Public Tick IPM Working Group
September 14th, 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 October 12th.

Roll
- Mason Kauffman, US BIOLOGIC
- Ira Auerbach, STOP – Stop Ticks on People
- Alina Freund, IPM Institute of North America
- Tom Green, IPM Institute of North America
- Thomas Mather, TickEncounter Resource Center
- Frank Laufenberg, IPM Institute of North America
- Anne Kjemtrup, California Department of Public Health
- Chris Przybyszewski, US BIOLOGIC
- Rosina Romano, Entomological Society of America
- Bob Maurais, Mainely Ticks
- Jennifer Reid, BLAST Lyme Program

Agenda
1. Additional WG coordination support by Frank Laufenberg
   a. Frank will provide additional coordination support to the Working Group. Contact him at flaufenberg@ipminstitute.org for updates, comments, announcements and questions.
   b. Frank works as a team member in the Sustainable Food Group in addition to supporting the Tick IPM Working Group. Information about the IPM Institute’s Sustainable Food Group projects can be found here: https://ipminstitute.org/projects/#sustainable-food-group. Frank has a background in organic vegetable research and recently graduated from UW-Madison with majors in Environmental Science as well as Community and Environmental Sociology.
2. Renewal of North Central IPM Center grant proposal timeline
   a. Project must be submitted in PDF format before Friday, November 18, 2016 (5 PM Central)
b. Proposal submission guidelines can be found: https://projects.ipmcenters.org/Northcentral/public/ViewRFA.cfm?rfaid=7

c. Currently use $6,000 for facilitation, funding can be as high as $20,000

d. Funding could also be distributed to support individual publications, white papers, fact sheets, symposiums, etc.

3. Update from Bills in Congress (Ira Auerbach)
   a. Waiting for Lamar Alexander to introduce Health Care Bill
   b. Senator Blumenthal will propose Amendment 1503: Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Prevention, Education, and Research Act of 2015, which will involve the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) developing a Tick Borne Disease Advisory Committee. The committee will focus on 3 things.
      a. Ensure coordination with other federal agencies, private organizations, and constituency groups regarding efforts to address Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases.
      b. Ensure that a broad spectrum of scientific viewpoints is considered in public health policy decisions and that information disseminated to the public and physicians is based on the best available science.
      c. Advise federal agencies on priorities related to tick-borne diseases.
   d. Senate will go into recess in October

4. Tick Pest Alert Draft next steps
   a. Incorporating feedback received, Alina will circulate a final draft for last comments.
   b. Changing terminology to fit with the CDC’s recommendations for using plain language and everyday words (like replacing pathogen with germ), following feedback by the group.
   c. North Central IPM Center will edit the graphics and design overall layout; the text should be the focus while it is still in a word document.

5. Review of CDC grant deliverables and input from committee (Rosina Romano)
   a. Post Conference actions should focus on three key areas due December 31st
      a. An outline of the notes from breakout discussion groups should be used to develop a goal statement
      b. A Next Step Action List should be developed and revised using information from the conference.
      c. A White Paper draft should be produced (could include list of new action items)
   b. Funding for 11 journal submissions to the Journal of IPM
      a. Rosina plans on recirculating this information for more researchers to know about the opportunity.
      b. Links should be posted on the website.
   c. Timeline for the White Paper
a. Clean up symposium notes to make an outline, add content from the presenters. (September)
   Circulate outline and content to presenters and get their feedback with anymore content they think should be added. (October)
b. Clean up draft. (November)
c. Inform Ben he will be receiving something in the next month.
d. Alina will share notes from the breakout sessions with Rosina.
e. Presenters can contact Rosina and Lisa regarding article publication submission fee

6. **Additional updates, comments, announcements, questions**
   a. February 24th, 2017 there is a “Focus on Lyme’s Event”
   b. A recent New York Times article focused on a natural cure for tick borne diseases via reintroduction of large predators like wolves and cougars.
   c. Anne Kjemtrup sent a link to a go fund me project
      a. A graduate student of Anne works with, Sharon Brummitt, is studying *B. miyamotoi* which is associated with relapsing fever.
      b. Here is the link: [https://experiment.com/projects/7615/endorse/HURuXeg](https://experiment.com/projects/7615/endorse/HURuXeg)

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Please send Alina [afreund@ipminstitute.org](mailto:afreund@ipminstitute.org) or Frank [flaufenberg@ipminstitute.org](mailto:flaufenberg@ipminstitute.org) updates, announcements or other agenda items for October’s call.