

Northeastern Pest Management Center Report (NEPMC)

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Complete minutes and attachments for the Advisory Council Report on the first annual meeting May 30, 2001, Albany, NY can be found at:

<http://nepmc.org/ac/May01/report.html>

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## Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of NEREAP-IPM was held on March 28<sup>th</sup> in Albany, NY. Reports were provided by each state, Mike Fitzner-CSREES-USDA, Rob Koethe-US-EPA region 1, Don West-RMA-USDA, and Dave Holm-NE-SARE.

## Northeast IPM

New staff (both also working with NE PMC) are Information Specialist Liz Thomas (about .67 FTE, entirely on regional projects) and Writer/Editor Liz Myers (.4 FTE on regional projects, .6 FTE on NY IPM)

Liz Myers is leading production of the new regional report, target for release in June. This will be a compilation of impact reports from all of the projects funded by the regional IPM program since 1996. After completion, NEREAP will move away from comprehensive, long reports in favor of a periodical newsletter format.

Golf/turf IPM project: NSF Center for IPMA funded the project which held a stakeholder workshop in New Brunswick, NJ to define IPM protocols, set research and extension priorities, and plan future collaboration. Many course superintendents as well as land grant folks, USGA, EPA and others. Massachusetts had already worked out a golf/turf protocol for the state, so this was used as a basis to avoid repetition.

Ag Systems Workshop: Sponsored by SARE, EPA for work on Vegetable IPM. It will be determined what specific practices constitute a generalized pest management system that can be presented right now to conventional growers and how can adoption of such a system be increased. The minutes of this meeting are on the web.

NE IPM web site: The website will be moving to <northeastipm.org>. This site provides a little more direct control, and the new URL is more reflective of the regional nature of the site. As the move, only the first part of the URL will change. For instance, the file that was at <www.nysaes.cornell.edu/ipmnet/acad/acad.html> will be found at <northeastipm.org/acad/acad.html>. Please note - there is no longer any need to use 'www'. The site is being used heavily. For instance, during Nov. 2000 there was an average of 1,260 successful requests for pages per day.

The IPM Teaching Modules funded by a NE SARE grant are online now at <http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/ipmnet/sare.mod/index.html>. After about June 1, 2001, this was moved to [northeastipm.org/sare.mod/index.html](http://northeastipm.org/sare.mod/index.html)

Academic program status on the website includes listings of IPM-related degrees and IPM-related coursework at the 12 land grants in the region. IPM Coordinators (<http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/ipmnet/acad/acad.html> soon to be <http://northeastipm.org/acad/acad.html>)

#### NE IPM Competitive Grants Program

John Ayers reported that the NE IPM Competitive Grants Program process was essentially unchanged from FY 2000. A relevance panel was used consisting of stakeholders from within the Northeast region and a technical panel consisting of experts from outside the region. Six projects were funded for 2001. Annual emphases for funding on weed IPM and vertebrate IPM should continue.

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