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# **Pest Management in Schools Committee Report**

## **Annual Meeting**

### **Burlington, Vermont**

#### **August 28 – September 1, 2017**

#### **Introduction**

The Pest Management in Schools committee was established during the 2008, ASPCRO Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, NM, to address issues surrounding pest management in schools.

#### **Committee Membership**

The committee consists of the following individuals:

Seth Dunlap (chair), Arkansas Agriculture Department  
Linda Johns, Montana Department of Agriculture  
Dr. Brian Forschler, University of Georgia  
Dr. Faith Oi, University of Florida  
Dr. Jim Fredericks, National Pest Management Association  
Tim Stock, Oregon State University  
Dr. Fudd Graham, Auburn University  
Allison Cuellar, Texas Department of Agriculture  
Steve Sims, Kentucky Department of Agriculture  
Janet Hurley, Texas Agrilife Extension Service

#### **Mission Statement**

The ASPCRO Pest Management in Schools Committee's mission is to assist member states with the improvement and implementation of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles and concepts in schools in the interest of promoting and protecting Children's Environmental Safety.

## **Summary of Committee Meeting:**

The Pest Management in Schools Committee met at the Burlington, VT Annual ASPCRO Meeting to discuss the direction that the committee was heading now.

First on the Agenda was to discuss putting together an easy to follow fact sheet on antimicrobial use in schools which was at the request of the ASPCRO Board.

Seth Dunlap attends the IPM Institute of North America conference calls that take place on the third Friday of the each month. At one of aforementioned conference calls, the Stop School Pests program was requested to be endorsed by ASPCRO. After discussion among committee members it was requested to ask the ASPCRO Board if we could list it as a resource rather than give it a formal endorsement on the ASPCRO website.

The topic of defining IPM (Integrated Pest Management) came up and since there are varying definitions on IPM. It was eventually decided after further emails and phone calls that the focus of the group would be better spent on different subjects that were not as controversial due to differing state definitions in their respective law and/or the different definitions in academia. Subject may be revisited at a later date if requested by the ASPCRO Board but it was agreed that at this time it was not in line with the mission statement of the committee.

In conclusion, an Anti-Microbial Fact Sheet will be developed by the committee and be presented to the ASPCRO Board for any edits, suggestions, and approval upon completion of the committee's final draft.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Seth Dunlap', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Seth Dunlap, Chair