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## IR-4 Annual Meeting, October 17-18, 2001

One hundred twenty-five people convened in Tulsa, Oklahoma for the 38th IR-4 Annual Meeting. The first day was taken up with meetings for the individual groups and committees - the Project Management Committee, the Quality Assurance Committee, Regional Field Coordinators and Regional Lab Coordinators. The Field Research Center Directors met as a group for the first time and plan to meet yearly in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.

The morning of the second day was devoted to an upbeat and informative general session. The first featured speaker was Jim Jones, newly appointed Deputy Director of the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) at EPA. Jim is a long-time friend of IR-4 having worked closely with the group in his former position as head of the OPP Registration Division. In Jim's words, "The partnering between OPP and IR-4 has been so productive and successful because IR-4 has matched EPA's needs and priorities post-FQPA for methyl bromide alternatives, reduced risk alternatives for organophosphates and other reduced risk compounds." In the time since FQPA (1996), IR-4's efficiencies have soared - record numbers of petitions have been submitted to EPA and record numbers of tolerances have resulted. For 2002, one hundred IR-4 food uses are scheduled in the EPA work plan, accounting for half of all projects scheduled. Opportunities exist this coming year for new super crop group clearances for carfentrazone and pyriproxyfen. In recognition of his efforts and support, Jim was awarded IR-4's Special Recognition Award for 2000/2001 - the most productive years in the 38-year history of IR-4.

The second featured speaker of the morning was Leonard Gianessi from the National Center for Food and Agriculture Policy (NCFAP). He spoke about the future of plant biotech-

nology for minor crops and the potential for biotechnology to improve pest management in fruit and vegetable production. An in-depth version of his presentation can be found on the NCFAP web site: <http://www.ncfap.org> (click on Pesticide Use Program). The NCFAP is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization providing objective research and educational information on policy issues relating to U.S. and global agriculture.

The afternoon was dedicated to Regional and ARS breakout sessions to discuss issues for the 2002 field and lab research projects.

The recipients of the 2001 IR-4 Meritorious Service Award were:

Northcentral	R. Wilson
Southern	K. Sorensen
Western	J. DeFrancesco
ARS	B. Fraelich
At-Large	J. Norton
At-Large	W. Biehn

The recipients of the 2001 IR-4 Technical Service Award were:

Northcentral	J. Masabni
Northeastern	B. Anderson
Southern	R. Adkins
Western	B. Hung
ARS	K. Lehnert

Headquarters Special Recognition Award:  
J. Jones

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