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### AGRO Poster Sessions with the AGRO Coffee Hours

- **Mon:** 9:30 AM – 3:30; **Tues:** 9:30 AM – 4:00 in Hall D

### AGRO Coffee Hours

Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday Room 712

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*Legend:  A = AM;  MD = mid-day;  P = PM;  PL = late PM;  D = AM/PM;  E = evening*
FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR..........

Welcome to Denver!

Many new things are happening in AGRO and much of it in response to the new Strategic Plan.

One task is that all committees have been asked to examine their duties and responsibilities in collaboration with the Committee on Committees. The Communication Committee has been part of this process and it is likely that some of our responsibilities will change so that AGRO is better coordinated.

Communication plays a central role in the success of any organization and AGRO is no exception. The Communication Committee will be part of each of the 3 Goals in the new Strategic Plan. We are looking for new volunteers to help in these efforts.

Are you receiving the monthly AGRO eNewsletter? This tool will allow AGRO to keep members up-to-date on all the latest information on meetings, awards, and new initiatives. Members can even submit job postings by the third Tuesday of every month to updates@agrodiv.org to be included in the next issue.

If you are not receiving the AGRO eNewsletter, visit our website www.agrodiv.org or see inside the back cover for how to sign up! And if you want to place an ad in the eNewsletter, please contact Laura McConnell (laura.mcconnell@ars.usda.gov).

Our new branding efforts are in full swing. The website has been updated and we are working to interface more effectively with other electronic venues. We hope you like our new look and our new products. Let us know what you think!

Finally, have you seen the latest on the ACS website? You can establish or join a network or discussion of like minded chemistry friends. Check it out under Membership and Networks! ACS is looking for feedback on this new tool.

Enjoy the Meeting!

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- **Turf Grass: Pesticide Exposure Assessment and Predictive Modeling Tools**
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- **Chiral Pesticides: Stereoselectivity and its Consequences** — Editors: A Wayne Garrison, Jay Gan and Weiping Liu
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HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Fifteen companies graciously donated a total of $3000 to support our coffee lounge at our last National ACS meeting in San Francisco. Several firms provided literature to promote their services to meeting attendees. We thank the coffee lounge contributors. If you wish to join these companies in supporting our coffee lounge, please contact any of our committee members or AGRO officials. Our coffee lounge offers a brief respite from our technical sessions and provides an alternative forum for exchange of ideas and networking.

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AGRO Social at San Francisco

The AGRO Division Awards & Social was held at the Moscone Center on Tuesday, March 23, 2010. Shinzo Kagabu was recognized as the recipient of the ACS International Award for Research in Agrochemicals and Chris Somerville as the recipient of the Sterling B. Hendricks Memorial Lectureship Award. Also honored were Daniel Cordova, John Freudenberger, Thomas Selby, and Thomas Stevenson for the ACS Team Innovation Award; George Lahm for the Kansas City Section Spencer Award; and Kyong Sup Yoon for the AGRO New Investigator Award. We also introduced the winners of the AGRO Education Awards to the revelers in attendance. Our inevitable prize drawing could not be stopped and drew smiles from surprised winners.

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On behalf of AGRO, I would like to welcome those of you participating in our program activities as part of the Denver ACS meeting and also provide my greetings to colleagues unable to attend. Now that AGRO is programming at one ACS national meeting per year, I trust that members will make every effort to include this centerpiece as one of their annual must-attend events. In addition, or as an alternative if you do have a scheduling conflict, please consider the cooperative program activities we are pursuing to diversify our offerings. AGRO is increasing its participation and sponsorship of national and international conferences and workshops; our goal is to offer one or more program options every year to complement efforts at the national ACS meeting.

Program Chair Al Barefoot and his team of innovative symposium organizers have done a fantastic job of planning our scientific program for the Denver ACS meeting. We have a strong and diverse set of symposia sessions planned, including some excellent cooperative efforts with both AGFD and ENVR. It is going to be another meeting where AGRO members have multiple options from which to choose and may not be able to attend every one of the papers of interest.

