

ESCOP CAC Call

June 19, 2014 at 4 pm Eastern Time

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Participants:

Steve Slack (Chair), Eric Young, Hunt Shipman, Jeff Jacobsen, Dan Rossi, Mike Harrington, Bret Hess, Chris Hamilton (recorder)

Outstanding Action Items (FYI):

1. ECOP USDA Climate Hub MOU: Please read over and send your comments to Jeff Jacobsen (copy Steve Slack, please) by Thursday, June 16. Jeff will lead the USDA/ESCOP Climate MOU process.
2. Status of Futuring Task Force: Progressing as charge is being refined and DRAFT white paper due at Joint COPS. Mike Hoffman will call Daryl Buchholz to determine the nature of the response to 'What would CES look like in 100 years'? Possibly related to a few institutions and/or the Centennial Celebration.
3. Facilities Task Force Status: Sonny Ramaswamy asked ESCOP to lead an effort for the system to gather an assessment on status of facilities and to work with Sightlines on a survey and analysis. Steve has asked Mike Hoffman to lead and Dan Rossi to assist. *Dan is working with Ian Maw to try for a differential formula with APLU to pay for the survey and will try not to exceed \$1000 per institution.*
4. Pest Management Coordinating Council: *Will be a working group under ESCOP Science and Technology Committee and Jeff Jacobsen, Mike Harrington, and Robin Shepard are working on rules of operation, membership, etc. Names and contact info can be sent to Chris Hamilton, who will add to the ESCOP directory, create the committee, and send Donna Pearce a list to create an email list-serve.*
5. Impact Database at TAMU: EDs and ADs are collecting names for inputting access to the database and high-res AES logos to send to the programmer. Please encourage AES colleagues to submit station data/state level-impact statements now.

Call Minutes:

1. **Approval of Minutes from May 15 CAC call:** (no non-EDs on phone, so it was assumed that EDs can make a motion). Eric Young made a motion to approve, Dan Rossi seconded it, and May 15 minutes approved.
2. **Interim Actions of the Chair – Steve Slack**
 - a. Facilities Task Force update, see above.
 - b. ESS Leadership award recipient list was sent out to Eddie Gouge at APLU today, 6/19/2014

- c. A Water Task Force call occurred with Sonny recently. The primary outline of the proposal was carried forward by Robin Shepard and Mike Harrington. More details on the Water Security FY16 “Big Ask” to come by July Joint COPs session. Discussion then ensued regarding ESCOP’s process timing and coordination with NIFA’s priorities development process.
 - d. Eric Young notified Eddie Gouge re: ESCOP nominees to PBD
 - e. Climate Hub MOU: Jane copied us on correspondence with Randy Johnson on ECOP/USDA MOU, we will be contacted shortly by Randy Johnson on this. Jeff will pick this up as lead ED for ESCOP discussion. Please read over the ECOP MOU and send your comments to Jeff Jacobsen, with Steve Slack copied, by next Thursday, June 26.
 - f. Steve Slack was contacted by the American Phytopathology Society regarding mobile apps for tomato and turf. Are these acceptable to send to the AES directors lists? All agreed they were and Steve will send to Chris Hamilton to forward on to our email lists.
3. **NIMSS and NIMSS RFP Update – Jeff Jacobsen, Dan Rossi**
- a. NIMSS update (current system): Dan Rossi/Rubie Mize are in the process of working with Amazon Web Service (AWS) and now have an estimate to move the cloud-hosted NIMSS account from UMD to Rutgers. This will greatly facilitate access to fix current problems and get us back to where NIMSS was before the UMD security breach. This switch is affordable within the current NIMSS budget, so will probably move forward. We expect to work with AWS for a year, as the new NIMSS is developed. Cost: Base = \$282/month, approx. \$500/month for redundancy level as recommended by AWS. Plan to go with recommended \$500 level.
 - b. NIMSS Redesign RFP: Sole proposal from Clemson Youth Leadership Institute. We have a call on 6/20 with Clemson to address questions and comments provided by AES IT personnel (from Bill Brown and Steve Loring) and NRSP 1 subcommittee members. We will summarize Clemson’s responses, share with NRSP1, and provide recommendation during July 7 NRSP1 call. More information to come after July 7.
4. **National IPM Committee (NIPMC) – Steve Slack, Mike Harrington**
- a. Conference call tomorrow, 6/20, with suggested group of principals to discuss general rules of operation
 - b. More information to come
5. **Federal Budget Update – Hunt Shipman/Cornerstone**
- a. House: Movement on the Ag appropriations bills stalled in House last Tue after Eric Cantor lost his primary bid. Expect to get back on track next week.
 - b. Senate: Ag approp. bill combined with two others, rolled together in a “minibus”, but procedural hoops caused delays. Ag Appropriations process might not get much farther this year.
6. **Budget and Legislative Committee – Bret Hess and Mike Harrington**
- a. Many items already discussed above, i.e. water working group concept paper (Water Security)

