

IPM Symposium Program Committee call

Thursday, Feb 9th, 2011 at: 11am Eastern; 8am Pacific

Attending: Elaine Wolff, Sherry Glick, Norm Leppla, Dawn Gouge, Naresh Duggal, Tom Green, Lynnae Jess, Kaci Buhl, Carlos Bogran.

AGENDA:

1. Opening Plenary Key Note Speaker selection:

Speakers under consideration included: Steve Bradbury, Peter Ellsworth, Carrie Koplinka-Loehr, Craig Watson from Sysco, Herb Bolton, Sandra Alvey, Harold Coble, Marc Lame, Colonel Richard N. Johnson, Richard Kramer, Bobby Corrigan, Jeff Tucker, Karim M. Maredia, Colby Schall.

Sherry updated the committee about the availability of Larry Elworth as opening plenary speaker.

EPA has suggested Steve Bradbury replace Larry Elworth. We do not know if Steve can accommodate the request, he is not currently registered to attend the meeting. The committee envisioned the opening keynote speaker to address IPM on a global stage (theme of the symposium). The committee also recognizes that EPA staff are extremely busy, and their availability changes regularly. The committee looked through the proposed list of candidates looking for someone who is a dynamic and inspirational speaker, who has global IPM involvement, and who is already committed to attending the meeting.

The committee wish to have Steve Bradbury involved as a plenary speaker, discussion will follow on the best placement. The committee voted on keynote speaker 1st place Herb Bolton, 2nd place Colby Schall.

Immediate action items: 1) contact Herb Bolton (Norm will contact Herb); 2) if Herb accepts, get Herb's bio, picture, abstract to Kaci and Elaine asap; 3) define Steve Bradbury's placement; 4) contact Steve Bradbury; 5) if Steve accepts, get Steve's bio, picture, abstract to Kaci and Elaine asap.