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**Southern Region
IR-4 Meeting**
Embassy Suites
Cary, NC
August 15-16, 2018

**North Central Region
IR-4 Meeting**
East Lansing, MI
August 20-21, 2018

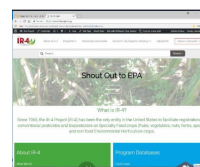
**2018 Food Use /Biopesticide
Workshops**
The Marriott St. Louis Grand
St. Louis, MO
September 19-21, 2018
[Click here to register.](#)

Dear Sherri

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

We've Launched!

Stop by our new website and let us know what you think. www.ir4project.org



Food Use Program

In June, there were 6 new tolerances (2 for Acequinocyl, and 4 for Fluroxypyr) providing for 21 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 June with meetings in Ohio at ISK, in Indianapolis/Carmel at SePRO and DowDuPont; and at HQ with Nisso. These partnership meetings will continue into August. The IR-4 database is being edited to reflect project updates discussed.

Dates and venue for 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 is available on the [IR-4 website](#).

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. New project requests (PCRs) should be submitted as early as possible to allow for proper vetting by registrants prior to the workshop (Aug. 21 is the deadline for new PCRs to be available for nomination and possible discussion at the workshop).

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

Environmental Horticulture

As part of the revamping of the the IR-4 website, over the last 6 months we slowly refreshed, upgraded and transferred information on our current website into the new website. The new website was launched at the end of June. In order to cluster information for different user groups, the flow of the new site has been revised and content is now in different places. Because the structure has dramatically changed, any bookmarks to current webpages for Environmental Horticulture are redirected to the main Environmental Horticulture Program page. If you can't find something quickly, please use the "Where to find ..." link in the sidebar. This page is a guide for locating existing items as well as new content we are building on the new website. **If you have questions, concerns, comments or suggestions for additional information contact, Sherri Novack, Cristi Palmer or Krista Coleman.** As always we welcome your feedback, let us know what you think.

Numbers through June

91% of the research has been received for 2015 projects
81% of the research has been received for 2016 projects
62% of the research has been received for 2017 projects

Research Summaries

During June, we completed three crop safety summaries: Mandestrobin, Pydiflumetofen, and Pydiflumetofen + Fludioxonil. We also started compiling a literature review for Thielaviopsis Efficacy.

2018 Research Activities

During June, we swapped out trials when original plant materials couldn't be located in sufficient quantities and we made a few adjustments in protocols. Please check the website for the most recent version of the protocols prior to starting experiments!

Invasive Species Projects

In June, the downy mildew team learned that the Rose Downy Mildew Review will be published in Plant Disease.

SCRI Protecting Pollinators

In June, we collected pollen and nectar samples from Rhododendrons for residue analysis, and we submitted the continuation proposal for this project.

We started preparing presentations for Cultivate'18 on this project and its progress thus far.

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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