

**University of Arizona
Arizona Pest Management Center
IPM Coordinating Committee**

Meeting: May 31, 2005
Maricopa Agricultural Center

Membership:

Paul Baker (Entomology)	*Pat Clay (Maricopa County)
*Peter Ellsworth (Entomology, MAC)	Lin Evans (stakeholder)
*Al Fournier (MAC)	Rick Gibson (Pinal County)
*Dawn Gouge (Entm, MAC)	
Rick Melnicoe (ex-officio, WRPMC)	Kim McReynolds (Cochise Co)
Mary Olsen (Plant Sciences)	*John Palumbo (Entm, YAC)
*Bob Roth (ex-officio, MAC)	Jeff Silvertooth (SWES)
*Deb Young (ex-officio, CE)	

*These members were present for the meeting.

Discussion of (3d) IPM proposals

\$40,000 in funding was available this year through the IPM program. A total of 11 proposals were received, requesting total funding of \$68,112. The committee reviewed the proposals and ranked them, incorporating input provided to Al Fournier by some committee members who were not present. After discussion, the committee decided to fund six of the proposals, some of these at reduced rates. Funding for the remaining projects is not available at this time. Note that all IPM funds made available through this program must be expended by September 30, 2005. Al Fournier will inform PIs of the committee's decisions regarding their proposals and will work with Patti to set up the accounts. The following proposals were selected for funding in the amounts shown:

<u>Title</u>	<u>PI</u>	<u>Amt</u>
Arizona Crop Information Site Technical Support	Fournier et al.	\$5,000
Children's Environmental Health Program	Gouge	\$6,000
Commercial Scale Evaluation of Replacement Strategies for Management of Q-biotype Whitefly	Ellsworth	\$7,000
Encouraging Adoption of Trapping and Monitoring Techniques as a Component of IPM Practices for Managing Desert Turfgrass Insect Pests	Umeda	\$6,000
Evaluation of Extension Guidelines for Whitefly Management	Ellsworth et al.	\$6,000
Evaluation of Soil Solarization as a Potential Management Tool for Fusarium Wilt of Lettuce	Matheron	\$5,000
Precision Site-Specific Application of Nematicides to Increase Yields, Reduce Costs, and Diminish Environmental Impacts	Norton	\$4,400
Total		\$39,400

Arizona Pest Management Center update

- Al Fournier provided the group with a preliminary summary of work tasks and activities related to the IPM Program Manager position, including obligations related to external funding sources, and asked for additional input from the group.
- An important priority for the IPM Program Manager is to communicate Federal requests for information about pesticide use to the appropriate persons in Arizona and to coordinate rapid, accurate responses. To facilitate this process, he will be setting up email lists of U of A personnel organized by topic. These lists will also serve as important channels for informing various groups of funding opportunities and resources related to the topics. The committee members present brainstormed the following lists. These lists were generated very quickly and may need to be expanded. Please review these lists for accuracy and inform Al Fournier of any suggested changes/additions to the lists.

Weed / herbicide Contacts – Pat Clay, Larry Howery, Bill McCloskey, Terry Mikel, Barry Tickes, Kai Umeda

Insect / insecticide Contacts – Agriculture: Rob Call, Pat Clay, Tom DeGomez, Tim Dennehy, Peter Ellsworth, Rob Grumbles, David Kerns, Eric Norton, Randy Norton, John Palumbo, Paul Baker

Insect / insecticide Contacts – Urban: Lucy Bradley, Dawn Gouge, Terry Mikel, Paul Baker

Pathogen / fungicide, nematocidal, bactericide Contacts – Rob Call, Tom DeGomez, Mike McClure, Mike Matheron, Randy Norton, Mary Olson, Barry Pryor

PGR / Defoliant Contacts – Bill McCloskey, Kai Umeda, Pat Clay, Randy Norton

Vertebrate / rodenticide, etc. Contacts – Barry Tickes

- Plans for the first Arizona Pest Management Center (APMC) annual meeting were discussed. A concern was raised that a fall meeting, as previously discussed by the group, may be difficult for some stakeholder groups to attend. A query at the Desert Ag Conference last month resulted in suggestions for a May meeting. Extension personnel working with other clientele groups should query potential participants in their areas as to the best timing for the meeting. Please contact Al Fournier with any input.