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Memo To: IR-4 Food Use Workshop Participants

From: Van Starner, IR-4 Assistant Director, Research Planning and Outreach

Subject: Getting Ready for the 2010 Food Use Workshop: Project Nomination Plan, PCR Deadlines and Workshop Agenda

The 2010 version of the annual IR-4 Food Use Workshop (FUW) is fast approaching. At this critical project prioritization meeting being held this year in Summerlin, NV on Sept. 14 and 15, IR-4 stakeholders will select 50 priority “A” projects for herbicides, fungicides and insecticides. These “A” priority projects will form the core of the IR-4 food use field/lab research program in 2011. For the first time at the FUW, we will also discuss/prioritize efficacy/crop safety research (please see the description later in this memo). The FUW is the single most important gathering of IR-4 stakeholders each year for establishing research priorities. We hope you will join us in Summerlin at the J. W. Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa. Please visit the IR-4 Food Use Workshop website at [http://ir4.rutgers.edu/FoodUse/FUWorkshop/index.html](http://ir4.rutgers.edu/FoodUse/FUWorkshop/index.html) for more details about registration and hotel reservations. Stay tuned for more meeting details in the next few weeks.

In an effort to more efficiently reach consensus at the FUW about projects to move forward to the active study phase, the prioritization process has been revamped since 2006. The revised prioritization process has received positive reviews, so for 2010 we will follow a similar project nomination process (see the “2010 Food Use Workshop (FUW) nomination/prioritization plan/deadlines” later in this memo). The nomination/prioritization process we’ll follow this year is again based on 2006-2009 workshop survey responses, and discussions between IR-4 headquarters, Regional Field Coordinators and various other stakeholders. We encourage stakeholders to work through their regional coordinators (contact information appears at the end of this document) to make certain their priority projects are nominated, and so these coordinators can be prepared at the workshop to “speak up for” pest management needs within their region. However, anyone (except employees of agricultural chemical companies) can individually nominate projects.

As this is the fifth year of the project nomination process, and per prior consensus within IR-4, any project not nominated this year for the third straight year will be reclassified as “non-nominated project” and will no longer be considered for IR-4 activity unless a new PCR is submitted.

**Please note:** There will not be an opportunity to nominate additional projects at the workshop in Summerlin. If a project (i.e. PR#) is not given an “A”, “B” or “C” nomination by Sept. 6 through the website nomination process, it will not show up on the printout of projects to be discussed in Summerlin! At the workshop there will be a brief opportunity to raise a nominated project to an “A” nomination so it can be discussed and prioritized.
Please also note below the deadline of August 18th for receipt of new project requests (PCRs) to be made available for nomination and consideration for research in 2010. Any new PCR received at IR-4 HQ starting August 19th can not be considered for discussion at the 2010 Summerlin FUW. Adherence to these deadlines will ensure that we’ll work from a single list of nominated projects at the workshop (no “add-on” lists, etc.).

Also, ALL workshop attendees are requested to print what lists they need from the IR-4 website after Sept. 7 for use in Summerlin - no printouts will be mailed out.

If there are questions about any of the information provided in this communiqué, please contact me at IR-4 Headquarters: 732-932-9575x4621 or starner@aesop.rutgers.edu
2010 Food Use Workshop (FUW) nomination/prioritization plan/deadlines
(prepared based on the 2009 nomination/FUW experience/surveys, and HQ/Regional consensus)

★★★★MAJOR CHANGE FOR 2010:★★★★
★EFFICACY/CROP SAFETY RESEARCH DISCUSSION/PRIORITIZATION★

★★★EFFICACY/CROP SAFETY (E/CS) PRIORITIZATION PLAN:★★★
At this year’s workshop during the time allotted for each discipline to prioritize projects, we will be replacing the ~1.5 hours of “General Discipline Discussions/Presentations” with a new discussion and prioritization session related to E/CS data needs for many projects in our database. The IR-4 Project Management Committee has approved some dedicated funding for expansion of an E/CS research program, per the 2009-2014 IR-4 Project Strategic Plan. During each discipline’s E/CS prioritization and discussion session, it is envisioned that ~2/3 of the time will be used to prioritize E/CS projects from the IR-4 database, and the rest of the time to discuss “pest problems without solutions” (PPWS), which will include any PCRs in the database, as well as pest management needs identified by stakeholders from the floor at the workshop (PPWS PCRs will be accepted from stakeholders during this discussion). Due to limited E/CS funding for 2011, PPWS projects will likely only be funded by replacing an “A” residue priority (approved by PMC a few years ago).

