



**July 2013 PMC Meeting - Executive Summary & Minutes**

TO: Project Management Committee/Administrative Advisors/CLC members  
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SUBJECT: Summer 2013 Project Management Committee (PMC) Meeting - Executive Summary & Minutes

Please find attached the spring 2013 PMC Executive Summary and Minutes from discussions July 16-18, 2013 via conference call.

If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact the appropriate PMC or Headquarters Staff member listed by the agenda item, or me, for clarification.

## July 2013 PMC Meeting - Executive Summary

The IR-4 Project Management Committee (PMC) held its summer 2013 meeting on July 16-18, via conference call.

- USDA-NIFA-- Director, Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy joined the meeting and shared his vision for IR-4 and USDA-NIFA, which he reiterated the three “C’s” 1) working Collectively 2) Capacity development and pipeline investment in infrastructure improvements 3) Competitive grants. He would like to decrease the 62 line items to one line item and increase the NIFA “ask” to \$2 billion.
- North Central Region, programs doing well. They are doing more business with China and Asia. Some of this is coordinated well
- Northeast Region-- is doing well. Hired new QA person, M. Humiston.
- Southern Region-- Backlog is lower, hired new chemist.
- Western Region-- reported field and lab are running well. They are coordinating with IPM. J. McFarland has retired. The Hawaii lab has been closed.
- ARS – Directors are deciding on top priority projects to fund.
- AAs –the mid-term review was accepted and it will go before the directors in September.
- NIFA – there have been delays it will be August before paperwork is completed. Awards management is entertaining the idea of a 2yr award with 3<sup>rd</sup> year as no-cost extension. The virtual panel reduced the cost or the review process. 2 of the 4 regional applications were returned to the applicant for more details
- HQ –Rutgers increase the fringe rate up 8%, it will not be retroactive as previously thought. HQ is not under pressure from Rutgers regarding indirect costs, most of the non-NIFA grants do contribute to IDR and HQ pays its own expenses, such as rent. The merger of RU and UMDNJ is creating a lag in some of Rutgers processes. Please be patient as we learn the new systems and processes. There have been some personnel changes at HQ. HQ is trying to sublet the Annex.
- Future Outlook of IR-4 – Currently, IR-4 funding is restored to 2012 figure of \$11.9 million but this could be cut by another sequestration.
- The PMC approved that 46 “A” priorities for 2014 research will be selected at the 2013 annual FUW, and 16 additional projects via upgrade. The 2014 field research budget target should be \$2.15M (\$1.95M for residue priorities, \$200K for E/CS trials).
- New QA technology launch has been pushed back to late summer or early fall due to the delayed field activity. EPA is working hard to support international use of data. Two QAU personnel have retired, only one will be replaced. EPA audited the Hawaii lab before it closed, which was good news.
- IR-4 completed 536 field trials. 36 trials were funded through outside sources and Canada picked up 49 trials. Companies are submitting more IR-4 data.
- This year, 1500 crops have been impacted by 3 Ornamental Horticulture registrations. The number of trials contributing to registrations is holding stable throughout the regions. There was a serious misuse of dinotefuran in Oregon that resulted in a massive bee kill. The Oregon Department of Ag has banned the use of dinotefuran for six months. This will affect the Ornamental Horticulture industry.
- B. Barney will assist M. Braverman in the Biopesticide Grant Program. The call for proposals will be posted early August. There is a new director at EPA BPPD. An August meeting with the director is being planned.

