

## **National IPM Coordinating Committee (NIPMCC) Rules of Operation**

The National Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Coordinating Committee is a committee of the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP) and the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOP) and shall function as a subcommittee of the ESCOP Science and Technology Committee. ESCOP is a committee of the Experiment Station Section of the Board on Agriculture Assembly of the Association of Public Land-grant Universities (APLU).

**Background:** The National IPM Committee (NIPMC) began in 1985 when the Pest Management Strategies Subcommittee of the ESCOP Science and Technology Committee was charged with providing coordination among the Regional IPM Competitive Grants Programs and USDA, the sponsoring agency. The Subcommittee was expanded to include Extension representation in 1986 to better integrate regional research with activities occurring independently through Smith Lever 3d IPM funds. At that time, the group began referring to itself as the National IPM Coordinating Committee, later shortened to simply the National IPM Committee (NIPMC). Over the years, the NIPMC has functioned to provide advice and communications regarding Integrated Pest Management programs supported by USDA-NIFA (and its predecessors) and Land-grant universities from across the U.S. and its protectorates and territories. Core membership originally consisted of officers of the four ESCOP regional technical committees for IPM (now NCERA 222, NEERA 1004, SERA 3, and WERA 1017), administrative advisers to those committees, and managers of the four regional IPM competitive grants programs (NC-RIPM, NE-RIPM, S-RIPM and W-RIPM), with USDA-NIFA IPM-related National Program Leaders serving as *ex officio* members. Representatives from USDA-ARS-OPMP (1996) and Regional IPM Centers (2000) were added to the committee following their establishment. Key partner organizations, including US EPA, USDA-NRCS, USDA-SARE and IR4 have also participated in its annual meetings. Co-Chairs, one each representing ESCOP and ECOP, and a Regional IPM Center Director organized the annual meeting held each Fall in Washington, DC. The ESCOP Co-Chair was a member of the Science and Technology Committee, and represented the committee.

The 2013 President's Budget proposed to combine budget lines for several research and extension programs related to pest management into a new Integrated Crop Protection Program; however, the proposal was met with resistance because highly successful IPM programs would be terminated and funding for the new program would be subject to indirect charges on all of the component programs. An IPM Working Group comprised of more than 40 IPM scientists representing universities, the private sector and government was appointed by the Budget and Advocacy Committee (BAC). The Committee charge: "The Working Group is asked to develop a report that provides operational guidelines for fulfilling the goals of the Integrated Crop Protection Program." The working group held a number of conference calls and developed a report that was accepted by the BAC (July 2013). The report was sent to the NIPMC for review and comment, and no formal recommendations were received prior to its 2014 annual meeting. NIPMC composition and governance was discussed at the meeting with further edits suggested. The present (final) version was adopted with the concurrence of the NIPMC at the 2014 meeting

and the group formally emerged as the National Integrated Pest Management Coordinating Committee (NIPMCC).

**Charge:** Make recommendations to ESCOP and ECOP on programs, policies, reports, and other matters that affect pest management implementation, and make recommendations on budget matters relating to pest management. Assist in development of reports and strategic plans on pest management issues. Pursue activities that facilitate coordination and collaboration nationally among and between IPM research and extension at the Land-grant universities, and between the Land-grants and Federal agencies involved in IPM.

**National IPM Coordinating Committee Composition:** Committee composition will ensure that IPM input from all U.S. regions and relevant groups is well represented on the committee.

Land Grant affiliates will include:

- Three members as selected by each of the regional technical committees for IPM (NCERA 222, NEERA 1004, SERA 3, and WERA 1017) serving staggered 3-year terms. N=12
- Directors of the four Regional IPM Centers. N=4
- One Experiment Station Director and one Extension Director. N=2
- One representative each from 1890 and 1994 institutions. N=2
- IR4. N=1
- One ESCOP and one ECOP regional Executive Director. N=2

Additional members of the IPM community will be encouraged to participate (ex-officio) including:

- Representatives from non-governmental organizations such as (but not limited to) IPM Voice, IPM Institute of North America, NSF Center for IPM, the National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants (NAICC) and American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators (AASPE).
- Representatives from agencies and program within USDA with IPM emphases including (but not limited to) NIFA, SARE, NRCS, APHIS, ARS (especially OPMP), and ERS.
- Additional Departments of the Federal government including (but not limited to) EPA, HUD, GSA, Interior, and DOD.

The NIPMCC annual meeting is inclusive and open to all interested members of the IPM community, and as such additional Land-grant affiliates, Federal agency representatives, non-governmental organizations, and private sector interests might be expected to participate.

#### **National IPM Coordinating Committee Governance:**

**Officers:** The officers will include a Past-Chair, Chair and Chair-elect chosen by the Land-grant affiliates of the National IPM Coordinating Committee from among the four regional technical committee representatives, IPM Center Directors, and 1890/1994 institution members. The position of Chair will be rotated among representatives of the five regions (North Central, Northeast, Southern, Western, ARD), ideally ensuring representation by all regions and LGUs over time.. The term of appointment as an officer will be three years.

**Executive Committee:** An Executive Committee (EC) will be composed of the National IPM Coordinating Committee officers (N=3), ESCOP- and ECOP-appointed representatives (N=2), and a Regional IPM Center Director (N=1). The Executive Director (from the Science and Technology Committee) or the Extension Executive Director will serve as the Executive Vice-Chair and will provide administrative support to the committee. The NIPMCC Executive Committee will (generally) function by consensus, with a simple majority quorum required.

The Executive Committee will:

- hold conference calls quarterly as necessary, and organize the annual meeting of the National IPM Coordinating Committee (typically in the fall).
- annually provide a “State of IPM” report to ESCOP and ECOP.
- provide updates and reports on its activities and programmatic recommendations to ECOP and ESCOP as requested and deemed appropriate.
- make any USDA-NIFA budget recommendations via the ECOP- and ESCOP-appointed members for consideration by the respective Budget and Legislative Committees.

**Nominating Committee:** A nominating committee consisting of the past Chair, Chair elect and a NIPMCC member at-large will bring a slate of candidates to the annual meeting for consideration by the NIPMCC. Nominations from the floor are permissible. Following a cessation of nominations, an election will be held through regularly accepted practices and the results announced at the same annual meeting.

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