Other AGRO cooperative program efforts for 2011 have revolved around analytical, residue, and environmental chemistry. AGRO activities at all three events are supported by funds from ACS Innovative Grant Projects.

- On May 8 to 11, the 3rd Latin American Pesticide Residue Workshop (LAPRW) occurred in Montevideo, Uruguay which attracted more than 300 attendees. Steve Lehotay served as our representative and most ably supervised the poster award competition sponsored by AGRO (see page 45).
- Once again, AGRO co-sponsored the 48th Annual Florida Pesticide Residue Workshop (FPRW) held in St. Pete, Florida on July 17 to 20. We appreciate the efforts of Kevin Armbrust and Steve Lehotay in advancing AGRO interests through this event.
- Finally, in cooperation with IUPAC and SETAC, AGRO co-sponsored a 2-day symposium on August 1st and 2nd entitled “Advanced Physico-Chemical Techniques to Solve Environmental Science Challenges” as part of the 43rd IUPAC World Chemistry Congress in San Juan, Puerto Rico. This symposium was organized by Laura McConnell and we are most grateful.

New date and location for 5th Pan-Pacific Conference

Please note the new date, September 17 to 21, 2012, and location, Beijing, China, for the 5th Pan-Pacific Conference on Pesticide Chemistry. AGRO is joining forces with the Pesticide Science Society of Japan in supporting merged organization of the conference in conjunction with a previously scheduled event organized by IUPAC, the Beijing Pesticide Society, and China Agricultural University (see announcement on page 47).

Where is AGRO headed in the future?

This will depend in part on your ideas and contributions. During the past half dozen years we have attempted to be more intentional and forward-looking as a Division through utilization of a strategic planning process. Following a survey of the membership completed in late 2010, a cross-section of AGRO members met during January to hammer out the latest version of an AGRO strategic plan for 2011 – 2014. This exciting new plan was recently approved by the Executive Committee and implementation efforts are now moving forward around three broad initiatives:

1. AGRO will enhance the membership experience by providing an interactive and supportive environment for professional growth.
2. AGRO will develop the infrastructure for innovative, long range program planning to meet the needs of members and the scientific community.
3. AGRO will be a global platform for collaboration and information exchange to advance innovative solutions for a sustainable food supply, the protection of the environment and public health.

A variety of initiatives is contemplated or has already been launched as part of the plan. For example, Laura McConnell, Steve Duke, and Amrith Gunasekara are leading efforts to increase communication with our members (such as the AGRO eNewsletter), revamp our committee structure, and improve AGRO outreach, respectively (Goal 1). Al Barefoot and John Clark are seeking to reinvigorate the Programming Committee and to include more long-range programming and innovative programming ideas (Goal 2). Jay Gan and I are in the process of forming a new International Activities Committee to guide and to energize our global alliances and co-sponsorships and to increase international participation and membership in the Division (Goal 3).

For a full description of the AGRO strategic plan and the many opportunities for volunteers it provides, you can download a copy from our website (www.agrodiv.org). A summary of the strategic plan can also be found on pages 6 – 9.

We are in urgent need of fresh volunteers, especially new scientists or longstanding members with a second wind, to lead or to contribute to the strategic plan initiatives.

Feel free to volunteer your services by contacting any of the initiative coordinators directly. Or, you can contact me or the Strategic Planning Committee Chair, Laura McConnell, with your ideas and to find out how you can become engaged. Please get involved and help determine the future for our discipline and for AGRO.
American Chemical Society AGRO Division
Report from the Strategic Planning Retreat
January 19 – 21, 2011
Ft. Worth, Texas

Overview

The AGRO Division convened a strategic planning workshop January 19 – 21, 2011 to evaluate and revise its current strategic plan. Twelve members were recruited to serve on a Strategic Planning Committee, representing a diversity of affiliations, disciplines, and tenure with AGRO: Ellen Arthur, Aldos Barefoot, Ashli Brown, Keri Carstens, John Clark, Steve Duke, Jay Gan, Amrith Gunasekara, Marja Koivunen, Laura McConnell, Kenneth Racke, Jeanette Van Emon. Also in attendance were Bernard Reynolds, facilitator, and Laura Melohn, ACS staff support.