## **Motions and Action Items**

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## July 2013 PMC - Minutes

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### Attendees:

- Jerry Baron\* - Executive Director, IR-4 Project
  - Rich Bonanno\* - Commodity Liaison Committee Chair
  - Michael Braverman – IR-4 Biopesticide & Organic Support, HQ
  - Doug Buhler – North Central Region Administrative Advisor
  - Debbie Carpenter - Assistant Director, Registrations, IR-4 HQ, July 16, 18
  - Mary Delany – Western Region Administrative Advisor
  - Mary Duryea – Southern Region Administrative Advisor
  - Bob Hollingworth\* - North Central Region Director
  - Monte Johnson - NIFA National Program Leader, July 16
  - Dan Kunkel - Associate Director, Food & International Programs, IR-4 HQ
  - Karl Malamud-Roam - Public Health Pesticides Program Manager, IR-4 HQ
  - Marty Marshall\* - Southern Region Director
  - Sherrilynn Novack – Public Relations & Communications Manager, IR-4 HQ
  - Cristi Palmer – Ornamental Horticulture Program Manager, IR-4 HQ
  - Dan Rossi – Northeast Region Administrative Advisor
  - Paul Schwartz\* - ARS Regional Director
  - Dave Soderlund\* - Northeast Region Director and PMC Chair
  - Van Starner - Assistant Director, Research Planning & Outreach, IR-4 HQ, July 16
  - Ron Tjeerdema\* - Western Region Director
- \*Voting members

### Tue. July 16 - PMC Updates

**MOTION:** to accept minutes from Spring 2013 PMC meeting. APPROVED

**North Central Region (NCR):** Everything is fine, the laboratory is running well. The NCR is receiving more visitors from China and Asia and this is coordinated well with HQ.

**Northeast Region (NER):** Good news. A new QA person, M. Humiston has been hired. B. Anderson is working on a temporary basis. The grant proposal to NIFA was held by Cornell because there were no indirect cost listed. D. Soderlund had to meet with Cornell to explain. He was able to move this along this year but not sure how long Cornell will continue this process.

**Southern Region (SOR):** Everything is going well. Backlog is down. Southern Region has hired a new chemist.  
**Western Region (WSR):** Things are going well, there are no unusual backlogs. IR-4 is collaborating with IPM. J. McFarland is officially retired and is no longer coming in as a consultant. The Hawaii lab is now closed.

**USDA-ARS:** There has been excessive rain in Charleston, SC, Tifton, GA, and Wooster, OH. The virtual meeting format allowed for ARS representation at the meeting. Due to overall appropriations cuts ARS is working the best they can with what they have. More cuts were realized in the West than other parts of

the country. To minimize the impact of the cuts, the ARS Umbrella fund was distributed to ARS research units. S. Schneider made the decisions on what were considered highest priorities to fund with umbrella fund. There was an interest in arranging a meeting with the Western Region ARS Area Director, J. Baron, D. Soderlund, R. Bonanno and S. Schneider in November when IR-4 is holding the NRPM in Davis, California. The goal of this meeting is to let the ARS Area Director to better understand the national and international impacts of his mandated budget cuts and how these cuts affected the entire IR-4 program.

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**National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA):** There have been delays and it will be August before the paperwork is completed. Awards Management is entertaining the idea of the IR-4 grant being a 2yr with a 3<sup>rd</sup> year no cost extension. The Grant Review Panel was held virtually and this reduced costs. 2 of the 4 grant proposals were returned, requiring clarification.. Every year there are different elements the panel wants to see. There is not a template.

**Administrative Advisors:** The mid-term NRSP review was accepted by the review committee. It will go before the directors in September. The AAs want to know the status of the NRSP-7 proposal to merge with NRSP-4 in order to know how to proceed on the NRSP-7 renewal. (See notes from Thur. July 18 section.)

#### **NRSP Renewal:**

**Year 4** NIFA and the NRSP Review Committee jointly arrange for peer review of the NRSP that is due to terminate at the end of year five. The review organizer consults with the NRSP Review Committee and NRSP Administrative Advisors regarding review protocol, charge, etc.

#### **Year 5.**

**September – December.** External peer review team conducts review of past four years progress and provides feedback to the NRSP project on a draft renewal proposal. The peer review team should use the peer review form shown in Appendix E to guide review of the draft renewal proposal.

