Award Category: IPM Practitioner-Non-Academic

About the award: The IPM Practitioner – Non-academic Award is for individuals deserving special recognition for their outstanding “boots-on-the-ground” work in implementing integrated pest management (IPM) practices that reduce risk from pests* and pest management** practices in any area.

* Examples of harm from not managing pests include reduced yield and income from not managing mites in an orchard, or increased disease from not managing mosquitoes, or allergic reactions or death from fire ant bites.

** Examples of harm from pest management practices include pesticide application drift in the environment; cultivation unintentionally bringing up buried weed seeds that germinate on the surface or that move weeds that spread via rhizomes to new areas; or the risk of injury to workers using hand tools such as chainsaws; or children accidentally consuming rodenticides applied for rodent control.

Eligibility: Examples of non-academic IPM practitioners are school IPM coordinators, pest management professionals, growers, pest control advisors, facility managers, landscape or turf managers, maintenance/operations staff, public housing managers, and others.

Individuals practicing or serving IPM needs in any area including, but not limited to agriculture, veterinary, forestry, natural resources and recreation and other community environments, public health, schools, residential and public areas may be nominated.

Selection criteria: Nomination packets should clearly demonstrate that the nominees are IPM users, promoters or service providers who have made outstanding contributions to IPM adoption and implementation, promotion, or service; and whose work has had a direct and positive impact on end-users or clientele.

Judging process: Nominations will be judged by members of the Symposium Awards Committee. The committee will rank the nominations according to how well they meet or exceed the selection criteria.

Nominator Information:
Name:
Title:
Company/Affiliation:
Phone:
Email:

Nominee Information:
Name:
Title (if applicable):
Affiliation (if applicable):
Email:
Phone:

Supervisor Information (if applicable):
Name:
Title:
Affiliation:
Email:
In a simple and short essay format, answer the following questions to describe why you feel the person you are nominating should receive this award.

1. How did the nominee implement IPM in their area? What pest(s) did they manage? What were the different methods they used? (300 words)

2. Did the nominee pull together a team of resources and people to do this? Did they assess what was working and what was not, and make changes to improve the process? (300 words)

3. Did they use any new, innovative technology or practices? (300 words)

4. Did they communicate well with their clientele? Did they keep records of processes and methods used, and gather feedback about clientele knowledge change and satisfaction?

5. Did the nominee’s work result in any (or all) of the following? Please explain.
   - Reduced pest issues and pesticide use (100 words)
   - Cost-savings for clientele (by reducing input costs and/or improving product or service quality) (100 words)
• Better environmental quality (by reducing adverse environmental effects from pests or pest management activities) (100 words)

• Better informed co-workers / clientele (Reduced human health risks through education or IPM implementation)(100 words)

• Other benefits to the community as a whole (innovative strategies, programs or materials) (100 words)

6. Briefly describe the nominee’s background or practice. E.g., current (or past, if retired) work experience, education, certifications/licenses, membership in professional associations, professional interests and community service activities (300 words)

7. List any honors/accomplishments/awards/recognition previously received by the nominee.

8. If selected, will the nominee be able to attend the 10th International Integrated Pest Management Symposium to be held from March 15-18, 2021 in Denver, CO?

   YES ____     NO ____

9. Please provide ONE supporting document or example that represents the work of the nominee (No Vita's or Resumes please).

   Examples of supporting documentation include an existing report with photos, letters of support or testimonials, videos (max. 10 minutes), a webpage, video montage, etc. Please provide links if your supporting documentation is available online.