Public Tick IPM Working Group  
February 10th, 2016  
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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 March 9th.

1. Roll  
- Tom Delaney, National Land Care Network  
- Holly Gaff, Old Dominion University  
- Tom Green, IPM Institute of North America, Inc.  
- Mason Kaufman, US BIOLOGIC  
- Joe Laco, CDC  
- Joellen Lampman, New York State IPM Program  
- Michael Levin, CDC  
- Bob Maurais, Mainely Ticks  
- Tom Mather, University of Rhode Island  
- Chloe Nelson, IPM Institute of North America, Inc.  
- William Nicholson, CDC  
- Chris Przybyszewski, US BIOLOGIC  
- Kirby Stafford, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station  
- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation

2. Agenda  
- Article review (2)  
- Working Group Updates  
- 2016 Integrated Tick Management Symposium Updates  
- Group member updates, questions and comments

3. Article review  
   a. “Mayo Researchers Identify New Borrelia Species that Causes Lyme Disease”  
      iii. Summary: A new bacterial species has been discovered that causes Lyme disease in people in the upper Midwest. Previously only *Borrelia burgdorferi* was believed to cause Lyme disease in North America, but this new species, provisionally named *Borrelia mayonii*, was detected in laboratory testing of samples from residents of Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin. These findings indicates that *Borrelia mayonii* may have only recently emerged in the upper Midwest, but it may have been present for longer at lower, undetected levels.

   b. “Ticks carrying Lyme disease in almost half of US counties”  
      i. Link to article coverage: [http://www.aol.com/article/2016/01/18/ticks-carrying-lyme-disease-in-almost-half-of-us-counties/21299000/](http://www.aol.com/article/2016/01/18/ticks-carrying-lyme-disease-in-almost-half-of-us-counties/21299000/)
      iii. Summary: Scientists at the CDC documented changes in the recorded distribution of blacklegged ticks and western blacklegged ticks in a distribution map updated from one
published in 1998. They found a 44.7% increase in the number of counties with these ticks present since 1998. The number of counties with established blacklegged ticks has more than doubled in this time, with the majority of county status changes occurring in the North-Central and Northeastern states. The Ohio River Valley seems to be combining two previously distinct foci for blacklegged ticks which documents a changing landscape of risk for human exposure to disease agents transmitted by these ticks. These findings also point to areas of re-emergence where enhanced vector surveillance and control may be warranted.

4. Working Group Updates
   a. Renewal proposal refunded
      i. Thank you to all Working Group members who provided a letter of support and assisted with the renewal proposal to the North Central IPM Center. The North Central IPM Center renewed funding for our working group for this next year. Some of this funding is in sponsorship of the ITM Symposium in May.
   b. Networking Survey from Jean Haley
      i. Jean Haley from the North Central IPM Center sent out an email in December, 2015 to each working group member with a personalized link to a networking survey for our Working Group. They have distributed this survey for us to create a member distribution map and collect information on the different involvement in the group. We need at least 50% total group completion of the survey for this to work and only need four more people to finish the survey.
      ii. Chloe Nelson will contact Jean to find out who has already completed the survey/who has not for additional follow-up. Each survey link is personalized, so Jean is the only person who can directly obtain this information. If you no longer have this original email and want to complete the survey, email Jean directly at jahaley@illinois.edu or email Chloe at cnelson@ipminstitute.org to coordinate with Jean.

5. 2016 Integrated Tick Management Symposium Updates
   a. Registration now open
      i. Registration opened at the end of January. Registration can be completed through the conference website which is hosted by ESA (http://entsoc.org/ITMS).
      ii. We currently have 16 registrations completed through the system. The conference goal is 150-200 participants. We will continue circulating conference announcements and monitoring registration as we move forward.
   b. Poster submission now open
      i. Poster submission is also available through the conference website. The abstract submission deadline is April 1st.
   c. New exhibitor/sponsorship level available
      i. At the beginning of February we opened up a third level opportunity for sponsorship and exhibiting. We started with two higher level opportunities listed at $10,000 and $5,000. The new third level is set at $1,000. Each level includes the following:
         Gold $10,000: Top level marketing opportunity for one sponsor, premium marketing exposure, two conference registrations and a premium exhibit space.
         Silver $5,000: Premium exhibit space, web and program book exposure, full signage marketing and one conference registration.
         Bronze: $1,000: One exhibit space.
      ii. The overall goal for sponsorship/exhibitor funding is $20,000. Currently with funding from the North Central IPM Center, Mainely Ticks and Connecticut Tick Control we have met
about $8,000. Contact cnelson@ipminstitute.org if your organization is interested in any of these levels or if you know of additional groups to reach out to.

6. **Group member updates, questions and comments**
   a. **NY State Department of Health Workshop**
      i. Kirby Stafford attended and presented at a two-day meeting on February 3\textsuperscript{rd}-4\textsuperscript{th} in New York. This is the second workshop held. Workshop proceedings are not yet posted online.