
IR-4 ORNAMENTALS PROGRAM

J. Ray Frank, IR-4 Ornamentals Program Manager, Plans Retirement from the IR-4 Project

Since 1993, J. Ray Frank has been the motivational and operational force behind the IR-4 Ornamentals Program. The Program is the only publicly funded green industry endeavor to promote pest control registrations and label expansions. During his "first career" with USDA, Ray was instrumental in the establishment of the IR-4 Ornamental initiative in 1977. Since that time, more than 10,000 label additions have occurred. Ray has worked tirelessly to encourage participation by the green industry in the IR-4 process. He speaks at numerous events and writes many articles each year. He has promoted the grass-roots nature of the program by spurring growers and industry leaders to voice their pest control needs which are then prioritized, researched and, finally, submitted to the registrant for label additions/expansions. Ray has written the research protocols for the projects and acts as overseer and coordinator of IR-4 ornamentals research, nationwide. His hard work and drive have provided increased pest control options for all aspects of the green industry including the production and maintenance of nursery, floral, forestry, Christmas trees and turf crops. This program has also developed products for plant propagation including tissue culture and for the maintenance of commercial landscapes and interior plantscapes.

Ray will leave behind an IR-4 Ornamentals Program poised for faster and more efficient response to critical needs. The

Ornamentals database was revamped in 3/03 as a result of work sessions led by Ray at the IR-4/USDA Crop Grouping Symposium in October of 2002. New data fields and tables have been developed to explain the new field codes. The database can be viewed at <http://www.cook.rutgers.edu/~ir4>.

A nationwide search will be conducted to find the new IR-4 Ornamental Project Manager. This position will relocate to IR-4 Headquarters in New Brunswick which will allow for more staff support. Ray will continue to work and manage the IR-4 Ornamental Program during this transition. Ray will attend and participate in the IR-4 Ornamentals Workshop in Windsor, CT., October 20-23, 2003 (see below).

Please join IR-4 and Ray's many friends, colleagues, and acquaintances in recognition of his numerous accomplishments and wishing him great success in his future endeavors. Ray can be reached at:

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Successes - IR-4 Ornamental - 2003 Registrations to 1 MAR 03

- Apple (Non-Bearing)/Ethephon/PR 18804A
- Japanese Rose (Rosa sp.)/Ethephon/PR 18812A, 18815A

Travel and Meetings

- January 7-10 - Northeast Weed Science Meeting, Baltimore, MD
- January 30 - IR-4/EPATWG Meeting, Arlington, VA

The 2003 IR-4 Ornamentals Use Workshop

The 2003 IR-4 Ornamentals Use Workshop will be held in Windsor, Connecticut at the Hartford/Windsor Marriott Airport Hotel. The Workshop will be held October 20-23, 2003. The schedule will be as follows:

Monday, October 20 - Entomology
Tuesday, October 21 - Plant Pathology
Wednesday, October 22 - Weed Science and PGR's
Thursday, October 23 - Nursery and Floral Crop Tour

Attendees should include state, federal, and individual researchers, extension personnel, growers of nursery, floral, forestry and turf crops, and agricultural company personnel.

This prioritization process helps provide the minor use pest control tools needed for the green industry. For more

information concerning the workshop registration contact Cheryl Ferrazoli (732)932-9575 ext. 601, ferrazoli@aesop.rutgers.edu or Ray Frank (301)898-5332, jrayfrank@earthlink.net.

The lodging is \$120.00 per night for a single or double room. You must register prior to September 28, 2003 to receive this low rate. Call the hotel directly at (860) 688-7500 and mention you will be attending the USDA/IR-4 Workshop.

Be sure to preregister before October 1, 2003 to receive complete meeting materials to review in advance. Pre-registration fee is \$75.00. On-site registration is \$100.00. Registration fee includes a continental breakfast daily (7:00 am-8:00 am).

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