



National School IPM 2020 Steering Committee Conference Call Notes for November 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 **November 17th, 2017**.

Roll

- Alina Freund, IPM Institute of North America
- Janet Hurley, Texas A&M Dallas Agricultural Research and Extension Center
- Lynn Braband, New York State Community IPM, Cornell University
- Joseph LaForest, Southern IPM Center
- Matt Baur, Western IPM Center
- Karey Windbiel-Rojas, California IPM Program
- Fudd Graham, Auburn University
- Dawn Gouge, University of Arizona Maricopa

Agenda

1. North Central School IPM Working Group Grant Submitted
2. Discussion and planning of 9th International IPM Symposium Meet and Greet
3. (Janet) Publishing in Journal of IPM
4. How can we connect healthy homes with schools?
5. Growing problems with food borne illnesses and the food industry
6. Regional Updates
7. Stop School Pests Update

1. North Central School IPM Working Group submitted

- IPM Institute submitted an application to renew funding for the school IPM WG to the North Central IPM Center. Thanks to everyone who has helped shape the group's objectives and wrote a letter of support! Results of the grant applications are expected in January 2018.

2. Discussion and planning of 9th International IPM Symposium Meet and Greet

- Sunset Meet and Greet during Symposium will be at the end of day after sessions and open to all registered symposium-participants working on or interested in school IPM. Social networking event that will include an opening announcement and (3) tables focusing on different areas of school IPM where someone who is working on that topic (such as bed bug prevention in schools, working with rural schools, extension work) heads up informal conversation by participants.

3. (Janet) Publishing in Journal of IPM

- Need to publish more of what we do in the Journal of IPM, for example Sue and Ruth should write up their successes with IPM and publish it. So much great work going on in school IPM and those stories need to be told. We all need to learn how to turn our stories into journal articles and tell about our research in a way that is accessible to a wider group of audiences.



- Steve Elliott at Western IPM Center is very good with writing and has taught other scientists how to write for different audiences.
- Matt just got a paper accepted in JIPM.
- The journal articles usually have a great number of downloads even before the papers come out, the journal is an excellent vehicle to tell our story more.

4. How can we connect healthy homes with schools?

- Need a program similar to Stop Pests in Housing but every economic level, not just for low income like Stop Pest in Housing (focused on housing).
- Connect with Rachel Riley (Healthy Homes) or Susanna Reese (Stop Pests in Housing): how can we share resources more effectively across programs?
- Healthy Homes has a national network and local groups (has EPA, HUD funding locally).
- Lynn: To ask University of Rochester Professor Katrina Korfmacher from the NY group to present their work on an upcoming call. She is well connected to the national group and participates in Rochester Healthy Homes partnership.

5. Growing problems with food borne illnesses and the food industry

- Since school gardens, green houses and chickens are making their way into every community our audiences are going to need more solid information on these topics.
- Changing rules regarding food safety and food security mean that there needs to be case that people are not contracting food borne illnesses.
- Anyone who has any good resources on pests and food borne illnesses, please share with Janet and the group, and submit to iSchoolPestManager.

6. Regional Updates

- **Northeastern region**
 - Kathy Murray is working on school nurses project with Stop School Pests materials, using the SSP school nurse module.
 - New York received money from the state to develop outreach materials for ticks that can be used for a variety of audiences including schools.
- **Western region**
 - Poster submission for 9th International IPM Symposium: Remains open until 200 submissions are reached, currently received around 160. Encouraged are specifically posters on medical, veterinarian and urban IPM posters. Poster content needs to be new and not recycled.
 - North Central IPM Center supports students to attend the symposium.
 - Western IPM Center grants submission deadline is December 8th, Pacific Time
 - Dawn was on a webinar for NEHA as part of their EPA project connecting health departments with school IPM programs. All groups are in Utah or Colorado. They have 3 webinars coming up next month with Mark Lame.
- **Southern region**



- ESA meeting feedback: Janet Hurley led a successful Sunrise Session on school IPM and SSP, had good attendance even though it was at a difficult time (6.30am) and at the same time as another event.
 - Kathy Murray presented a poster at the ESA conference on the NESIPMWG's school nurse project and was interviewed by a writer for an article about the project to be published in Entomology Today.
 - Southern Center will start reviewing grants soon
 - Please take advantage of the [NIFA Stakeholder Input Opportunity process called NIFA listens](#): Open until December 2nd, please take a moment to submit short feedback focusing on the questions:
 - What is your top priority in food and agricultural research, extension, or education that NIFA should address?
 - What are the most promising science opportunities for advancement of food and agricultural sciences?
- **Northcentral region**
 - Submitted grant applications to apply for renewal funding to continue National Steering Committee and North Central School IPM WG activities and coordination.
 - SSP was presented to Michigan School Business Officials annual meeting that was attended by 23 Facility managers. Positive reception of the training, MSBO is considering to adopt the training for their internal certification.
 - Alina connected with John Stone at Michigan State University to make sure efforts to get SSP be part of the state requirement for IPM training is aligned with his project.

7. Stop School Pests (SSP) Update

- SSP website does not include presentations for download but lists an option to ask to receive those by email. Alina will email them to anyone requesting them. This is to not duplicate efforts of eXtension where all files are available for download, and is an additional opportunity to engage more with those asking for the files to provide help in tailoring them, sharing sample documents etc.
- CEU discussion – Janet: How can we help with getting SSP online trainings accepted for CEUs in states?
- Most states have different requirements, not all accept online or have very strict requirements for online vs in –person training.
- Lynn: NY state is hesitant to accept online training towards CEUs due to the difficulties in verifying the person actually took the training
- Janet: In Texas in-person is fairly easy, but for online courses people have to prove a 2-year history of having engaged with content online.
- Dawn: Similar struggles with PMP credits where in-person is easy but online delivery is hard to figure out.
- Dawn: Had success working with 3rd party vendors specialized in offering training that would charge a fraction of the price but would assure the content was delivered in the right way. This may be an easier process considering resources – to work with those companies to offer SSP. Dawn worked with Metrotech.



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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, December 15th**. Future calls will continue to fall on the third Friday of each month at **1:30 PM Central time**.