Benefits of Strategic Planning
Previous efforts at strategic planning has helped the Division look beyond the next one or two national ACS meetings to longer-term needs; has fostered innovative thinking and actions; has served to revitalize the Division and stabilize membership; has provided a structure for the Division to be productive and guide the allocation of resources; has increased the quality and quantity of programming at multiple venues; and has increased the Division’s international visibility and reach.

Meeting Objectives
1. Develop an updated strategic plan for AGRO that will best serve the current and future membership
2. Evaluate impact, successes, and shortcomings of the most recent strategic plan
3. Reflect on AGRO needs and member feedback
4. Brainstorm on the future possibilities
5. Develop critical goals and an action plan to implement supporting activities

The Process
The AGRO planning team participated in an open discussion about various aspects of the Division’s operations, programs, services, membership, and finances. The purpose of the review and discussion was to create a shared understanding about the Division’s operations and outcomes. To help with these discussions, the facilitator prepared the several reports and summaries which were distributed to the Planning Team prior to the meeting. The information summarized and was used in a variety of exercises throughout the workshop to revise the existing mission statement and vision for the Division.

The Result
Three new goals were crafted and activities related to each goal were developed. The strategic plan will be a living document and will be reviewed annually to see if changes are needed. It is likely new activities will be developed as others are completed. Some activities may be removed. The 2011-2014 AGRO strategic plan was reviewed and accepted by the AGRO executive committee on March 23, 2011. The participants of the workshop will continue to serve on the strategic planning committee for the next three years.

State of the Division Reports

AGRO Member Needs Survey
The needs assessment survey collected the opinions of 371 AGRO members and was used to inform the workshop discussions. The 15 question survey was delivered online and all AGRO members were invited to participate. The invitation to complete the survey was issued on or around November 9, 2010. Reminders were issued on or around November 11 and 17, 2010. The survey closed on November 23, 2010.

AGRO Planning Team Survey
The planning team survey collected the opinions of the AGRO strategic planning team. They were asked to assess the current status of the Division and its strategic plan goals, to identify three key goals for the future, and to discuss their expectations for the planning workshop.

2008 Strategic Plan Summary
The facilitator prepared a review of the goals and strategies mapped over a three-year period.

AGRO Member Demographics
The report was prepared by ACS and reflects the membership as of December, 2010. A summary of these reports and some findings by the planning committee are provided below.
American Chemical Society
AGRO Division Strategic Plan
2011 – 2014

Mission Statement
AGRO, a Division of the American Chemical Society, brings together a worldwide community of scientists and stakeholders to advance knowledge and promote innovative solutions for the protection of agricultural productivity, public health and the environment.

Rationale: The proposed revision to the AGRO mission statement places more emphasis on who the Division serves (a worldwide community of scientists and regulators, academicians, etc.,...), what the Division does (brings these individuals together via our programming and communications), and why we do it (to advance knowledge and promote innovative solutions for the protection of agricultural productivity, public health and the environment).

Vision
AGRO will provide its members an interactive and supportive environment for professional growth, based on innovative programming and services that meet member needs. It will also serve as a community where collaboration and exchange of information will advance innovative solutions for a sustainable supply of food and fiber and protection of the environment and public health.

Rationale: The revised vision statement shifts the focus away from increasing the recognition of the division to a customer focus on serving the membership. Also, the object of our activities was revised from the more vague “challenges facing our world” to a more defined outcome.

