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Events

Spring PMC/CLC Meeting

Washington, DC
March 12-14

IPM Symposium

Renaissance Baltimore
Harborplace Hotel
Baltimore, MD USA
March 19-22, 2018

Canadian Priority Setting

Hilton Lac Leamy in Gatineau,
Quebec
March 20-22, 2018

Northeast Region IR-4 Meeting

Univ. Of MD
College Park, MD
April 17-18, 2018

Western Region IR-4 Meeting

Davis, CA

Dear Sherri

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

Food Use Program

In January, there were seven permanent tolerances established on Difenoconazole allowing for 21 new uses. [You can read the entire report here.](#)

The complete 2018 Food Use Tentative/Scheduled Studies list ([pdf](#)) is available on the IR-4 website ([click here](#)). Also available on the website are DRAFT residue and performance protocols for review and final protocols after they've been signed ([click here](#)). Comments and suggested protocol revisions should be directed to the Study Director responsible for the study.

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, etc., will be communicated in coming months via this monthly report and other means.

International Update

The 50th Session of Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues will be held at the Shangri-La Hotel Haikou, 256 Binhai Road, Xiuying District, Haikou, Hainan Province, 570311, P. R. China. The session will start Monday, 9 April and finish on Saturday, 14 April.

Ornamental Horticulture

Numbers through January:

89% of the research has been received for 2015 projects
79% of the research has been received for 2016 projects
47% of the research has been received for 2017 projects

Research Summaries

During January, we finalized and posted 6 summaries: Bacterial Disease Efficacy, Dimethenamid Crop Safety, Dithiopyr Crop Safety, Pendimethalin + Dimethenamid-p Crop Safety, Oxyfluorfen + Prodiamine Crop Safety, and Prodiamine + Isoxaben Crop Safety.

April 24-25, 2018

**Southern Region
IR-4 Meeting**

August 15-16, 2018
Embassy Suites
Cary, NC

**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

2018 Research Activities

During January, we continued to refine protocols for the 2018 research season. In particular, we had good discussions with the weed scientists attending the annual NEWSS meeting about post harvest crop safety and efficacy testing. The Regional Field Coordinators started contacting researchers about tentative plans.

APHIS Invasive Species Projects

In January, we continued planning for a February meeting with APHIS to summarize research activities in the boxwood blight and downy mildew projects.

SCRI Protecting Pollinators

In January, we continued to plan a stakeholder-research meeting in St Louis to present status on the various research objectives including pollinator attractiveness data from the 2017 field season, pollen and nectar residue trials, and the consumer willingness-to-pay in-lab survey with eye-tracking.

We continued to add posts about pollinator literature and update the ongoing activities on the Protecting Pollinators website (<https://protectingbees.njaes.rutgers.edu/>).

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