

## **Seventh International IPM Symposium Program Committee Conference Call January 5, 2012**

Participants: Elaine Wolff, Margaret Appleby, Lynnae Jess, Sherry Glick, Lynn Braband, Dawn Gouge, Mary Kay Malinoski, Dave Clement, Seth Dibblee.

### Conference Matrix Update

Elaine reports no sessions withdrawn, and very few individuals withdrawn. The few session conflicts people identified have been resolved. Session abstracts have been requested **January 13<sup>th</sup> is the deadline.**

### Requests for Room Space

There have been a number of requests for meeting space outside of the symposium. One request from the EPA Tribal Pesticide Counsel specifies time during the Thursday morning plenary session. The committee felt it would be a great loss to the Tribal Pesticide Council members if we granted meeting space during the closing plenary sessions. We hope to encourage the members to join the closing symposium sessions, we do not want to lose their participation. Conclusions drawn and action items determined during the last symposium yielded significant recovery of IPM funding to name just one major outcome. The program committee therefore respectfully requests the participation of the EPA Tribal Pesticide Counsel members to attend the final plenary speaker sessions and wrap-up discussion. The symposium program finishes at 12:45pm Thursday.

### Plenary Speaker Updates

Elaine will contact Naresh, Meg, and Carlos to confirm they have made a solid connection with their adopted plenary speakers. As January 13 is the abstract deadline and all plenary speakers are required to submit abstracts it is important chaperones communicate with plenary speakers immediately if they have not already done so.

### Larry Elworth Update

Sherry has been in communication with Larry and they are working on talking points for his presentation. Sherry is also working with Jim Jones (Assistant Administrator of EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention), who may serve as a co-presenter or alternative presenter to Larry if need be.

### Daily Introduction

Day 2 Tuesday Norm will provide the introduction for the day, Day 3 Wednesday Lynn Braband will provide the introduction (Dawn will be back-up in case Lynn has more delightful things to attend to), Day 4 Thursday Tom Green will provide introductions. Tom Green will also be asked to provide closing remarks (as he did such a splendid job last time). Seth will make the request to Tom before our February call.

### Tours

Seth has been in contact with Memphis Zoo and has confirmed 25 tour spots (they can accommodate more if need be). The tour group will depart the hotel at 1pm and the tour will run from 2-3:30pm. Cost 18-19. Seth suggests we use the hotel shuttle bus as the zoo is local to the hotel. Shelby Farms is still a possibility but transportation would have to be chartered to transport tour participants to the Farms. Plan C remains the Botanical Gardens which are close to the hotel.

#### Symposium App.

Sherry talked with Frank J. Louws (NCSU) regarding the development of a conference mobile app. Frank is working with Sherry to organize the creation of the app. Wireless routers at the conference center can accommodate 70 users. Elaine is working with vendors to leverage funds to cover router costs.

#### Timeline Review

Session abstracts and individual abstracts (with hot links to PDFs of PowerPoints) will be published as on-line proceedings. **Please encourage folks to submit abstracts by January 13.**

#### Other Business

Elaine will contact the Program Committee chairs with questions as needed. At this point Elaine will need a rapid response to questions that occur. Elaine please feel free to adopt the first responders suggestion.

56 posters have been submitted and we can expect at least 100 more by the deadline January 9<sup>th</sup>.

27 award nominations were submitted.

Conference aids (gophers) will be required. Everyone will be asked to help, but Elaine will take volunteers as priority candidates. Please send Elaine your cell phone numbers if you wish to be listed. Lynn and Seth both volunteered.

#### Next Call

Ground Hog Day February 5, 3:00pm EST

Dawn will send out a reminder with an agenda and set up the conference line for the call.

**There are 81 days until  
The 7<sup>th</sup> International IPM Symposium (26 March 2012)!**