Goal 1
AGRO will enhance the membership experience by providing an interactive and supportive environment for professional growth.
Leader: Laura McConnell, laura.mcconnell@ars.usda.gov

Proposed Activities:
• Develop systems to increase member feedback
• Revamp committees to serve division priorities
• Improve networking opportunities and outreach
• Facilitate discussion of news, international developments and scientific breakthroughs among members

Metrics to measure success:
Increased overall membership
Greater proportion of membership in the 5-10 year range
Increased member satisfaction from survey responses
All new committees populated, goals submitted for EC approval
Increased hits to website and on eNewsletter messages and more signups for eNewsletter

Goal 2
AGRO will develop the infrastructure for innovative, long range program planning to meet the needs of members and the scientific community.
Leaders: Aldos Barefoot, aldos.c.barefoot@usa.dupont.com
John Clark, jclark@vasci.umass.edu

Proposed Activities:
• Revitalize the programming committee for long range, innovative planning
• Reach out in the US to other ACS divisions, professional societies and non-governmental organizations to develop collaborative programming
• Increase pool of symposium organizers
• Develop innovative, web-based electronic programming

Metrics to measure success:
Program Committee meets on a regular basis and provides an annual report to the membership which includes a 3+year future program plan
Increased number of co-sponsored symposia with other ACS Divisions and outside organizations
More than one-half of symposia include at least one first-time co-organizer
Increased percentage of members actively involved in AGRO programming

Goal 3
AGRO will be a global platform for collaboration and information exchange to advance innovative solutions for a sustainable food supply, the protection of the environment and public health.
Leaders: Ken Racke, kracke@dow.com
Jay Gan, jgan@ucr.edu

Proposed Activities:
• Set up an International Activities Committee to direct and energize AGRO initiatives
• Establish strategic alliances and collaborations with key international groups of scientists in agricultural disciplines to increase recognition and participation
• Annually sponsor at least one international programming collaboration
• Increase AGRO membership and participation of international scientists

Metrics to measure success:
Increased international membership
At least one international programming collaboration per year

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Survey Results and Planning Committee Findings

Membership
AGRO membership was 1,247 in December 2010. Major member segments (by affiliation) included 34% manufacturer, 18% academic institutions, 14% independent consultant or laboratory, and 10% government agency. The median age of members was 55 with 75% who were 45 and older.

Historically, membership increased during period 1976 to 1993, declined after 1993, and has somewhat stabilized in past several years. A summary of membership from past reports in the PICOGRAM is listed below:

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Information related to membership demographics in terms of years of service was evaluated. The number of members with 6 to 10 “Years of Service in the Division” drops sharply compared to those with 1 to 5 and also compared to those with greater than 10 years of service. This may reflect an issue with retention after five years. Membership stabilized after the implementation of the 2008 plan, so the bulge of those with 1 to 5 years of service in the Division may reflect newer members recruited after implementation of the 2008 strategic plan.

The planning team identified a number of potential membership issues that the new plan may wish to address:

- The need to recruit younger members
- The need to improve retention (beyond 1 – 5 yrs)
- Effective outreach to various AGRO member segments, in particular government (beyond USDA) and industry
- The need to track changes and trends in Agro Science, assessing its impact on members and programs (e.g., pesticides, biotechnology, bioenergy, bioproducts)
- The need to understand and take advantage of ACS meeting venues in attracting member prospects and serving existing members

Scientific Programs
The planning team observed that AGRO technical programs at the ACS national meetings are a strong, core activity. The Division provides innovative topics and excellent symposia. Program metrics are healthy in terms of number of presented papers, symposium attendance, involvement of non-members in symposia on “hot topics”, and extent of poster sessions.

The Division is aware that ACS national meeting venue selection may significantly influence attendance at AGRO programming. Members generally do not attend every Division meeting, preferring to attend meetings which include symposia of interest and also those in desirable locations (e.g., San Francisco, Washington DC) and closest to their location. Strength of participation for West Coast and East Coast meetings may also reflect geographic concentration of Division membership.

In the 2008 strategic planning process, the Division sought to improve the quantity, quality, and diversity of programming as well as attendance by offering technical programming at only one ACS national meeting per year rather than at both meetings as had traditionally been practiced. After a 3-year trial period (2008 – 2010), the Division has now decided to remain with once-a-year programming at the Fall ACS National Meeting, and this was based on an increase in numbers of presented papers at individual meetings during the trial period as well as an overall increase in meeting attendance.