- b. Survey is underway to determine implementation of ESCOP Science Roadmap. Survey findings to be presented at ESS meeting and how it cross-talks with Health Food/Healthy People.
7. **Pest Management Coordinating Council Update – Mike Harrington**
 - a. Memo was sent out in mid-May to Vice Presidents of Research
 - b. Some comments have come back, such as Will this really be a one-time waiver?
 8. **Communications and Marketing Committee – Nancy Cox, Dan Rossi**
 - a. Working on recommendation to go to PBD re: CMC expansion proposal
 - b. Conducted a preferences survey on the three expansion options
 - c. More information to come and will share once CMC reaches consensus on the report
 9. **Science and Technology Committee – John Russin and Jeff Jacobsen**
 - a. Excellence in Multistate Research award, W2128 selected as winner for 2014 and will be formally announced at Fall ESS Meeting
 - b. Committee has looked at language and consistency for both award announcements and made edits to go forward for next year. The final documents will be included in the July Joint COPs/ESCOP meeting brief
 10. **NRSP-RC Update: Bret Hess and Mike Harrington**
 - a. Met face to face on June 17 in Denver
 - b. See [NRSP-RC](#) brief below for full details. These recommendations will be shared during regional summer meetings
 - c. Formal ESS vote on NRSP-RC recommendations will occur during Fall ESS meeting
 11. **July ESCOP Meeting Agenda: Steve Slack, Jeff Jacobsen**
 - a. NIFA's strategic plan is not out yet, but Eric has a draft and will ask Eddie/PBD to see if he can share
 - b. Dan Rossi will then work on preparing discussion items for July Joint COPs ESCOP meeting
 12. **ESS Leadership Award Update: Steve Slack, Jeff Jacobsen** – Discussed above
 13. **Other Business:** No July call, next call scheduled for August 21 at 4 pm EDT. See you in San Diego!

New ESCOP Committee Appointments:

Deb Hamernik replaces John Baker on the Science and Technology committee as the NC representative.

Dr. James Moyer will take over as NPGCC Chair, effective January 1, 2015

Upcoming National ESCOP/ESS Meetings:

Meeting	Dates	Location	Details/Registration Links
2014 Joint COPs Session	July 21-24, 2014	Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina, San Diego, CA	Registration is OPEN, see: Click here for more information

Meeting	Dates	Location	Details/Registration Links
2014 Fall ESS/AES/ARD Meeting and Workshop	September 30-October 2, 2014	Jekyll Island Club Hotel (http://www.jekyllclub.com/)	Registration opens July 15 at http://www.ereg.caes.uga.edu/ Additional details pasted below
2014 Annual APLU Meeting	November 2-4, 2014	Bonnet Creek Resort Orlando, FL	Meeting website: Click here for more information:

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Agenda Item 9.4: NRSP Review Committee Update

Presenter: Bret Hess

Action Requested: For information (Consent)

Background:

The NRSP Review Committee (NRSP-RC) met in Denver, CO on June 17, 2014 for their annual meeting.

The meeting included discussion of two renewing proposals (NRSP_TEMP003 and NRSP_TEMP301), one new project proposal (NRSP_TEMP321), NRSP-1s midterm review and pending updates to the NIMSS, and the NRSP Guidelines.

The following actions were taken by the NRSP-RC:

Motion and second and unanimous approval of the following recommendation for substantive changes to the NRSP Guidelines:

- Section III. A. General: Change bullet four under delegated authority to “delegate authority to the NRSP-RC to invest up to 1% of total Hatch Funding in NRSPs.”
- Section IV. B Management and Business Plan: Add the following “For the multistate program, including NRSPs; leveraging shall mean funding brought to bear on the project objectives regardless of source, not including in-kind support from host institution(s).”

NRSP Project	Title	Request for FY15	NRSP Review Committee Action
NRSP_TEMP003	The National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP)	\$50,000	Approve 5-year budget
NRSP_TEMP301	A National Agricultural Program for Minor Use Animal Drugs	\$325,000	Approve 1-year budget ¹
NRSP_TEMP321	Database Resources for Crop Genomics, Genetics and Breeding Research	\$398,631	Approve 5-year budget ²

¹ NRSP7 must demonstrate that they have secured new (not in-kind) funds that are equal to or more than 2x the off-the-top funding requested prior to submitting another renewal proposal.