**December.** NRSP Committee completes proposal based on external review comments.

**No Later than January 15.** Renewal proposal, budget, and external peer review responses are sent to the NRSP Review Committee Chair. NRSP Review Committee Chair reviews package for completeness and then forwards it to the regional Executive Directors.

**February – April.** Appropriate regional committees review the renewal proposal using the review form shown in Appendix E. Regional associations discuss renewal proposal and budget at their spring meetings and each regional Executive Director transmits comments and/or concerns along with a summary of the review form results to the Administrative Advisors and the NRSP Review Committee.

**April – May.** NRSP Review Committee addresses any comments and/or concerns identified through renewal proposal reviews and/or budget revisions and/or separate responses.

**June.** The NRSP Review Committee meets in person or via teleconference to discuss the project proposal, budget, and feedback from regional associations. The project proposal and budget recommendations are forwarded to the regional Executive Directors and each NRSP Administrative Adviser. If desired, the final recommendations can be discussed at the summer regional association meetings.

**September.** The NRSP Review Committee reports at the ESS annual meeting on the final project proposal and budget, and its recommendation. SAES Directors vote (one vote per contributing institution) on

approval of the project and five-year budget. A simple majority vote is required to overturn the NRSP Review Committee recommendation.

**October 1.** NRSP approved for renewal starts five-year cycle with five year budget approved. A NRSP not approved for renewal receives a one-year extension (with budget equal to fifth-year budget) to transition off NRSP funding to other sources or downsize the project.

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**HQ:** J. Baron reported on personnel changes:

- a. Retirement - Kathryn Hacket-Fields
  - b. Retirement - Bharti Patel
  - c. RIF – Lori Harrison
  - d. Hiring – Carolyn Jolly
  - e. Promotion – Kathryn Homa
  - f. Hiring – New QA scientist
  - g. Public Health Student Assistance - Leon/Jennifer
2. Budget/Rutgers:
- a. Fringe increased by 8.2%, fortunately University backed off retro charge
  - b. 2.25 % across the board salary increase
  - c. USDA grant covers 11 months of salary/benefits, depending on other sources of funding for rest of expenses.
    - i. HQ “share” of NIFA grant down due to swapping of funds
  - d. HQ not under “pressure” by Rutgers due to no indirect costs
    - i. Most non-NIFA grants contribute some IDR
    - ii. HQ pays many of own expenses (rent/IT/mail delivery) plus it has been empowered to manage subawards
  - e. Trying to sublet Annex
  - f. Rutgers in transition may affect some invoice processing please be patient

**CLC:** Most activity was focused on restoring funding for ARS research and laboratory

**Grants and Budgets:** Funding proposed for 2014 may be restored to 2012 levels assuming Congress/President can agree. Remember, the next round of sequestration cuts will kick in if funding targets are not met.

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**Food Use Program:** In spite of budget cuts, IR-4 was able fulfill commitments of Priority A research projects. Funding cuts were handled by not replacing research projects that were cancelled with new projects. The following funding scenarios were presented for the 2013/14 field program.

**Scenario 1 – based on PMC-accepted 2012 proposal for 2013 research:**

Number of priorities	Projects	Trials
FUW “A”	49	343*
Regional Upgrades/PUPs	18	126*
Carry over trials		40
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>509</b>

\*Average 7 trials per study.

Funding Source	Number	Cost per trial
NIFA	390	\$5,500
ARS	80	
Canada	39	
<b>Total</b>	<b>509</b>	

**Scenario 2 – based on 2013 final budget (with sequestration reduction):**

Number of priorities	Projects	Trials
FUW “A”	46	322*
Regional Upgrades/PUPs	16	112*
Carry over trials		40
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>474</b>

\*Average 7 trials per study

Funding Source	Number	Cost per trial
NIFA	355	\$5,500
ARS	80	
Canada	39	
<b>Total</b>	<b>474</b>	

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IR-4 needs to be upfront at Food Use Workshop about these numbers

**Wednesday, July 17, 2013**

**Public Health Pesticide Program:** The IR-4 PHP Program completed its first five-year funding cycle in June 2013: Draft Final Report to funders in the PMC materials file

The PHP program is getting press from the medical community.

