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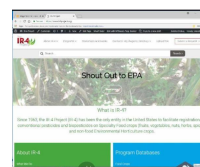
The Marriott St. Louis Grand
St. Louis, MO
September 19-21, 2018
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Dear Sherri

This monthly email provides information about IR-4 program accomplishments, announcements, resources and upcoming events.

We've Launched!

Take a look at our new website and let us know what you think. www.ir4project.org



Food Use Program

In July, there were 19 new tolerances (4 for Pyroxsulam, and 15 for Flonicamid) providing for 36 total new uses. [You can read the entire report here.](#)

Annual visits by the IR-4 headquarters team and our Canadian AAFC/PMC colleagues, with our many registrant partners, continued in July with meetings in Philadelphia with FMC management, with UPI at their King of Prussia, PA, office and at IR-4 HQ with Valent and Kumiai. We also met with the sesame growers (SESACO) at HQ to discuss priority needs for this commodity group. These 2018 partnership meetings will be completed in early August. The IR-4 database is being edited to reflect project updates discussed.

The 2018 Food Use/Biopesticide Workshops are Sept. 19-21 at The Marriott St. Louis Grand in St. Louis, MO. Agendas, room information, and registration are available on the [IR-4 website](#). Registrants have been asked to confirm if they want to give a brief (<10 min) product update during the joint Food Use/Biopesticide presentation session the morning of Sept. 20. For Food Use project prioritization we will again use an online project nomination process (Aug. 23 - Sept. 4) to hone in the list of researchable projects for possible 2019 priorities before we arrive in St. Louis. Aug. 21 is the deadline for HQ receipt of new PCRs to be available for nomination and possible discussion at the workshop. For the 2019 Food Use research plan, workshop attendees will be asked to identify 46 "A" residue priorities and the most critical 8 "H+" performance

priorities.

See you in St. Louis Sept. 19-21!

Environmental Horticulture

July was a busy month starting with a personal jaunt to Peru for the program manager which led to the upcoming EnvironHort Corner article about Begonias. The program also gave four presentations at AmericanHort's Cultivate'18, an educational session and trade show for growers. See below for more details about highlighted activities and program status.

Numbers through July

91% of the research has been received for 2015 projects

81% of the research has been received for 2016 projects

65% of the research has been received for 2017 projects

Research Summaries

During July, we completed the Thielaviopsis Efficacy Project summary and we started compiling a summary and literature review for Leafminer Efficacy.

2018 Research Activities

During July, no major changes occurred, but we provided two presentations on IR-4 research activities at the Cultivate'18 show. One about the Environmental Horticulture Program generally, and one about upcoming new products for pathogen and pest management. See [EnvironHort Extension Resources](#) for these presentations.

SCRI Protecting Pollinators

In July, we received the continuation proposal for this project so now it is extended through August 2021. Our research team continued collecting pollinator attractiveness data on top environmental horticulture crops. We continued collecting plant samples for residue analysis for baseline and after treatment of systemic insecticides. We also provided presentations at Cultivate'18 on the status of this pollinator project. See [EnvironHort Extension Resources](#) for these presentations.

International Activities & Crop Grouping

The Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues meeting held its 50th Session in Haikou, China in April. The Committee advanced 386 Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) that are expected to be adopted (final) by the Codex Alimentarius Commission in July 2018. The Committee also reached consensus on the Classification work on crop groupings for *Nut, Seed, and Sap Commodities, Herb and Spice Commodities, and Primary Feed Commodities of Plant Origin*. The United States had a leadership role as chair of this working group in bringing this crop group work to a successful conclusion. The final meeting report will soon be posted on the Codex Alimentarius Web site at: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings-reports/en/>.

There was also a side meeting to recap and advance the outcomes of the third Global Minor Use Summit.

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