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<th>Venue</th>
<th>ACS National Meeting</th>
<th>Total AGRO Symposium Attendees</th>
<th>Mean No. Attendees per Symposium Session</th>
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<tr>
<td>Washington DC, Fall 2005</td>
<td>998</td>
<td>45</td>
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<td>Atlanta, Spring 2006</td>
<td>490</td>
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<td>San Francisco, Fall 2006</td>
<td>1063</td>
<td>44</td>
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<td>1056</td>
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<td>Boston, Fall 2007</td>
<td>591</td>
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<td>Philadelphia, Fall 2008</td>
<td>1191</td>
<td>42</td>
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<td>1786</td>
<td>47</td>
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<td>San Francisco, Spring 2010</td>
<td>2190</td>
<td>55</td>
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Results of the membership survey indicate that during the past three years, around one-quarter of the members participated in AGRO programming during any one ACS National meeting (somewhat less at the Pan-Pacific Pesticide Conference). For the 3-year period, slightly over one-half of the membership participated in at least one meeting.

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<th>Membership Attending</th>
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<tr>
<td>San Francisco, Spring 2010</td>
<td>27.3%</td>
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<td>Washington DC, Fall 2009</td>
<td>27.6%</td>
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<td>Philadelphia, Fall 2008</td>
<td>18.5%</td>
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<td>Honolulu, Pan-Pacific</td>
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<td>Summer 2008</td>
<td>7.5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>At least one AGRO meeting during 2008 – 2010</td>
<td>54.1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Not attending any AGRO meetings during 2008 – 2010</td>
<td>45.9%</td>
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**Member Satisfaction and Needs**

The member survey indicated that members are generally satisfied with the programs of the Division. Approximately two-thirds of the respondents rated the overall service and programs of AGRO as either “Outstanding” or “Good.” This is a more positive response than the survey completed prior to development of the 2008 AGRO strategic plan; implementation of the plan has likely had an impact.

The most valuable benefits of AGRO cited by survey respondents were:

- Keeping informed of developments in the field
- Participation in symposia at national meetings
- Professional networking opportunities

A significant proportion of members responding to the survey were “Somewhat interested” or “very interested” in these potential AGRO programs.

**Members Interested**

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<th>Networking</th>
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<td>Webinars</td>
<td>58.0%</td>
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<td>Outreach to other</td>
<td>52.4%</td>
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<td>professional societies</td>
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<td>Job posting</td>
<td>47.7%</td>
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**Volunteers and Leadership**

The Division has a number of volunteer committees. The Divisional officer succession process (Vice Chair → Program Chair → Division Chair) appears to be working reasonably well with sufficient number of volunteers and nominations for key Divisional leadership roles. The electronic ballot system instituted by the 2008 Strategic plan is working.

However, the planning team did not think all committees were fully functional. Committee purpose, operations, and deadlines were not always well documented. In addition, not much documentation exists to facilitate orientation and training of new committee chairs or Division officers.

Some 20% of members responding to the survey described themselves as either “highly involved” or “somewhat involved”, while two-thirds of members classify themselves as either “not very involved” or “not involved at all.” Yet in the same survey a significant number of respondents indicated a strong interest to become involved in Divisional activity opportunities including serving on various committees.

**Members Interested in Serving**

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<th>Program Committee</th>
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<td>Education Committee</td>
<td>16.4%</td>
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<td>Awards Committee</td>
<td>9.1%</td>
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<td>Membership Committee</td>
<td>5.6%</td>
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<td>Communications Committee</td>
<td>5.0%</td>
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<td>Finance Committee</td>
<td>3.8%</td>
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<td>Hospitality Committee</td>
<td>1.8%</td>
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<td>Patron Relations</td>
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**AGRO Publications and Communications**

The PICOGRAM has long served as the primary vehicle of AGRO communication with the membership, and it continues to undergo improvements and upgrades. Electronic forms of communication are becoming increasingly important, however. Based on implementation of the 2008 strategic plan, the AGRO website has evolved to become another important means of communication with the membership, and recently an e-newsletter has been launched to provide frequent updates and direct members to resources posted to the website (for which a further redesign was launched in early 2011).