**International Activities:**

**Current situation**

- Many entities working on Minor Use issues, coordination is challenging
- IR-4 is called upon to assist, and although there are benefits, it complicates IR-4's core objectives and personnel assignments. As well, there are limitations on the USDA grants
- IR-4 current TASC grant has one year remaining
- Other sources of funding maybe possible/maybe time for a Global Minor Use Foundation

**Global Minor Use Foundation**

- Collates Global Minor Use Priorities
- Coordinates Data sharing and data generation
- Manages activities associated with Global Minor Use Summits
- Houses public funding for Global residue data projects
- Submits data to Global authorities

**Quality Assurance:**

1. EPA GLP Compliance Monitoring Program
  - a. 7 Audits in 2013 to date (2 in HI)
  - b. GAO Investigation of EPA OECA – to support international use of data
2. Electronic QA reporting system
  - a. SOPs, permissions (>120), nearly 50 test packets, training sessions, QA Inspection reports create
  - b. Launch – late summer/Fall
3. QA Auditing Update 2013 (2012)
  - a. Field Books (FDB) – 303 (334)
  - b. Final reports – 40 (45)
4. QA Staffing and Future needs
  - a. HQ – 2 retirements/1 replacement
  - b. Regions – NE hired new QAC
  - c. ARS – extra assistance at Wapato but are assured it is no longer necessary
  - d. See slides for detail

**Ornamental Horticulture:**

1. 2012 Research Program
  - a. Getting data reports
  - b. Summaries are about half complete
2. 2013 Workshop
  - a. Mayfair Hotel, Coral Gables, FL
  - b. Oct 8 – 10, 2013
  - c. New Priority Setting Handouts
3. 2013 Research Program
  - a. In hands of coordinators
  - b. Protocols are finalized
4. Invasive Species—still working on the following
  - a. Glad Rust

- b. CWR
- c. Arthropods
- d. Boxwood Blight
- e. IDM
5. Pollinators—figure out where we go after the bee kill in Oregon. This will really affect the Ornamental Hort industry.

**Biopesticide and Organic Support Program:**

1. 2014 Grant Program- Call for proposals is being edited and expect to post around early August.
  - a. Bill Barney is assisting in this effort.
2. **Psuedomonas fluorescens**
  - a. USDA discovery
  - b. FWS-registrant
  - c. Met with EPA and awaiting FWS to begin toxicology studies.
3. **Viral Coat Protein–Papaya Ringspot Virus**  
USDA-AMS independent lab validation completed.
4. **Capacity Building**
  - a. Morocco-Biopesticide and GLP Residue
  - b. Vietnam-GLP Laboratory
  - c. Senegal-Biopesticide
  - d. Thailand-Residue Field and Laboratory
  - e. Wayne Jiang- Method Validation Thailand.
  - f. Joe DeFrancesco- Morocco project planning

**Communication:** S. Novack reported on the various 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration events and poster presentations. IR-4 received good feedback from the two celebrations in Washington and at Rutgers. Dan Kunkel was interviewed by American Vegetable Grower and the article was also posted on the Growing Produce Website. The interview discussed Global Crop Protection Efforts. There was also an article about IR-4 in Vegetable Grower News. The IR-4 /EPA/USDA Annual Tour had 4 Stops in West Virginia and Southern Pennsylvania. 45 attended from EPA and ~1/3 were first timers. There were also a few high level people attending and many were new to EPA. Many commented on how much they learned. J. Baron (@IR4PROJECT) and S. Novack (@IR\_4Project) can now be followed on Twitter.

**2013 Preview of FUW and NRPM:** V. Starner gave a quick preview of plans for the 2013 FUW and NRPM, with these key points: 1) Aug. 14 – last day for receipt of new PCR's for possible discussion in Albuquerque; 2) Aug. 16–Sept. 4 – on-line project nominations; 3) FUW Sept. 17-18; 4) Oct. 15 – HQ/RFC conference call to confirm carryover trials and upgrade additional priorities for the 2014 research plan; 5) NRPM at U. C. Davis Nov. 5-6.

