

7th International IPM Symposium Program Committee Conference Call
May 4, 2011

Next Call: Wednesday, June 8, 2011 (Note: one week later than usual)
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.

Minutes: Please send additions or corrections to Seth Dibblee: dibblee.seth@epa.gov

Please refer to the agenda published by Margaret Appleby on May 2, 2011.

1. No additional agenda items.
2. Elaine Wolff reported that 85 session proposals have been submitted, referring to the spreadsheet she sent on May 3, 2011 (one more proposal arrived afterward). This format has only the title, authors, and contact information; Elaine will send out the large file with additional fields to the sub-committee that will review the proposals. After the submission deadline is past, the spreadsheet will be reformatted into a text document for ease of review. In order to facilitate the sorting process, Elaine will resend the short format with the authors' keywords included.

In a quick recap, noting that there are a maximum of 96 time slots for sessions (and that some authors have requested two time slots), Naresh Duggal tallied the number of proposals in each area, based on a review of their respective titles [please refer to his e-mail message dated May 4, 2011], and suggested that both Natural Resources and Outreach are under-represented in the proposals.

The committee agreed to extend the submission deadline to Friday, May 20, 2011 in order to entertain more proposals. Elaine will send out another reminder to her mailing lists; beforehand, Naresh will provide her an extra sentence or two soliciting proposals in the under-represented areas.

In order to stay on the project timeline, the sub-committee will start the preliminary review of submitted proposals the week of May 23, 2011. In recognition of the short time before our next call, the committee agreed to postpone it one week to Wednesday, June 8, 2011.

3. Site Tours: One session proposal has been submitted by Audubon International, as a tour of Mirimichi, a golf course in Millington, Tennessee known for its environmental sustainability. Seth Dibblee agreed to investigate other possibilities for site tours, beginning with a short list of candidates from Elaine. The objective is to offer a few options for tours nearby in which participants may enroll, perhaps at an additional cost.
4. No media update.

5. No new business.
6. Our next call will be on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at the same hour and same phone number/password.

*Note: During Dawn Gouge'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.