

SRIPMC AC/SC Teleconference Dec. 7, 2011

Present: Herb Bolton, Charles Allen, Caydee Savinelli, Clayton Hollier, Carlos Bogran, Carrie Harmon, Paul Smith, Steve Toth, Conrad Lavender, Tom Royer, Robert Bellinger, Fudd Graham, Mike Weaver, Jim VanKirk, G Keith Douce, Christine Fortuin, Dave Close, Patricia Livingston, Michelle Samuel-Foo, Harold Coble, Ames Herbert, Rosemary Hallberg, John Mayne

SRIPMC staffing issues

- Jo-Anne retired in September
- Steve is recovering but has not yet returned to work
- Danesha Seth-Carley moved to another position within the university
- Doris Sande has joined the staff
- We will be hiring an evaluation specialist post-doc

Wrapping up the old project

- Former project was a 4-year continuing project. We are in the last year and the termination date is August 31, 2012.
- Regulatory Information Network has 4 subcontracts – Weaver VaTech, Mossler UFL, Hensley UTenn, Matocha Texas A&M
- Critical Issues grants are still being awarded. Check our home page at www.sripmc.org for a link to the RFA.

FY 2011 Project

- The FY 2011 project will end August 2013.
- Comparison of this budget with prior programs annual budgets show a cut of about 30%, with effects including the suspension of the IPM Enhancement Grants.

Regulatory Information Network

- 1 year project, 4 subcontracts for \$25,000 each.
- Will do the same duties, including responding to regulatory inquiries.
- They are also updating the crop profiles.
- The network responded on AZM cancellation.
- We will be having monthly phone calls with the RIN.

Small Farms Working Group

- Henry Fadamiro will lead the effort. This will be similar to a \$25,000 working group.
- This idea was in direct response to the IPM Centers RFA.
- We will include sustainable, small farms and organic farmers.
- The meeting will be to allow farmers to get to know each other, identify priorities and opportunities.
- Henry will be rejoining the Advisory Council and Steering Committee.

Evaluation Specialist

- We will be able to support the position through 2013.

- The person will review projects that have been funded to try to get big stories.
- The person will also assist faculty when they are planning proposals on planning evaluation.
- The person will also lead training for faculty.
- We are looking for someone with an ag economics background.

Friends of Southern IPM

- We received 3 nominations, which the committee approved.
- We used the AC and SC officers to be the awards committee.
- That committee decided to add 3 nominations.
- Nominees include:
 - Bright Idea: Bugwood Network
 - Future Leader: Dr. Ayanava Mujumdar
 - IPM Educator: Dr. Scott Stewart
 - IPM Implementer: Dr. Blaine Viator
 - Pulling Together: Mississippi Crop Situation Blog team
 - Lifetime Achievement: Dr. Ames Herbert
- **Action Item: Decision was made to approve all 6 awards.**
- Currently we don't get nominations for graduate students for Future Leader award. We would like to hold a special Call for graduate students Friend of IPM award. Advertising: newsletters of APS and Ent Soc and Weed Science. Call will go out after first of year. **Approved by consensus.**

IPM Symposium: There is an IPM Achievement Award; deadline for nominations is December 15.

Updates

NIFA

- Budget status can be found on the presentation.
- Indirect cost rate may be going up for some of the programs. NIFA does not control the indirect cost rate. Universities have been asking for higher indirects.
- NIFA travel budget and staff are being reduced. Retirees Kopp and Meyer not expected to be replaced.
- RIPM RFAs should be out by December 15.
- Stakeholders need to make comments about what they want to see in an RFA when the RFA comes out.
- New Regional IPM Centers RFA target release before the IPM Symposium in March.

EPA

- Christine Fortuin is our new EPA representative.
- Strategic Ag Initiative program has been sunsetted, and resources have been shifted to other things.
- The former PESP regional grants have become regional Ag IPM grants. This year, those grants were awarded to Auburn

- School IPM program gave out 6 grants. This year one project was given out in the Southern region to Florida & Georgia.
- We are still supporting projects that were funded under the SAI grant.
- We have an ongoing project on bedbug education to focus on structural pest control. EPA is focusing on restrict and stop use and distribution of unregistered pesticides.
- EPA is also starting a project involving outreach to women who are pregnant or of childbearing age working with pesticides.

SPDN

- NPDN had its 3rd national meeting in Davis, CA. The budget was primary topic because last year the budget was cut nearly in half.
- NPDN still has a budget but has been cut even more. The regional directors are trying to figure out what next year will look like. Diagnostics will not change, but personnel may change.
- We are going after other funding, especially in IPM. One project is a RIPM project to help train new diagnosticians and increase the sampling of diagnostic images in Bugwood. Nematodes will be included based on the lab.

OPMP

- OPMP has hired an entomologist and has received approval to recruit a plant pathologist to replace Kent Smith, who recently retired.

IPM and eXtension

- SRIPMC held a workshop on October 5, 2011. Participants came from several different organizations.
- A subgroup of people agreed to continue meeting and take the next step.

How did the call work?

- The group decided that the June meeting should be in Raleigh and the winter meeting should be held by teleconference. In either case, handouts should be available via a web page the day before.

Date for June meeting: June 11-12, 2012.