



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 **September 15th, 2017**.

Roll

- Alina Freund, IPM Institute of North America
- Frank Laufenberg, IPM Institute of North America
- Dawn Gouge, University of Arizona Maricopa
- Joe LaForest, Southern IPM Center
- Matthew Powell, National Education Association
- Marc Lame, Indiana University
- Amanda Crump, Western IPM Center
- Janet Hurley, Texas A&M Dallas Agricultural Research and Extension Center
- Tim Stock, Oregon State University
- Lynnae Jess, North Central IPM Center
- Ashley Freeman, California Department of Pesticide Regulation
- Christina Mayville, California Department of Pesticide Regulation
- Tim Barchak, National Education Association
- Karey Windbiel-Rojas, California IPM Program
- Belinda Messenger Sikes, Urban Writer and Editor for the UC IPM Program
- Anne Schellman, California IPM Program
- Lynn Braband, New York State Community IPM, Cornell University
- Kathy Murray, Maine Department of Agriculture
- Seth Dunlap, Arkansas State Plant Board, ASPCRO

Agenda

1. Roll
2. The Plague (Marc Lame)
3. Steering Committee group member list: Work with Janet, Dawn and Tom
4. Stop School Pests Update (Alina)
5. Regional updates (group)

1. Presentation on the Plague (Marc Lame)

- Dr. Marc Lame is a 20-year faculty member of Indiana University, now serving as clinical professor at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs and director of the Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSES) Program. Dr. Lame holds degrees in agriculture, entomology, and public administration. He was an extension integrated pest management (IPM) specialist at the University of Arizona for 10 years and an administrator for Arizona Department of Environmental Quality before joining Indiana University.
- Please review the provided slides to find more details on Marc Lame's presentation.



- Tim: I have two questions, first are gerbil's a possible vector historically? Second, do you have any comments on why elevation is tied to plague?
 - Marc's assumption is that the natural host is tied to that elevation.
 - Gerbil's are primarily an Asian animal historically, so it could have been them or the black rat with the Black Death. There is a connection between the plague and gerbil populations.
- Dawn: Climate indicator: cool summer and wet winter leads to higher plague – is this based on host populations or bacterium?
 - Marc: it has to do with the reservoir hosts.
 - Wet winter is also associated with higher hanta virus in California.

2. Steering Committee group member list

- Frank reviewed the member email list and marked members who have not been active on the list or in calls.
 - Frank emailed them to ask whether or not they wish to continue to be a part of the group and will remove anyone who doesn't respond by the end of next week.
- Frank updated the website list of members to include everyone who is active on these calls and the email list and removed a few people who have retired (Thomas Babb and Sherry Glick).
- To review the updated and alphabetized list please go to: <https://ipminstitute.org/projects/school-ipm-2020/steering-committee/>

3. Stop School Pests (SSP) Update

- New SSP Learning Management Website has been finished and is accessible at the original stopschoolpests.com/stopschoolpests.org domain.
- Next week Alina will focus on user testing to identify any further improvements needed before rolling it out.
- Kathy Murray will conduct SSP trainings in New Hampshire on October 6th at the New Hampshire NEA ESP conference.
- NEA will host a SSP webinar for their custodial members. Tom Green will be the presenter, using SSP custodian module.

4. Regional Updates

• **Western region**

- Ashley Freeman: We shared some new articles to the ischoolpests manager and will notify Janet that the website should be updated with these documents.
- Amanda: The request for proposals from the Western IPM Center will be live on Tuesday October 3rd.
- Dawn: multiple counties in northeast reported fleas testing positive for plague.
 - Know before you need it!
 - Two questions from school staff members asking for information on the plague
 - 1-page, short overview.
 - Still in the process of completing this information.
 - There is also a high amount of rabies in Arizona right now, which took short term priority over the fleas with plague.

• **Northcentral region**

- The RFA for the annual grant that funds our working group has been released for 2018-2019 by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Crop Protection and Pest Management Program through the North Central IPM Center.



- Working Groups are meant to address the NCIPM Center’s priorities and mission, which is to improve health, environment, and economic benefits by providing leadership and cooperating with partners to facilitate the development and adoption of IPM solutions.
- The IPM Institute is planning to apply for renewal to continue coordination of the North Central SIPM working group and this National Steering Committee, our group will develop objectives for the grant renewal, potential options below:
 - Sending out a monthly school IPM newsletter
 - Having SSP materials translated
 - Working to integrate SSP into state certification systems similarly to safeserv.
 - Reaching out to additional groups who would benefit from school IPM information, such as school nurse associations.
- Frank will work on drafting these objectives and is available for your input and feedback at flaufenberg@ipminstitute.org.
- Frank will distribute further information regarding letters of support from members for the NCIPMC grant.
- The grant must be submitted by November 17th, but Frank will need group member input by Friday October 27th to smoothly integrate feedback into the grant materials.
- Call for posters at the IPM symposium is open through early November – you can submit a poster. Frank will send out a link! <https://ipmsymposium.org/2018/posters.html>
- **Southern region**
 - Update: The EPA released a boarder grant.
 - TX, NM, AR, and CA to implement additional IPM programming
 - We are applying to do healthy homes training and SSP
 - Agrolife TX has been managing this initiative
 - Partners and schools, 4-page narrative, letters of support to leverage the project.
 - The goal is to train county agents to get IPM information to schools and homes.
 - In Florida, school food folks have required integration of IPM.
 - ASCPRO meeting, there was an incident with anti-microbial wipes because kids were using this regulated pesticide on desks.
 - ASCPRO liked Dawns newsletter on these wipes and will likely adapt and spread. information, Seth will reach out to Dawn to coordinate this effort.
 - Seth is preparing a letter for endorsement on SSP for ASCPRO.
- **Northeastern region**
 - RFA for northeastern working groups is out too.
 - NE SIPM WG will likely try to collaborate with regional school tick groups for this grant.
 - School nursing grant project is progressing.
 - Trying to get papers accepted for the school nurses conference.
 - Online training is going well.

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