



National School IPM 2020 Steering Committee Conference Call Notes for August 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 **August 18, 2017**.

Roll

- Alina Freund, IPM Institute of North America
- Frank Laufenberg, IPM Institute of North America
- Dawn Gouge, University of Arizona Maricopa
- Tom Green, IPM Institute of North America
- Fudd Graham, Auburn University
- Janet Hurley, Texas A&M Dallas Agricultural Research and Extension Center
- Kathy Murray, Maine Department of Agriculture
- Matt Bauer, Western IPM Center
- Karey Windbiel-Rojas, University of California
- Marc Lame, Indiana University
- Belinda Messenger Sikes, Urban Writer and Editor for the UC IPM Program

Agenda

1. Roll
2. Karey Windbiel-Rojas Presents on UC IPM Program
3. Regional updates (group)

1. Karey Windbiel-Rojas presentation

- Karey Windbiel-Rojas is the Associate Director of Urban and Community IPM as well as the Area IPM Advisor for the University of California, agriculture and Natural resources. Karey provides statewide leadership in integrated pest management and helps develop and distribute pest information to urban audiences throughout California. She also supports outreach activities with UC Cooperative Extension, UC Master Gardener programs, landscape and structural professionals, retail nurseries and garden centers, public agencies, and other urban audiences.
- Please review the “UC IPM Program Schools 2017” slides.
- DG: What do you feel are your biggest limitations and what areas do you wish you could expand into?
 - The largest limitation is definitely state size and capacity. We don’t have enough people to cover the entire state. We are working on coordinating our efforts.
 - If we had more partnerships, communication and a stakeholder’s needs assessment would be a good place to start.
 - It’s hard to say what is needed in such a wide geographical area, because every urban audience is different.
 - We recently started having quarterly meetings with the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) School IPM staff.
 - We’ve been working on doing a needs assessment for structural PMPs.



- Lack of understanding of pesticides in the urban environment. People are often cavalier about using pesticides and don't use proper personal protective equipment.
- TG: Could you say anything more about your funding sources, the reliability of those, and if there is anything you do to defend against cuts.
 - We get USDA NIFA crop protection 3-year funding for some projects, also state funding for statewide staff and (ANR) state funds.
 - Solicit grants for specific projects, including from the DPR.
 - It depends on the project; we are often looking for new funding.
 - Urban and community program has a stakeholder advisory team (meet every two years since 2008) – this diverse team helps us address the most relevant issues.

2. Regional Updates

- **Western region**
 - DG: There's an ongoing interest about disinfectant wipes – lots of attention in schools and they are often used improperly. We are trying to get information to school communities about safe and appropriate use of disinfectant wipes. 9/10 these wipes are being unnecessarily used.
 - A school nurse is working on getting information about this issue in Arizona. They have developed multiple information sheets and some information has been put in SSP on this topic.
 - PMSP and SSP work update: Mosquitoes have been bad and taken up a lot of Dawn's time. She hasn't been able to make progress on that since June. She won't be able to do updates until temperatures go down and mosquito season finishes – November.
 - Marc to Dawn – let's talk about information in schools regarding the plague.
 - Frank will contact Marc for a presentation on plague.
- **Northcentral region**
 - Tom is going to an ESA event in Mississippi for an educational seminar during the week of August 21st.
 - Tom will meet with three school districts in Mississippi to show SSP and ischoolpestmanager while he is there.
 - Alina, Tom and Frank attended North Central IPM Center Stakeholder's meeting
 - Frank presented on the School IPM Working Group.
 - Alina presented new SSP website that is almost finished
 - Visited Bob Stoddard, who is now servicing 80 school districts in Michigan, to present on new SSP website and training.
 - SSP will be a useful training resource for them.
 - The legally mandated training in Michigan is reading a pdf document and having a supervisor sign off.
 - Bob has good connections for the School business association in Michigan.
 - There will be an in-person school IPM meeting at the International IPM Symposium: <https://ipmsymposium.org/2018/program.html>
 - The symposium programs committee is still working out the room schedule, but a School IPM meet and greet is planned for **Tuesday, March 20th 2018 from 5PM-6PM** at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel.



- The 9th International IPM Symposium will have a variety of useful presentations, including a practitioner track and a full-day of sessions on tick IPM. Please put it on your calendars **for March 19–22, 2018 in Baltimore, Maryland.**

- **Southern region**

- EPA contacted Janet – they’ve uploaded their webinars to ischoolpestmanager. Up to 1094 documents on ischoolpestmanager.
- If California IPM working group members could please add their resources to the ischoolpestmanager that would strengthen that resource.
- ASPCRO sent information out about public health.
 - Janet sent them IPM information, the SSP resources and ischoolpestmanager.
- Houston ISD (400 campuses) coordinator, termites on buildings – the staff is so busy fixing other (rodent) problems they can’t even get to that pest.
 - The working group should consider drafting a document for rodent control on new construction sites for schools.
- ESA meeting in Denver, Tuesday November 7th. There will be a school IPM meeting in the morning.

- **Northeastern region**

- Robert Koethe and Seth Dibblee gave updates on the EPA center of excellence for school IPM. It will become the center of excellence for IPM. Less focused on schools and more on broad IPM.
- Lynn Braband hosted a panel discussion on ticks for the NE School Working Group.
 - They talked about the role that regional vector centers of excellence will have and asked for topics to work on in the north east.
- Veronika Carella works with private schools and could be a useful presenter for current IPM practices in private schools; Marc Lame also has a contact for private schools.

3. Stop School Pests update

- SSP website for online training is functional and almost finalized, received good feedback at the NCIPM Center stakeholder meeting.
- NEA and IPM Institute are working to provide SSP IPM training in New Hampshire on October 6th, 2017. Working Group member Kathy Murray will conduct the training and will train custodial, food services and teaching/administrative staff using SSP training materials. Further in-person SSP trainings with NEA are planned tentatively for Salt Lake City, Utah in October 2017 and Pennsylvania in November 2017.

Send suggested agenda items for next month to 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, September 15th**. Future calls will continue to fall on the third Friday of each month at **1:30 PM Central time**.