Criteria for a project gaining an “A” priority:

- Availability and efficacy of alternative pest management tools (including ongoing projects for the same need)
- Pest damage potential of target pest(s)
- Performance and crop safety of the chemical tool in managing the target pest(s)
- Compatibility of the proposed chemical candidate with Integrated Pest Management (new consideration)
- Uses currently covered by Section 18 emergency exemptions
- Harmonization implications due to lack of Int'l MRLs
- Capacity of IR-4 research resources

#### FUW to NRPM Schedule

- Aug. 15-Oct. 10 – PUPs accepted for new PCR's
- Oct. 1 – 2014 tentative project list available for on-line field/lab site entries
- Oct. 10 – deadline for proposed upgrades/PUPs
- Oct. 15 – HQ/RFC conf. call to confirm carryover trials & upgraded additional priorities (regional and PUPs) for 2014 research plan
- Oct. 28 – deadline for field/lab site assignments

**National Education Conference:** V. Starner reported on the conference. There were 128 in attendance. It was held at the Drury Plaza Hotel in San Antonio, TX. There were joint sessions for all; field, lab, regional breakout sessions. Optional field-focused topics: eQA training, FDB paperwork, chemigation/irrigation, adjuvants and growing GH crops. Lab-focused sessions were focused on method validation, lab guidance document, ACAC mtg, electronic data integrity, validation of instrument software systems and latest/greatest in analytical techniques. Lots of positive feedback; significant networking took place thru "meet & greet" and round-table discussion sessions. Starner suggested the next NEC would be in 2016.

#### **ACAC and lab backlog update:**

The labs provided the following information on upcoming equipment needs.

- MSU- need to replace older LCMS. Will consider the lease option. They would like to replace an analytical balance (\$5K) and update a sample extractor for \$12-\$15 thousand.
- UC Davis-replace older LCMS. Looking at \$50-\$75 thousand annual lease.
- UFL-need to replace older LCMS unit, basic lab equipment, rotary evaporator analytical balance, and software upgrades
- Tifton would like assurance they can replace a permanent full time analyst. Equipment is fine right now for current staff. Would like a larger robo-coup to reduce the amount of pre-chopping.
- Through the timely financial assistance of Sally Schneider, Wapato was able to make its 2013 LC/MS/MS lease payment. The lab is concerned about funds for the 2014 lease. There needs to be an understanding of the ARS Area Director's office regarding this lab. The PMC felt there was a need for IR-4 to have a discussion in the near future with the ARS director about allocation of funds, IR-4's mission and the international impact of IR-4..
- ARS YAR covering the \$90 thousand lease on equipment is the biggest need along with \$40 thousand for a new mass spec to go with one of the GC's.

D. Soderlund recommends IR-4 as a whole must look at recurring cost of equipment and see how this impacts the bottom up budget.

The numbers of backlog are steadily decreasing.

#### 0 Day Sample Analysis for Storage Stability Studies:

PMRA is requiring the submission of 0 day sample analysis for storage stability studies. EPA will continue to allow IR-4 to cite the company's guideline storage stability data and not do a 0 day sample analysis. There is concern that IR-4 is being asked to take on additional work that is not needed for submission to EPA. Since this is potentially a hindrance to joint projects with Canada, it has been referred to RCC for resolution.

