Public Tick IPM Working Group
May 11th, 2016
Send additions, omissions or other corrections to cnelson@ipminstitute.org

The Working Group meets via conference call on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00PM CT (2:00PM EST). The next conference call will take place on June 8th, 2016

1. Roll
   - Tom Green, IPM Institute of North America, Inc.
   - Bob Maurais, Mainely Ticks
   - Chloe Nelson, IPM Institute of North America, Inc.
   - Tom Mather, University of Rhode Island
   - Holly Gaff, Old Dominion University
   - Jill Auerbach, Hudson Valley Lyme Disease Association
   - Jennifer Reid, BLAST Lyme Program
   - Chris Przybyszewski, US BIOLOGIC
   - Larry Stafford, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
   - Tom Daniels, Fordham University
   - Karl Lehtonen, Empire State Lyme Disease Association

2. Agenda
   - Article review
   - Tick news updates
   - Integrated Tick Management Conference, May 16-17!
   - Senate Bill S. 1503 update and contact request
   - Additional updates

3. Article review
   a. Update on LymeSeq, a new Lyme disease test in development from the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen). See their initial media release for background on the partnership between Focus on Lyme and TGen to develop this test here: https://www.tgen.org/home/news/2015-media-releases/tgen-developing-accurate-test-for-lyme-disease.aspx#VzJOiYOrJD8

4. Tick news updates
   a. Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies receives $5 million grant from Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation for large-scale study aimed at reducing ticks and Lyme disease. For more information about The Tick Project visit: http://www.tickproject.org/the-study.html

5. Integrated Tick Management Symposium Update
   a. Washington D.C. on May 16-17. Fairly good participants signed up. We will be doing survey to possibly add new objects on our Working Group website.

6. Senate Bill S. 1503 update and contact request
a. The lame duck session could be the time, must keep the pressure on.

7. **Open time for additional group member updates**