All projects for which a residue study is done or is in progress, but which require E/CS data before registration, are automatically considered the highest priority (“committed”) projects to be funded with E/CS dollars; will not be on project lists for nomination this month; and will not be discussed at the workshop (a list of these projects will be provided, including what E/CS data still need to be collected). All other projects which require E/CS data will be included in the discipline lists of projects available to be nominated during the IR-4 website nomination process starting August 23. All projects given at least one “A” nomination (including those that require only residues, those that require only E/CS data, and those that require both) will be discussed at the workshop. Within each discipline, workshop participants will prioritize E/CS research from an E/CS project printout, and residue research from a residue project printout (projects requiring residue and E/CS data before registration will be discussed during residue prioritization, and will automatically be added to the “committed” category to receive funding for the E/CS data required before registration if chosen for 2011 residue work). Projects requiring only E/CS data will be prioritized as high (H), medium (M) or low (L) priority; the number of “H” priorities allowed will be 5 per discipline, but the limited E/CS funding may preclude starting work on any of these “H” priority projects in 2011; however, this prioritization process will focus us on those projects deemed by stakeholders as most important, should funding become available.

RESIDUE PRIORITIZATION PLAN: FUW participants will have the task of selecting 50 “A” priority projects for 2011 research. The 50 “A’s” will include a minimum of 10 “A” priorities per discipline, plus another 20 to be assigned to disciplines based on the % of total projects on nomination lists posted to the IR-4 website Aug. 23 for each discipline (for example, if the Aug. 23 lists of projects available for nomination include 150 projects in Weed Science, 200 in Pathology, and 250 projects in Entomology [total of 600], Weed Science would be able to assign an additional 5 “A’s”, Pathology an additional 7 “A’s” and Entomology an additional 8 “A’s”).
The final # of “A” priorities for each discipline to select at the FUW will be noted on project lists posted to the website Aug. 23. If a discipline is unable to assign its allotted number of “A” priorities at the workshop, these “A” slots will be filled through the Regional upgrade/Priority Upgrade Proposal processes.

★ By August 18, IR-4 to obtain EPA “green/yellow/red” (“go/caution/hold”) assessment of researchable projects that could be nominated for 2011 residue studies

★ August 18 – Last day new PCRs will be accepted for inclusion in the nomination process. Any new PCRs received at HQ starting Aug. 19 will not be considered for discussion at the 2010 FUW.

★ August 23-Sept. 6 – Project lists posted on website for nomination, including new PCRs received by IR-4 Headquarters through August 18.

The IR-4 website (www.ir4.rutgers.edu) nomination process will be organized with projects for each discipline accessible by a separate link, and projects will be organized by crop group/crop, then chemical. While you’re in the nomination process, you can check the database for more details about a specific PR#, by clicking on a link for immediate access.

To nominate projects you will first need to enter your name, affiliation, phone #, and state. For projects you want to nominate for consideration at the workshop you will check your desired “A”, “B” or “C” priority box. When you nominate a project, the appropriate Regional Field Coordinator will be informed that you nominated the project. At the workshop, discussions will be focused on prioritizing E/CS and residue projects that received at least one “A” nomination.

★ September 7 – Two project lists for each discipline will be posted on the IR-4 website for review/printing before the FUW (all organized in the same manner - by crop group, then crop, then chemical): 1) one project printout for E/CS project discussion/prioritization, and 2) one project printout for residue project discussion/prioritization. Also on the website for each discipline will be the Excel spreadsheet which we display on the workshop room screens, with a single line for each project, including PR#, crop group, crop, chemical, and the highest nomination from each region.

At the workshop we’ll provide handouts that show all projects that in 2010 for the third year in a row were not nominated, and which will not be available for nomination again unless they are “reactivated” with a new PCR request.

EVERYONE planning to attend the FUW is requested to print from the IR-4 website (www.ir4.rutgers.edu) the nominated project lists for the disciplines they need; if you can’t print the lists you need from the website, contact Diane Infante, infante@aesop.rutgers.edu or at 732-932-9575 x4620 at IR-4 HQ; as in 2008 & 2009, we will not be mailing printouts this year.
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