² Pending formal response to NRSP-RC questions about database platform selection and communication with the National Animal Genome Research Program (NRSP-8) database manager.

Summary of Key Discussion Points

In 2012, ESCOP capped the total off-the-top budget at \$2M, which represents less than 1% of federal formula funds. If all new and renewing projects are approved for FY15, when combined with existing projects, total off-the-top spending would exceed this cap at \$2,035,868. In addition, it is widely anticipated that the NRSP-1 Management Committee will request a mid-cycle budget increase to facilitate a critically-needed upgrade to the NIMSS. The NRSP-RC felt strongly that the system requires a functional NIMSS database; there was widespread and strong support for completely revamping NIMSS, and even for putting other things on hold to ensure that the NIMSS is functional. For these reasons, the RC recommends extending their flexibility in decision-making by amending the NRSP guidelines to allow the RC to recommend approval of off-the-top budgets up to 1% of Hatch formula funds. Hatch funding for FY15 is currently proposed at \$243.701 million; 1% would equal \$2.43M, which would accommodate all existing, renewing, new, and potential (i.e., NRSP1) off-the-top budgets.

The NRSP-RC discussed the tenuous status of the National Agricultural Program for Minor Use Animal Drugs (NRSP_TEMP301/NRSP7), noting that the group has struggled to leverage both funds and stakeholder support. The current off-the-top budget cannot support the program because it requires at least \$1M to approve a new drug. The RC strongly recommends that, if approved, this group use their FY15 funding to enhance stakeholder engagement and further recommended that NRSP7 demonstrate that they have secured new (not in-kind) funds that are equal to or more than 2x the off-the-top funding requested prior to submitting another renewal proposal to ensure that the project is viable and sustainable in the future.

Based on questions received from new and renewing project committees regarding leveraging, the RC recommends clarifying the definition of leveraging in the guidelines by adding the language to Section IV., B Management and Business Plan, that reads: "For the multistate program, including NRSPs; leveraging shall mean funding brought to bear on the project objectives regardless of source, not including in-kind support from host institution(s)."

A summary of the NRSP portfolio, including NRSP-RC actions, is below.

NRSP 2014-2015

Project	Request FY2012	Authorized FY2012	Request FY2013	Authorized FY2013	Request FY2014	Approved FY2014	†Request FY2015	NRSP Review Committee Recommendation
NRSP1	50,000	50,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000 ¹	
NRSP3	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	<i>see below</i>	
NRSP4	481,182	481,182	481,182	481,182	481,182	481,182	481,182	
NRSP6	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	
NRSP7	325,000	325,000	325,000	325,000	325,000	325,000	<i>see below</i>	
NRSP8	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	
NRSP9	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	
NRSP_TEMP003 (NRSP3)							50,000	Approve 5-year budget
NRSP_TEMP301 (NRSP7)							325,000	Approve 1-year budget ²
NRSP_TEMP321							279,686	Approve 5-year budget ³

Requests for Off-the-Top Funding

†Assuming an acceptable midterm review, all NRSP budgets were approved during 2012 Fall ESS Meeting for the duration of their current, five-year cycles.

¹NRSP-1 is anticipated to request additional funding during the September ESS meeting to facilitate an overhaul of the NIMSS and maintenance of the new system.

²NRSP7 must demonstrate that they have secured new (not in-kind) funds that are equal to or more than 2x the off-the-top funding requested prior to submitting a renewal proposal.

³Pending formal response to NRSP-RC questions about database platform selection and communication with the National Animal Genome Research Program (NRSP8) database manager.

Summary of NRSPs

Project Number	Project Name	Project Period	Midterm Review Year
NRSP-1	National Information Management and Support System (NIMSS)	2011-2016	2014
NRSP-3 (NRSP_TEMP003)	The National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP)	2015-2019	2017
NRSP-4	Enabling Pesticide Registrations for Specialty Crops and Minor Uses	2010-2015	2013
NRSP-6	The US Potato Genebank: Acquisition, Classification, Preservation, Evaluation and Distribution of Potato (Solanum) Germplasm	2010-2015	2013
NRSP-7 (NRSP_TEMP301)	A National Agricultural Program for Minor Use Animal Drugs	2015	-
NRSP-8	National Animal Genome Research Program	2013-2018	2016
NRSP-9	National Animal Nutrition Program	2010-	2013

		2015	
NRSP_temp321	Database Resources for Crop Genomics, Genetics and Breeding Research	2014-2019	2017