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Facilitating Registration of Sustainable Pest Management Technology for Specialty Crops and Minor Uses

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Cary, NC

August 15-16, 2018

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East Lansing, MI

August 20-21, 2018

2018 Food Use /Biopesticide Workshops

The Marriott St. Louis Grand

St. Louis, MO

September 19-21, 2018

[Western Region IR-4 Training](#)

Webinar 11am - noon

July 24, 2018

November 6, 2018

Western Region IR-4 Training

UC Davis

Dear IR-4

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

Food Use Program

In April, there were 19 new tolerances (10 for Clethodim, and 9 for Sulfentrazone) providing for 143 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, began in April with meetings in North Carolina at ADAMA, BASF, Arysta, and Nufarm. These partnership meetings will continue into July. 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, etc., will be communicated in coming months via this monthly report and other announcements.

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. Please be advised that new project requests (PCRs) should be submitted as early as possible for us to secure proper vetting by registrants prior to the workshop (Aug. 21 is the deadline for new project requests to be available for nomination and possible discussion at the workshop). NOTE: some registrants cannot commit to providing response to new PCRs before the workshop if they receive them after July 1st, so please submit new PCRs to IR-4 HQ as early as possible.

We hope you put Sept. 19-21 on your calendar - see you in St. Louis!

Environmental Horticulture

Yes, we've had a name change! Find out more about this in the next IR-4 Newsletter!

February 26-27, 2019

Numbers through April

89% of the research has been received for 2015 projects

81% of the research has been received for 2016 projects

57% of the research has been received for 2017 projects

Research Summaries

During April, we took a little break from preparing research summaries and began updating the Project Information Sheets.

2018 Research Activities

During April, we continued to refine protocols for the 2018 research season, in particular the regional protocols related to Liverwort Efficacy and Snail/Slug Efficacy. The Regional Field Coordinators continued contacting researchers about tentative plans. Please check the website for the most recent version of the protocols prior to starting experiments!

Invasive Species Projects

In early April, the first downy mildew review for an ornamental horticulture crop was accepted. The First Look article can be found here: <https://doi.org/10.1094/PDIS-12-17-1968-FE>

SCRI Protecting Pollinators

In April, we continued to review and compare the bee-attractiveness data from the field observations in 2017, we continued collecting samples pollen and nectar for residue analysis systemic, and we analyzed consumer willingness to pay premiums for different types of labelling for plant materials in retail operations.

We received comments regarding some of the potential weedy or invasive plants that are listed as good forage for pollinators on the 'Find Pollinator Plants' search page. We began to develop a collaboration to pull in and display which plants are considered invasive within states.

Check out the Protecting Pollinators website

<https://protectingbees.njaes.rutgers.edu/>

If you have feedback for other improvements, let us know!

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