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

I. Roll
- Jane Petzoldt, IPM Institute
- Bob Maurais, Mainely Ticks
- Audrey Moore, EPA OPP Region 2
- Andrew Li, USDA
- Joellen Lampman, NYS IPM
- Kirby Stafford, CT Ag Experiment Station
- Laura Hayes, CT Ag Experiment Station
- Christine Dunathan, Friends Community School
- Raderrio Wilkins, EPA
- Tom Delaney, National Land Care Network
- Tom Mather, University of Rhode Island
- Jill Auerbach, Hudson Valley Lyme Disease Association
- Jennifer Reid, BLAST Lyme Program
- Karla Lehtonen, advocate
- Maria Gomes-Solecki, University of Tennessee

II. Update on IR-4, Jane Petzoldt (5 min)
Jane Petzoldt and Tom Green attended the Northeast Regional IR-4 Biopesticides meeting in Albany, NY August 19-21. At this meeting, attendees considered priorities for biopesticides for agronomic and public health use. Northeast IR-4 has a budget for 3-4 small (<$30,000) directed projects focused on demonstrating promising biopesticides for new uses/crops. Tom Mather submitted an online request for small-scale biopesticide efficacy trials for tick control. Tom and Jane also spoke on this issue with Edith Lurvey, the director of the NER IR-4 program. The priority will be considered at the national IR-4 meeting, occurring September 9-11 in Atlanta, GA.

II. Update from Andrew Li – Activities of the Federal Tick IPM Work Group (10 min)
- Andrew Li replaced John Carroll at USDA in Maryland last August
- Formerly, Andrew was working with livestock for USDA in Texas
- Over the past year, Andrew has worked with Candy Brassard of EPA (now retired) to develop a tick IPM community of practice for local federal research facilities in the Beltsville, Maryland area.
- A subset of the Federal Tick IPM Work Group met last month via teleconference to discuss the community of practice. The goal is to look for ways to collaborate among federal agencies to implement this community of practice for tick management in the area with specific projects to manage land and facilities. The group will meet every two months. Eventually, this community of practice could incorporate nonfederal partners and serve as a model for other communities to adopt.
- Candy Brassard was the former administrative lead of the Federal Work Group, but she has retired as of August. Dr. Ben Beard of CDC will remain head of the Work Group. Andrew, Ben, and Susan Jennings of EPA have been in discussions on the future direction of the Work Group.
III. Tracking federal funding for tick IPM and prevention vs. TBD treatment

On our previous call, group members expressed interest in tracking federal funding allocated for tick IPM and prevention vs. tickborne disease treatment. We strongly suspect that funding for Lyme disease prevention is underfunded relative to the number of cases in the US when compared to West Nile virus and other vector-borne illnesses. This exercise help us as we build a case for increased federal funding for tick IPM. Group members and others can cite these numbers when submitting proposals for projects to justify the need for funding. We will create and maintain a database of projects to aid in our analysis.

Possible sources of information include:

- EPA has a searchable project database. [XXURL?](http://report.nih.gov/categorical_spending.aspx)
- NIH has a categorical database for allocations: [http://projectreporter.nih.gov/reporter.cfm](http://projectreporter.nih.gov/reporter.cfm)
- Dr. Ben Beard has FY2012 information for CDC funding. Kirby Stafford will send a copy to Jane
- Andrew Li confirmed he has the only USDA project for ticks on humans. Funding for project slightly increased from last year.
- EPA has money for School IPM, could be an opportunity to get a subset of that allocated for tick control in school settings.
- Check with Tom Green RE: Pesticide Policy Dialogue Committee for School IPM funds
- Jill Auerbach received funding information from Sen. Schumer’s office for NYS CDC funding for ticks, sent to Jane
- We could convince someone to submit a GAL request to the Government Accountability Office. Congress members use these requests to research subjects.
- FOIA requests could be used as a last resort.
- See graph in the Workshop Report from the National Academy Press- critical needs and gaps in understanding Lyme Disease – pie chart broke out 2006-2010 from federal agencies
- Tom Mather: New program between NIFA and NIH for dual purposing – veterinary and human health projects. New RFA right now, will want to track how funding is allocated with the new program.

IV. Other Updates

Jill Auerbach reports that HR4701 passed in NYS House, pending passage in the Senate. The resolution would form an advisory committee of scientists, advocates, community members to advise on issues relating to Lyme disease and the public costs associated with the illness.

V. Action Items

- Kirby will send Jane information
- Andrew will talk to EPA, CDC, to look for numbers and send to Jane