

7th International IPM Symposium Planning Conference Call
October 14, 2010

Next Call: November 18, 2010 (*see minutes item 5.a-b*), 11:30am EST / 10:30am CST / 9:30am MST / 8:30am PST

Participants: Kaci Buhl, Pete Goodell, Dawn Gouge, Rubella Goswami, Tom Green, Norm Leppla, Todd Peterson, Jill Schroeder, Brenna Wanous

Minutes:

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

1. Programs Committee Update:

- a. Program schedule is close to final and ready for approval by the steering committee. Please review the attached time matrix and send comments and feedback to Norm (ncleppla@ifas.ufl.edu) or Dawn (dhgouge@ag.arizona.edu).
- b. Plenary Speakers:
 - i. Plenary speakers will be/have been invited to provide either an opening talk (duration of 45 minutes) or a closing talk (duration of 30 minutes) in their area of expertise as it relates to the four main themes: Best Practices, Management, Outreach and Research.
 - ii. A number of nominees have been invited to be plenary speakers. Three nominees have formally accepted the invitation (see program committee notes, attached).
 - iii. Nominations are still being accepted; send the name, affiliation, a description of their work, experience, and where the candidate fits into the four major themes to Norm, Dawn, or Margaret (Margaret.appleby@ontario.ca).
 - iv. Rubella highlighted the importance of having a plenary speaker line-up that is well balanced around IPM topics, extending beyond entomology.
- c. Committee clarified the difference between Symposium sessions, in which general participants are invited to participate, and related meetings held before or after the Symposium for specific participants.

2. Finances/Exhibits Committee Update:

- a. Committee sent out second email communication to the group potential sponsors in mid-September.
- b. Goal for October and early November is to divide up the contact list and make personal contact with each potential sponsor.
- c. 7th IPM Symposium received its first financial contribution commitment from the University of California Statewide IPM Program.

3. Awards Committee Update:

- a. A busy field season postponed the committee's meetings; the committee will resume regular calls after the first of the year.

4. Media/Outreach Committee Update:

- a. Committee also was unable to meet regularly over the summer, and will begin doing so after the first of the year.
- b. Kaci is working on creating a Facebook page as an outreach tool for the Symposium.

5. Next Conference Call:

- a. Regularly scheduled conference call, November 11th, is US Veteran's Day.
- b. Rescheduled conference call date is proposed for Thursday, November 18th at the normal time (11:30 am EST). Please contact Brenna (brwanous@gmail.com) if this date conflicts with your schedule.