

**ESCOPE Science & Technology**

**June 1, 2015 @ 4 pm ET**

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**Committee Members:**

<p><b>Chair:</b> John Russin (SAAESD)</p> <p><b>Delegates:</b> Larry Curtis (WAAESD) David Thompson (WAAESD) Joe Colletti (NCRA) Deb Hamernik (NCRA) Cameron Faustman (NERA) Adel Shirmohammadi (NERA) Nathan McKinney (SAAESD) Harald Scherm (SAAESD) Teferi Tsegaye (ARD) Marikis Alvarez (ARD)*</p> <p><b>Executive Vice-Chair</b> Jeff Jacobsen (NCRA)</p>	<p><b>Liaisons:</b> Terry Nelsen (ERS) Cliff Gabriel (OSTP) Adrianna Hewings (ARS) Frank Zalom (Pest Mgmt Subcom) Edwin Price (ICOP) Scott Loveridge (Social Sci Subcom) Parag Chitnis (NIFA) Denise Eblen (NIFA)</p> <p><b>*Chair elect</b></p>
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**Action Items**

1. April 27, 2015 call notes were approved. Chris Hamilton has uploaded them to the ESCOP website.
2. NC140 was confirmed as the committee's recommended national winner of the 2015 ESS Excellence in Multistate Research Award and Chris Hamilton/Jeff Jacobsen will send this recommendation on to the ESCOP Executive Committee for final approval.
3. The committee decided to limit supporting appendices for nominations submitted at the national level (to the S&T committee) to only the single page listing of participating institutions. Regional nomination packets may include additional materials. This change will be reflected in the final version of the S&T's 2016 Multistate Research Award Announcement.
4. Next Call: Monday, June 22 at 4 pm ET. Jeff Jacobsen will forward on to the committee materials related to open access to data and publications to facilitate discussion.
5. Our October 1, 8 am to 12 noon face-to-face meeting in Charlotte, NC was confirmed. Please plan your travel to include this additional session.

**Call Notes**

1. Roll Call: Deb Hamernik, Cameron Faustman, Marikis Alvarez, Larry Curtis, Adel Shirmohammadi, David Thompson, Harald Scherm, Jeff Jacobsen, Chris Hamilton (recorder)

2. Review Minutes and Approve (4/27/2015 Call): Approved
3. 2015 Multistate Research Award Winner Discussion: The Committee discussed the results of the 2015 multistate award ranking (included below). All were in agreement of the rankings and comments listed in the summary sheet. Chris/Jeff will forward NC140 on to the ESCOP Executive Committee for final approval as the national winner. The ranking sheet will be included so that EDs can share the S&T committee's comments on with their regional winners.
4. Revised 2016 Multistate Award Announcement:
  - a. The Committee discussed the updated 2016 Excellence in Multistate Research Award Announcement and provided a few minor edits to the text.
  - b. Discussion ensued on whether the same projects can be submitted multiple times. The Committee agreed that this decision should reside with individual regions.
  - c. Further discussion centered on nomination page limits and whether letters of support and other supporting appendix materials should be included. By consensus, the Committee decided that supporting materials can be included at the regional level, but when regional winners are submitted to the national S&T committee, they should adhere to a firm 3-page limit, plus one additional page listing participating institutions.
  - d. Jeff will revise the 2016 Award Announcement to reflect these updates.
5. Next Steps for the ESCOP S&T (for June 22 call and beyond): Our June 22 call will center around NIFA's new policy on open access to data and publications. Jeff Jacobsen will forward on to the committee materials related to open access to data and publications to facilitate discussion, as well as try to include Bill Hoffman in the discussion.
6. Our October 1, 2015, face-to-face meeting in Charlotte, NC is confirmed and we have a room. Please plan your travel so that you can attend this meeting. We'll meet from 8 am to 12 noon.

Call adjourned.

## 2015 ESS Excellence in Multistate Research Award

Please rank each nomination from 1-4, with 1 being the best, based on the award criteria below. Include your supporting comments in the appropriate column.

*All nominated projects shall be evaluated using the same criteria including, in descending order of importance, the Project's: accomplishments indicated by outputs, outcomes and impacts; added-value and synergistic advantages from the Project's interdependency; degree of institutional participation (SAES and others); extent of multi-disciplinary activity; amount of integrated activities (multi-functional); and evidence of additional leveraged funding to further the Project goals.*

### COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Project No.	Project Title	Average Rating (Rank)	Overview
NC140	Improving Economic and Environmental Sustainability in Tree-Fruit Production Through Changes in Rootstock Use	1.2 (1)	<p><b>Accomplishments, outcomes, impacts:</b> Clear, strong environmental, educational, economic impacts and metrics, support letters</p> <p><b>Added value/synergistic advantages from interdependency:</b> strong articulation of added value, accomplishments and deliverables could be clearer, interdependency is mostly limited to horticulturists</p> <p><b>Institutional participation:</b> Large/diverse, universities, federal, industry, Extension, international</p> <p><b>Multidisciplinary activity:</b> Broad</p> <p><b>Leveraged funding:</b> Good</p>
NE1201	Mycobacterial Diseases of Animals	3.2 (3)	<p><b>Accomplishments, outcomes, impacts:</b> Good potential impacts in the future, but currently not well defined. Young project,</p>

			<p>good example of a multistate project coming together quickly to address an issue, repository significant, support letters</p> <p><b>Added value/synergistic advantages from interdependency:</b> Some, but generally not well defined</p> <p><b>Institutional participation:</b> Strong state, federal, industry, and international linkages, but limited participation with Extension and the public</p> <p><b>Multidisciplinary activity:</b> Not well defined</p> <p><b>Leveraged funding:</b> Unclear</p>
S1049	Integrated Management of Pecan Arthropod Pests in the Southern U.S.	2.1 (2)	<p><b>Accomplishments, outcomes, impacts:</b> Strong economic, professional/training impacts, publications, could use more recent impacts, good data on outputs, ipmPIPE, long-standing</p> <p><b>Added value/synergistic advantages from interdependency:</b> Good, mostly entomologists</p> <p><b>Institutional participation:</b> Good/modest, good connection with Extension, excellent educational component/student training</p> <p><b>Multidisciplinary activity:</b> Unclear/mostly entomologists</p> <p><b>Leveraged funding:</b> Excellent/good/modest</p>
W3122	Beneficial and Adverse Effects of Natural,	3.5 (4)	<p><b>Accomplishments, outcomes, impacts:</b> Modest</p>

	Bioactive Dietary Chemicals on Human Health and Food Safety	impacts/outcomes, ID of beneficial and harmful compounds, strong basic research focus, excellent publication record <b>Added value/synergistic advantages from interdependency:</b> Unclear <b>Institutional participation:</b> Modest, international linkages, reviewers expressed concern over failure of committee to reach out to soy processors and find mutually beneficial solutions <b>Multidisciplinary activity:</b> Little to no Extension/outreach connection <b>Leveraged funding:</b> Good/excellent
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