



## Welcome from the Center Co-Directors

Thanks for your interest in the North Central IPM Center Connection. I am an Associate Professor in the Department of Entomology at Michigan State University. I graduated from Adrian College in Michigan with a B.S. major in biology. My M.S. and Ph.D. degrees are from the Department of Entomology at Michigan State University. My Masters investigated season long foraging behavior preferences of honey bees, and my Ph.D. research focused on management of apple maggot in apple orchards.

I am the Co-Director of the North Central Region Integrated Pest Management Center. My role in the Center is to manage funding and coordination for the 12 state information network that produces crop profiles, Pest Management Strategic Plans and responds to EPA and USDA on pesticide reregistration information requests, funding for Working Groups, and funding for special competitive grants. At MSU, I am Coordinator of the Professional Masters in IPM Program, and conduct research on occupational exposure to pesticides.

Previously, I was Associate Director of Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station and MSU Extension from 1997-1999, Integrated Pest Management Coordinator from 1995 to 1997 and Pesticide Education Coordinator from 1988 to 1995 at Michigan State University. I was in private industry and served as Field Research Representative for Bayer CropScience (Moby back then) from 1981-1987. I was involved in establishing the Certified Crop Advisor program (Board of Directors and Chair of Exam Committee) in Michigan and American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators (Board of Directors and Treasurer).

I am affiliated with numerous professional societies and represents MSU on several agency and commodity group advisory committees. I currently am Executive Secretary for the North American Agromedicine Consortium.

*Dr. Larry Olsen, Michigan State University*



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Welcome to the North Central Region IPM Center Connection! I hope you visit this site on a regular basis to learn more about the many innovative IPM extension and applied research programs that are being conducted by scientists throughout the region. In addition, this site will provide details about the many IPM grant opportunities that are sponsored by USDA-CSREES and coordinated and disseminated through our Center. As Co-Director for the NCR IPM Center, it's my pleasure to serve and assist anyone who is interested in learning more about IPM programs and activities in this region.

I received my B.A. (77) in Biology from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA and my M.S. (82) and Ph.D. (86) degrees in Entomology from Iowa State University, Ames, IA. Following my graduation from Iowa State University, I accepted a postdoctoral research associate position at South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD. In 1988, I began new duties as an Extension Entomologist at the University of Illinois and continue to serve as an Extension Specialist and Professor of Agricultural Entomology with the Department of Crop Sciences. I also served as Extension IPM Coordinator at the University of Illinois for 14 years. Since 2001, I've provided leadership for the USDA-CSREES sponsored North Central Region IPM Competitive Grants Program. My extension and research programs have focused on the management of insect pests of field crops. Since the mid-1990s, I've concentrated my extension and research efforts on the western corn rootworm variant that has adapted to crop rotation. I have been a member of the Entomological Society of America for approximately 25 years and in 2003 served as President of the North Central Branch.

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## North Central Region IPM Center Personnel

The goals of the North Central Region IPM Center personnel are to enhance regional communication, collaboration, and coordination by continuing to disseminate information to stakeholders through regional updates, electronic mailing lists, and providing leadership at regional and national meetings to foster collaborative projects and promote coordination of pest management programs. The roles of the North Central Region IPM Center personnel are listed below.

Larry Olsen, Co-Director (Michigan State University) is responsible for overall NC-IPM Center management, coordination of State Contact Network, North Central IPM Center grants management, report accomplishments, regional and national leadership for occupational exposure, participate in regional diagnostic center activities, and coordinate Working Groups.



Michael Gray, Co-Director (University of Illinois) serves as grants manager for NCR-IPM Grants Program and Pest Management Alternative Program (FY05), coordinates development of priorities, distribution of RFAs, and paneling functions.

Susan Ratcliffe, IPM Facilitator (University of Illinois) markets regional IPM program successes, assists Mike Gray with grants management, develops informational and educational materials including fact sheets and newsletters, works with state IPM Coordinators, NCR-201 committee members, and Working Groups in reporting successes.



Lynnae Jess, Assistant Director (Michigan State University) provides assistance for NC-IPM Center activities and grants management, assists in new research committee development (NC-500 Committees), assists Working Groups, coordinates regional crop profiles and pest management strategic plans, and coordinates responses to informational requests from EPA and USDA.

Michael Greifenkamp, Web Support and Publication Editor (University of Illinois) coordinates regional efforts to expand the existing NCIPMC web site in cooperation with the national IPM Center, develops linkages with other state-based IPM web sites, assists with the development of education and outreach programs, coordination of electronic grant proposal submission, and participates in national web site technical committee.