#### **Conversation with Sonny Ramaswamy**

S. Ramaswamy called in to talk with IR-4 about his vision. He commented on funding, that NIFA funding is \$825 million which is only 50¢ on the dollar compared to 1993 base funding. He would like to ask Congress for

\$2 billion and feels if NIFA can consolidate its 62 line items into one, like NIH and NSF, it can take an offensive approach to agricultural research. He encouraged IR-4 to think of ways it could work collaboratively with other programs within NIFA. D. Soderlund responded with concerns of IR-4 losing its identity. IR-4 stakeholders feel there is transparency and accountability associated with the IR-4 identity. S. Ramaswamy feels that one line would be a compelling argument for increasing the dollars for agricultural research. A budget increase such as this would allow IR-4 to provide for indirect costs to its institutions. R. Bonanno likes the idea of taking an offensive approach rather than defensive, which has been the direction in the past.

**ACTION ITEM:** Add agenda item for November PMC to provide time for strategizing regarding Sonny's vision of asking Congress for more money and reducing NIFA's line items from 62 to 1.

**NRSP-7-** This program asked IR-4 if there could be a good fit to merge the two programs. IR-4 has been cordial in considering the merger, but at this time, it does not appear to be a good fit. K. Malamud –Roam has done some collaboration with NRSP-7 on one area, which is within the Public Health Pesticides program. M. Braverman thought there could be a potential fit with the honey bees projects being worked on through the Biopesticide & Organic support program.

IR-4 is open to working with NRSP-7 on obtaining grants where the two programs might work on a particular project, but D. Soderlund cautioned IR-4 to not dilute its resources. M. Duryea noted that NRSP-7 needs to be reauthorized or discontinued this year. They needed a response from IR-4 so they would know how to proceed.

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**Research Capacity**-most acute problem is in Region 2 where there are not enough field trials assigned to this region to adequately fund the 5 Field Research Centers (MD, NC, NJ GA\*,SC\*). The number of field trials assigned to this region has dropped 10%. The researchers in this region have expressed interest in performing other duties within IR-4 (part-time study director) which would allow them to maintain their facilities. If IR-4 proceeds with this short-term solution, there would need to be a separate source of funding to support this idea.

The PMC agreed to put this on hold until the priorities from the Food Use Workshop become clear. This should be a topic of discussion at the Fall PMC meeting.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

#### Western Region Training

This year training webinars are being held the second Tuesday of select months, from 11AM-12:15 PM Pacific Time, and continue to be a huge success! The schedule can be found here:

<http://wrir4.ucdavis.edu/events/default.html>

#### North Central Region Meeting

August 19-20, 2013

MSU

#### Southern Region Meeting

August 20-21, 2013  
Orlando, FL

Northeast Region Meeting  
August 20, 2013  
Albany, NY

2013 Food Use Workshop  
Sept. 17-18, 2013  
Albuquerque, NM

2013 IR-4 Ornamental Workshop  
October 8-10, 2013  
Coconut Grove, FL

2013 NRPM/Fall PMC meeting  
11/5-6 NRPM, 11/6-7 PMC  
Davis, CA

Additional IR-4 celebration possibilities in 2013:

1. At IR-4 Food Use Workshop, Sept. 17-18, Albuquerque, NM
2. Florida Nursery and Landscape Show September 19 - 21, 2013 Orlando, FL
3. IR-4 Ornamental Horticulture Workshop October 8-10, 2013, Coral Gables, FL
4. ESA – Nov. 17-20, Austin, TX

[Materials for the Spring 2013 PMC meeting including reports can be found here.](#)

#### **Debrief on virtual meeting**

P. Schwartz—like the feature of going in and out of the system (webinar). This was an effective, cost saving approach to the PMC meeting.

M. Duryea—this works well for most discussions but an intense discussion such as the NRSP-7 topic really needs to be face-to-face. We did well but it was awkward.

D. Buhler—agrees that some agenda items need to be in person.

B. Hollingworth—agrees it was less effective communication and doesn't see the need for a webinar

D. Soderlund—this tool could be used for summer meetings going forward but would like more pre-meeting training on the technology in order to understand what features are available in Webex. Overall it was a positive exercise and we will need to see when it will work and when it will not according to agenda items.

B. Hollingworth—the summer meetings every other year in held with our Canadian counterparts, however this year they will be at the NRPM in Davis. Perhaps we should meet with them there.