

7th International IPM Symposium Planning Conference Call

April 14, 2011

Next Call: May 12, 11:30am EST / 10:30am CST / 9:30am MST / 8:30am PST

Participants: Naresh Duggal, Rubella Goswami, Tom Green, Norm Leppla, Todd Peterson, Brenna Wanous, Elaine Wolff

Minutes:

*Please send additions, corrections and omissions to Brenna Wanous, brwanous@gmail.com.

Programs Committee update:

1. All of the plenary speaker invitations have been sent, and nearly all of the responses received, along with speaker biographies and photographs.
2. Tom Green has agreed to speak on behalf of IPM Voice for 10 minutes at the end of Steve Owen's opening plenary session. Should Steve be pulled away from the Symposium due to EPA work, Tom will fill in for the full session.
3. Larry Ellsworth, also with EPA, runs the same risk of last-minute schedule changes, so he has agreed to remove himself from the agenda and Carrie Koplinka-Loeher will speak in his stead about IPM Voice.
4. There are 14 program proposals submitted thus far, two and a half weeks before the deadline (April 29). Elaine indicated for the last Symposium, approximately 80 proposals were submitted in the last 11 days. The deadline will be extended one week for those who call or email to inquire; the extension will not be advertised.
5. Once the deadline has passed, a programs subcommittee will review, sort and schedule sessions.
6. Options for local tours are still under discussion.

Media/Outreach Committee update:

1. Kaci will send out a reminder about the upcoming programs deadline to her various contacts later this month. Contact Kaci if you're able to help.
2. Newsletters are still publishing Symposium announcements.
3. Now that many plenary speakers have submitted their biographies and photographs, Kaci will use these in weekly promotions on Facebook, Twitter and other avenues.

Finances/Exhibits Committee update:

1. There are no new financial commitments since last month; no word yet from the CDC application.
2. Brenna will convene the committee to send out another reminder to potential funders in the next month. The committee will start conducting phone calls in late May and early June.

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