

## **Southern Region IPM Center Advisory Council Meeting Report**

October 19, 2005 Raleigh, North Carolina

### **Attending:**

Robert Beach, Harold Coble, Amber Davis, Jonathan Edelson, Henry Fadamiro, Tom Fuchs, Carrie Harmon, Ames Herbert, Jennifer Hodorowicz, Clayton Hollier, Pat O'Leary, Carol Somody, Ron Stinner, Steve Toth, Earl Tryon, Jim VanKirk

### **Wednesday, October 19, 2005**

#### **Overview of Center Resources ([link](#))**

- Center resources have diversified over the course of the past year. By adding new projects to our funding stream we are able to increase to proportion of funds that we pass onto other projects.

#### **Federal Update**

- There isn't currently a budget and we are operating under continual resolution. CSREES is being asked to spend 20 percent less than last year within their own operating budget. There is a chance of a 10 percent cut in programs.
- The National Plant Disease Recovery System is developing recovery plans for several diseases. There are currently 10 pests that OPMP is working on recovery plans for, and these will be available on the APHIS and OPMP website once complete. Some of these pests include a new wheat stem rust and downy mildew which causes massive losses in corn and sorghum yields.
- Harold Coble suggests that the Centers create one-pagers to show measures of positive outcome and impact that IPM has. Suggests talking with Rob Hedburg who was just hired at CSREES and works well with Congress.

#### **Methyl Bromide Alternatives for Country Ham**

- The Southern Region IPM Center may receive a proposal requesting support to convene a meeting of regional and national experts to prepare a research plan to help the country ham industry reduce its dependence on methyl bromide. SRIPMC may host the aforementioned meeting and assist with the travel costs of select regional and national experts.

#### **Soybean Rust Issues ([link](#))**

- The Center helped sponsor Dr. Tadashi Yorinori, leading soybean rust expert from Brazil, this summer in a soybean rust tour across the southern region.
- PIPE project is a new project funded by CSREES using Risk Management Agency funds. The primary objective is to deal with soybean rust in 2006. We hope to use this platform in the future to handle other pests.

### **Mid-Term Center Review**

- The Center will have a mid-term review in February 2006, and all four regional Centers will be reviewed at the same time in Washington DC.
- There will be a short survey sent to all Advisory Council and Steering Committee members, and to all IPM Coordinators and State Contacts. Please make sure you and/or your stakeholders complete this survey.

### **Report on State Contacts ([Link](#))**

- Based on Steve's report it was decided that funding of State Contacts is the best use for this money.

### **IPM Enhancement Grants RFA**

- Approximately half the money the Center receives for grants programs is passed out in the IPM Enhancement Grants Program.
- Want to move RFA release date and deadline earlier so that the Center can make funding decisions before the season starts. Aiming for a December 1 or January 1 release date with a 90 day application period.
- Discussed ways to distinguish this program from other IPM funding sources. Based on the discussion, the Center will get feedback from the Steering Committee on putting a project funding limit and time limit regarding Special Projects and focusing on start-up and capstone projects. Will also discuss pulling the State Contacts out as a separate RFA and review panel.

### **USAID/IPM CRSP Update**

- Yulu Xia is leading a project to develop information management systems for international IPM projects.

### **Expertise Database**

- SRIPMC is working with the Northeastern Center to build this database.
- Suggest state contacts be required to update the list at least annually.

### **S-RIPM ([link](#))**

- RFA is out now with a December 7, 2005 deadline.
- New category in the RFA for evaluation projects – encourage people to apply with evaluation projects and contact Jim with any questions.
- Electronic submission required.

### **PMAP Priorities ([link to priorities](#))**

- Jim sent out an e-mail asking for feedback on the priorities and received a lot of feedback from grape and wine growers.
- AC advised to not make the priorities commodity based, but maybe list some of the pests grape growers mentioned as examples.
- Center will look into rewording the sixth priority and see if they can drop the specific commodity reference.

### **1890s meeting**

- Jim will look into getting SRIPMC onto their meeting agenda.

### **Less-restrictive Funds Account**

- Haven't done anything with this yet, still in on the project docket.

### **Project Reports**

- Both the project reports template and the management system are nearing completion.

### **Website (including electronic submission)**

- New IPM Centers site launched – [www.ipmcenters.org](http://www.ipmcenters.org)
- Creating an electronic submission system for grant proposals – everything is up on the web now.
- If you have any questions please e-mail Jeanne Bacheler (Jeanne\_bachelor@ncsu.edu)

### **Membership Guidelines**

- Membership Suggestions:
  - Rotate 1/3 of membership every year.
  - Meet twice a year but look at moving the meetings to January and July.
  - Look into moving the meetings to other sites to help people that have to travel far.
  - Look into recruiting master gardeners and Jim VanKirk will look into recruiting new members.
  - If you don't come to meetings or respond to Center communications you will be removed from the council.
- Meeting suggestions:
  - Give a 10 minute review of the prior SC meeting.
  - Send out agenda in advance and possibly packet of information.

### **Publications**

- The Center recently moved *Southern Exposure* to a quarterly publication, and has published two quarterly editions thus far including the September issue. In addition to the quarterly newsletter, the Center implemented *NewsFlash*, which is currently updated on average once a week. Finally, the Center is developing a *Newsroom* section of the website.
- Mid-Atlantic Guide to Pests ([link](#))
- Fire Ant publication ([link](#)) – SRIPMC will solicit state orders.

### **Set Spring Meeting Date**

- Steering Committee will discuss the following dates:
  - Week of April 17
  - Week of April 24
  - March 15