

Minutes of the IPM Symposium Program Committee Conference Call (03-05-10)

Participants:

Margaret Appleby
Carlos Bogran
Naresh Duggal
Dawn Gouge
Lynnae Jess
Norm Leppla
Megha Parajulee (sent apologies)
Elaine Wolf

Agenda:

1. Establish the 7th International IPM Symposium theme
2. Determine major topic areas
3. Begin determining meeting format for sessions, receptions, breaks, events, etc.

Business:

1. Dawn volunteered to send reminders to schedule the teleconferences, construct agendas, set up conference line, and guide group through agenda.
2. Norm volunteered to take minutes, distribute them to the group for comments, then send them to the steering committee.
3. Multiple votes for the following themes-
 - Partnerships to enhance IPM in the 21 Century (2)
 - Sustainable solutions for a growing world (4)
 - IPM: Next generation (2)
 - IPM on the world stage (4)

Final theme selected: "IPM on the World Stage"

4. Naresh introduced his idea of having three main categories and groups of subcategories. For discussion, he suggested the following categories: administration, outreach, and best practices (to include research). The participants discussed these categories with the goal of generating a final set of unifying categories. Although not final, the discussion ended with four broad categories: management, outreach, impacts and best practices. We are attempting to group topics to reduce concurrent session frustration and would appreciate guidance from the Steering Committee.

5. Elaine reminded us that there have been diverse interests at past Symposia. Last time, we had 12 concurrent sessions with 50-100 participants per room. Elaine may know more about the limitations of the facility before our next call.

7. Margaret reminded us that last time we had mini-symposia, workshops and brainstorming sessions.

8. Carols advised that we need to organize sessions so we don't have the "same old groups" meeting yet another time, i.e., we need to encourage sharing information and ideas.

Action Items:

1. Send Dawn suggested tag lines for consideration on the next call.
2. Steering Committee call - March 11th, 10:30 Central.
3. Next Program committee call - April 2nd, 11:30 Central.