM Symposium](#)
  - Shaku opened the meeting with a brief overview of school IPM and what would be discussed at the three different tables we had set up.
  - Stop School Pests training table
    - Madeline talked to Kathy Murray about adding more resources at the end of the modules.
      - Sample IPM plans and other resources
      - We can consider updating these later in 2018
    - Received positive feedback from a user from Virginia Beach Public Schools
    - Website updates: Madeline received a few suggestions, i.e. making it easier to create your own password. She will be integrating these over the next few months
    - Incorporate experiences with school districts into website
  - School IPM Funding: Frank and Tom
    - Sherry Glick was at the meeting, and helped give an update on what EPA opportunities there are
      - Moved from grants to center of excellence webinar series on IPM





- i. Maryland Children's Environmental Health Coalition, Glenwood, MD
    - Ryan Davis: School IPM Mentorship Program-Utah State
    - Eric Denmark: California School Pesticide Use Reporting Database
    - Very well attended--30 people
- Capitol Hill visit Thursday afternoon.
  - Very successful, 28 participants, 30 meetings on IPM

## 2. Regional Updates

- **Western region**
  - AZ school IPM conference: first conference where participants had to pay to attend
    - 65 people registered
    - Everyone who registered showed up
  - Lucy, Dawn and Shaku
    - All used Stop School Pests for this training
  - Without law, it has been hard to reach schools in Arizona
  - This conference had positive feedback and helped reach schools that wouldn't have been activated otherwise
    - Indoor and outdoor track
  - Overall great experience
    - Planning second annual for next year
  - All Oregon annual IPM coordinator events scheduled
    - [www.OSUipm.org](http://www.OSUipm.org) for schedule
    - Charge for trainings
    - Every school district needs the annual training
  - Eric (CA DPR): Our data entry for 2016 school pesticide use reports is complete
    - 92,460 individual pesticide application details for 2016
  - Two weed management expos for school sites that provide tools other than pesticides
  - Setting up next fiscal year school IPM workshops
    - Two workshops scheduled
  - Putting together another fact sheet
    - Gophers and cockroach fact sheets for California
    - When will gopher infographic be out?
      - Needs to go through DPR approval process, so it will be at least a month before it is publicly available
  - They are hiring at CA DPR work
    - Frank will share the hiring blurb
- **Southern region**
  - IPM Centers are all feverishly writing their next grants
  - Matt Bauer: ARDP from USDA – their program also closes on the eighth of May. Grants need to be submitted before then.



- Janet added additional documents to the iSchoolPestManager website <http://ischoolpestmanager.org/index.html> however, it's currently not showing all of them. There should be 1,111 documents.
  - Janet is trying to find the broken links but it takes a lot of time, so if you find a broken link please complete this form to fix it. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfrlPwZs8Ter-MWMPxdwy5ioH7V4k5Vxd3UcrwtxYYxP9BMKQ/viewform>
- Texas updates from Janet: Conducted our two spring 3 day workshops on school IPM – class attendance is up, a lot of our school IPM coordinators have retired districts are slow to reappoint. I've been busy with school site audits – from the school IPM training we held on April 4 & 5, I have been in contact with half of the school districts that attended for follow up site audits and/or questions. The press release for the Texas IPM Star Schools will be coming out Monday.
- May 20<sup>th</sup> (yes it's a Sunday, but it's also the beginning of the National Conference on Urban Entomology) we will be having an eXtension workday at the conference. At this workday our goal (Fudd and Janet's) is to teach people how to use eXtension. We created this information, it's ours now let's use it.
  - Topics – where do we go from here – I truly do not want to see us doing the same thing year after year – how do we move forward
- **Northeast region**
  - Updating NE School IPM working group website
    - Kevin Judd has been very helpful with the updating this website
    - People have been assigned major sections of the website to create updates
  - They have a follow up call on May 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the updates
  - Asthma coalition in Albany, NY asked to evaluate three elementary schools
    - These schools have higher than normal rates of asthma
  - Community IPM at NY state
    - Tick outreach
    - Received money from Senate committee
      - Creating outreach materials
      - Tick education kit
      - Local extension
      - Distribute to schools
      - Vials of ticks for kids to see
      - Tick tattoos
    - Frank will get in touch with Joellen for tick working group presentation
    - Frank added Joellen to list for Steering Committee
- **Northcentral region**
  - Calendar of SIPM Events on [www.stopschoolpests.com](http://www.stopschoolpests.com)
    - Send Frank your training events
  - Tom is starting to arrange meetings with school districts when he is already travelling there



- As people travel it may be useful to contact nearby school districts for potential SSP trainings
- Funding was secured from the North Central IPM Center to continue facilitation of this group until February of 2019
- Northcentral School IPM working group put together a list of schools to contact regarding the free stop school pests training
  - The group is leveraging existing contacts for this outreach, using the stop school pests one-pager for distribution
- Calendar of trainings up on the stopschoolpests website with upcoming trainings for Texas School IPM Coordinator training and Tom Green's trainings
  - Tom has a training April 28<sup>th</sup> in Ohio
  - This calendar will be an easy way to track the trainings for grant reporting. Please send any upcoming school IPM trainings to Frank, we will be checking in quarterly to get training attendance numbers.
- Matt Bauer: National Environmental Health Association May 15-16 is having a virtual conference Enhancing Environmental Health Knowledge
  - Lucy and Shaku are going and giving presentations and posters
  - Agenda is out, registration is open
    - Lots of sessions
  - Distribute URL for conference agenda to group

Send suggested agenda items for next month to [flaufenberg@ipminstitute.org](mailto:flaufenberg@ipminstitute.org)!

The coordination of the National School IPM Steering Committee is supported by funding of the USDA North Central IPM Center. The next conference call will take place on **Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**. Future calls will continue to fall on the third Friday of each month at **1:30 PM Central time**.