

**Community IPM Leadership Team Meeting (Conference call)**  
**When: April 21, 2014: 9 am – 10:30 am**



**Call Notes**

On the call: Dawn Gouge, Peter Ellsworth, Dave Kopec, Kai Umeda, Ursula Schuch, Al Fournier, Shujuan Li, Shaku Nair

**New publications and other outputs**

- The new school IPM bi-fold brochure is available online at <http://extension.arizona.edu/sites/extension.arizona.edu/files/pubs/az1579.pdf>
- The bed bug publication (pictorial) is finalized. <http://extension.arizona.edu/sites/extension.arizona.edu/files/pubs/az1625.pdf>
- Lucy presented a poster on bed bugs and their management at the Pacific Branch ESA meeting in Tucson (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> April). She has created an extension version of it and will be submitting it to CALS shortly.
- Lucy is also working on a brochure on bed bug management for schools, specifically addressing Roving Classroom Bed Bugs.
- Bookmarks related to school IPM were finalized and approved by CALS. Shaku has printed copies, and we will use them at our events. We also have a separate set of book marks specifically oriented to appeal to Tribal communities.
- We have started work on a new brochure on "Benefits of Safe Turf" for schools.

**Related program updates**

Desert Horticulture Conference: Registration and sponsorship is going on well. Ursula expects this week (April 21-25) to be very busy, with all the arrangements.

Stop School Pests: The 3 outdoor IPM modules are under review by Ursula (landscapes), Kai and Dave (turf). Lucy and Dawn are working on the nurse module. A program meeting is coming up in Dallas, TX later this year (September 23-25), a second update meeting will take place at the IPM Symposium (Salt Lake City, Utah) next year in March 2015 <http://www.ipmcenters.org/ipmsymposium12/>. Al, Lucy, Dawn, Shaku and Kai may attend. Dawn has submitted a session title which will cover our Stop School Pests grant activities up to that point. The deadline for submission of session titles was April 25.

Handbook: We had our first conference call on April 14<sup>th</sup>. A comprehensive list of pests has been prepared. Shaku will send out the final list and request PIs for write-ups. Dawn suggested to ascertain what text is already available for use, rather than spending too much time to prepare new descriptions.

Tribal School IPM Template: Has been through several rounds of revisions and is in its 4<sup>th</sup> version currently and is with EPA now. Once finished, it will be posted on the OPM and the EPA region 9 website. Shaku to send it out to the Team in case anyone wants to see it.

EIPM update: The new grant will be for 3-years, starting again this year. The RFA is being awaited, and hopefully we will get to see it before our IPM-CC meeting next week. The new RFA will include RIPM, pest management alternatives and Regional IPM Center grants. IDC will likely be 30%. Each team should be prepared with their plans for this next grant cycle. Peter/Al will send out our proposal from last year, Al has already sent out the RIPM grant RFA from last year.

*Dawn:* Could we request an IDC waiver because we were awarded the grant last year?

*Peter:* We could try, but we should first see what we can do with our budget first.

PSEP update: The new position has been advertised, and we have several applicants already. Peter urged Team members to share the announcement with other circles of contact.

Website update: Wayne is working on this with the team from CALS. They have received several inputs. There is a call on Friday, April 25 – Lucy has already sent out a request for inputs on specific aspects.

New grant plans:

Peter: The new RIPM RFA will be announced shortly. Team to consider all options, and look at last year's proposals and RFAs. The RIPM grants will be available for research, extension or both. Multidisciplinary/institutional/state/tribal components will be advantageous. Research grants may be funded up to \$ 150K, extension up to \$ 70K, and research-extension grants up to \$ 150K. There are speculations that there may be only one panel for evaluation, nationally this year. So we cannot be sure whether the evaluation will be region-wise or on a national level.

Feedback/action needed after Big Check event:

An unexpected result of the event was that several schools mistook our EPA grant for the STAR grant and contacted Dawn asking about it, and this led to slight disappointment. Therefore, we could still consider that grant proposal for the RIPM.

Possibility of including a tribal school in School IPM Inside and Out program: Several training requests have been received from Tohono O'odham (June), Hopi and Gila River and Indian communities (July and September). Based on the reception of these trainings and feedback received, we can consider inclusion of a tribal school in our program.

The T-O Nation training is 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June, and this is through a grant that the Tribe received to conduct trainings. T-O Nation is a large community, and the community have requested pesticide safety trainings frequently. Ursula and Dawn will check T-O contacts and Dawn will report on June event.

*Kai:* Can we include multiple tribes at one location?

*Dawn:* Sometimes yes.

It will be helpful if a decision is made regarding tribal school inclusion in our program, before we submit the new EIPM paperwork.

School IPM Agreement to be finalized:

Team agreed that it is necessary to let the schools know that we have a time-frame to implement our program at their schools, but we cannot have fixed times for all schools because they are all different. So the best approach would be to suggest a time frame, but be flexible. Shaku will send out the latest version of the Agreement with the new wording, to be finalized before our next school inspection visit on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **Upcoming events**

- Yuma training – April 23

*Dawn:* This event will essentially conclude our grant objectives for the IPM in a Child's World grant. Although we have conducted more than the required number of trainings, the outcome has been very different from what we originally envisioned, which was to involve and empower the local agents so that they would use their contacts and conduct a 1 ½ day

training at a school site, possibly involving a practicum. None of the trainings will potentially result in the initiation of a school IPM Inside and Out program in the respective counties. However the education aspect has been successful.

*Kai:* In future efforts, we could avoid the practice of the agents directing us regarding the training content (essentially, requesting training for indoor aspects, because they deal with outdoor aspects themselves). Instead, we should indicate up front what we are intending to offer as a package to the school.

A similar approach should be taken with the new tribal trainings.

- Ak-chin Earth Day – April 25: Dawn, Lucy and Shaku will participate.
- Maricopa School Visit – April 29. We will be visiting as a team and covering indoor and outdoor aspects. Tribal partners will also participate in the event.
- IPM Coordinating Committee Meeting – April 30: Will focus on EIPM resubmission. Potential changes in approach: inclusion of tribal components and practicum.
- Mesa School Visit – May 12

**Next meeting as a Team: April 29<sup>th</sup>, at Maricopa Wells Middle School**