

7th International IPM Symposium Program Committee Conference Call
April 6, 2011

Next Call: Wednesday, May 4, 2011 2:30pm EDT/1:30pmCDT/12:30pmMDT/11:30amPDT

Participants: Margaret Appleby (convening), Seth Dibblee, Lynnae Jess, Naresh Duggal, Norm Leppla, Elaine Wolff, Megha Parajulee, Kaci Buhl.

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Please refer to the agenda published by Dawn H. Gouge on April 1, 2011.

1. No additional agenda items.
2. Agreed that giving Tom Green of the IPM Institute 10 minutes to promote IPM Voice in the first plenary session, following Steve Owens, would be appropriate. Owens is likely to use less than his allocated time in that session. If due to circumstances beyond his control, Owens is unable to speak that day, Green might be asked to deliver a longer address as a back-up.
3. Elaine reported that plenary speaker invitation and responses are almost all in, including biographical information and photos. As they are confirmed, plenary speakers are being named on the Symposium website. Kaci said that beginning in May, speaker biographies will be published, one per week, on the symposium's Twitter™ and Facebook™ feed.

In consideration of Steve Owens' potential circumstances, Larry Elworth has agreed not to speak in the Management wrap-up session. Instead, the committee agreed to invite Carrie Koplinka-Loehr of the Northeast IPM Center. Lynnae will invite her informally, and Dawn will follow up with a formal invitation. Lynnae will also ask her to coordinate her wrap-up remarks with those of Tom Green concerning IPM Voice. [Note: Later that day Lynnae reported that Carrie has accepted the invitation to speak at that session.]

4. Elaine further reported that we have received about 14 session proposals thus far; more are expected as the deadline (April 29, 2011) draws near. Elaine noted that there is some variety in the proposals, and will send everyone a list of them later today.

The committee talked about ways to further generate session proposals, including additional mailing lists. Elaine will publish at least one more message calling for proposals (see also Media Update below). The committee may also extend the deadline for proposals if necessary—a decision for the next meeting.

A sub-committee will sort and assign proposals beginning in mid-May, including Margaret, Lynnae, Megha and Naresh. The goal is to confirm all session speakers by the end of July 2011.

5. No developments on site tours.

6. Media Update: Kaci reported that an additional message calling for proposals will go out to a set of group and newsletter contacts in April. Naresh suggested using a list of worldwide Land Grant Universities available from the FAO website; Kaci agreed to follow up on this. She will also send another reminder to potentially interested individuals within a 200 mile radius of Memphis.
7. At this time we are current on the Symposium timeline.
8. Other business: Committee members can forward any requests for session sponsorship and/or travel funding to Elaine for a standardized response.
9. Margaret will report from this committee to the Symposium Steering Committee during their call on April 14, 2011; Norm will back her up, if necessary.

During Dawn's absence May through August of this year, Margaret will continue to convene and moderate our conference calls. Seth Dibblee will continue to take notes for these calls. Our next call will be on Wednesday, May 4 at the same hour and same phone number/password.