Administrative staff support (University of Illinois) assists with the management of RIPM and PMAP grants, prepares correspondence, and assists with dissemination of Center information.

## North Central Region IPM Center Mission Statement

*To improve, maintain and expand IPM practices in public and private sectors and to increase access to IPM information, extension programs and funding opportunities for our stakeholders.*

## Goals of the North Central IPM Center

1. Establish and facilitate a regionally based process for stakeholder identification and prioritization of emerging pest management issues and research, extension and outreach needs to respond to economic, human health, environmental and safety concerns related to pest management practices that enhances collaboration with state programs and other entities.
2. Serve as a focal point for collaborative team building to develop, improve, maintain and expand IPM practices in the North Central Region.
3. Enhance the ability of the land-grant system and USDA to provide IPM users, researchers, governmental agencies, and the public with the information and knowledge they need to increase IPM adoption and reduce unreasonable adverse environmental effects from pests and the use of pest management practices.
4. Ensure accountability and leadership for proper management and distribution of North Central IPM Center resources provided through USDA-CSREES.

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Dr. Charles Curtis is a Professor of Plant Pathology at The Ohio State University. His main area of research is in the physiology of disease and abiotic stress. Primary interests include students, teaching, innovative student centered teaching methods, and research on urban landscape plant diseases and abiotic (environmental) stress.



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Dr. Allen Jennings has served as the Director of the United States Department of Agriculture's Office of Pest Management Policy since 1997. Prior to joining USDA, he served in a variety of positions with EPA's offices of Water and Policy, and, most recently as the Director of the Biological and Economic Analysis Division in the Office of Pesticide Programs.

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## State IPM Coordinators Assume Role of State Contacts

The North Central Region Integrated Pest Management (NCRIPM) Extension Coordinators will begin a new service as state contacts for the North Central IPM Center beginning October 1, 2004. During the annual meeting of NCR-201, April 6–7, 2004, the NCRIPM Extension Coordinators voted unanimously to assume the role of state contacts for the North Central Integrated Pest Management (NC IPM) Center. Responsibilities will include responding to requests from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Pest Management Policy (OPMP), Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES) and the NC IPM Center and serving as a liaison between their state IPM programs and the NC IPM Center. In addition to improving coordination of state IPM programs within the region, this new approach will increase the level of competitive funding available for regional IPM working groups and new and emerging IPM issues.

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### **Working Group Request for Applications (RFA) Available On-line**

The North Central IPM Center Working Group RFA is available on-line at <http://www.ncipmc.org>. Pre-proposals are due by close of business on June 30, 2004 (5:00 p.m. EST). For more information contact Larry Olsen, Co-Director, North Central IPM Center, Michigan State University, Department of Entomology, B-18 Food Safety and Toxicology Building, East Lansing, MI 48824, (517) 355-3459, [olsenl@msu.edu](mailto:olsenl@msu.edu).

### **The North Central Region IPM Grants Program Is Going Electronic!**

In FY04, we provided individuals with the option of submitting letters of intent via email. The majority of submitters selected this option. We also notified submitters of funding recommendations via email. In FY05, we will require both an electronic submission of the letter of intent and the fully developed application. The letter of intent will be due September 17, 2004 and the electronic version of the application will be due October 22, 2004. During this transition period, we also will require submission of an original and two hard copies of the proposal (due October 29, 2004). The Request for Applications will be released in August. If you have questions regarding these changes, please contact Mike Gray, Co-Director, North Central IPM Center, University of Illinois, Department of Crop Sciences, 1102 S. Goodwin Avenue, Urbana, IL 61801, (217) 333-6652, email: [mgray@uiuc.edu](mailto:mgray@uiuc.edu).

### **National Pest Alerts Developed by North Central Region IPM Center**

The North Central Region IPM Center has developed a number of national pest alerts in cooperation with APHIS, ARS and the National Plant Diagnostic Network. These one page two-sided educational documents are designed to meet the needs of state-based extension programs to address new and emerging pest issues. To date, six national pest alerts have been developed and distributed in both printed and pdf format. Printed copies of the pest alerts are available at a cost of \$100 per 1,000 (post-publication price) and pdf versions are available for download on the web. To view the national pest alerts for soybean aphid, soybean rust, multicolored Asian lady beetle, west Nile virus, sudden oak death and *Ralstonia solanacearum* race 3 biovar 2, visit the North Central Region IPM Center web site at <http://www.ncipmc.org/NewsAlerts/index.html>.