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

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Southern Region

IR-4 Meeting

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Cary, NC

August 15-16, 2018

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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

[Western Region IR-4 Training](#)

Webinar 11am - noon

July 24, 2018

Dear Sherri

This monthly email provides information about IR-4 program accomplishments, announcements, resources and upcoming events. COMING SOON: new web site launch

Food Use Program

In May, there were 9 new tolerances (8 for Clopyralid, and 1 for Pydiflumetofen) providing for 82 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 May with meetings in North Carolina at Syngenta and Bayer; and in DE with Belchim, Nichino, FMC and DuPont. 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 now open 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).

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

Environmental Horticulture

As part of the group revamping the IR-4 website, over the last 6 months we have slowly refreshed, upgraded and transferred

November 6, 2018

**Western Region IR-4
Training**

UC Davis

February 26-27, 2019

information on our current website into the new website. The new website will be 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 will redirect 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. As always we welcome your feedback, let us know what you think once it launches.

Numbers through May

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 May, we continued updating Project Information Sheets and we completed three crop safety summaries: Mandestrobin, Pydiflumetofen, and Pydiflumetofen + Fludioxonil.

2018 Research Activities

During May, 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 May, we continued research into how impatiens downy mildew initiates primary infections during spring.

SCRI Protecting Pollinators

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

Previously, we had 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 developed a collaboration with Bugwood to share and display information they catalog on invasive plants to provide improved guidance for those wanting to plant pollinator gardens.

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