Other ACS publications of member interest include *Journal of Agriculture and Food Chemistry* and *Environmental Science and Technology*, although member participation has decreased somewhat in recent years due to an increasingly wide variety of non-ACS journals catering to member interests. The Division has also had strong historical participation in publishing outcomes of scientific symposia via the ACS Symposium Series books. At one time these ACS books were a major source of income for the Division, but difficulties with series management (by Oxford Press) and a decreasing number of AGRO-related volumes had served to decrease income from this source. However, ACS Books has now taken over management of the Symposium Series and provide electronic access to single book chapters or an entire book. Electronic access to these volumes will likely lead to increased royalties for the Division.

**Awards**

AGRO has traditionally had a very strong International Award program, and for a number of years also sponsored a Young Scientist award targeting pre-doctoral students). Following implementation of the 2008 strategic plan, AGRO developed two new awards programs to replace the Young Scientist Award: the New Investigator Award targeting early career scientists and the Graduate Student Poster Travel Awards. Recently, the awards committee has also initiated an Innovation Award (see page 25).
PAST WINNERS OF THE AGRO DIVISION FELLOW AWARD

1971 Dr. Louis Lykken
Dr. Tom H. (Bucky) Harris
Dr. Herman Beckman
(Posthumous)
1972 Mr. Wendell F. (Bud) Phillips
Dr. Don G. Crosby
Dr. Elvins Y. Spencer
1973 Mr. Roger C. Blinn
Dr. Philip C. Kearney
Dr. Julius J. Menn
1974 Dr. Morton Beroza
Dr. James P. Minyard, Jr.
Dr. Joe C. Street
1975 Dr. Hank F. Enos
Dr. Maurice B. Green
Dr. Charles H. Van Middelem
1976 Dr. Marguerite L. Leng
Dr. Jack R. Plimmer
Dr. Gerald G. Still
1977 Dr. Gustave K. (Bob) Kohn

1978 Dr. S. Kris Bandal
Dr. Paul Hedin
Dr. Rodney D. Moss
1979 Dr. G. Wayne Ivie
1980 Dr. John B. Siddall
1981 Dr. Robert M. Hollingsworth
1982 Dr. Gino J. Marco
1983 Dr. John Harvey, Jr.
1984 Dr. missile
1985 Mr. Henry Dishburger
1986 Dr. Gunter (Jack) Zweig
1987 Dr. Willa Garner
1988 Dr. Jan Chambers
1989 Dr. James Seiber
1990 Dr. Joseph Fenyes
1991 Dr. Nancy N. Ragsdale
1992 Dr. Don Baker
1993 Dr. Guy Paulson
1994 Dr. Larry Ballantine
1995 Dr. James Heitz
1996 Dr. Paul Hedin
1997 Dr. Ralph Mumma
1998 Dr. Willis Wheeler
1999 Dr. John Bourke
2000 Dr. Hank Cutler
2001 Mr. Paul Giesler
2002 Dr. Barry Cross
2003 Dr. Robert Hoagland
2004 Dr. Judd O. Nelson
2005 Dr. Rodney Bennett
2006 Dr. Terry D. Spittler
2007 Dr. Ann T. Lemley
2008 Dr. R. Don Wauchope
2009 Dr. John M. Clark
2010 Dr. Allan S. Felsot
The AGRO Division Executive Committee approved addition of a new award: **Award for Innovation in Chemistry of Agriculture.** The new award will be supported by BASF Corporation. This new award is in addition to the long-standing International Award for Research in Agrochemicals, supported by DuPont Crop Protection, which recognizes career-long contributions to the field of Agrochemicals research. Criteria and nomination information for this awards can be found on page 25.

In part prompted by the addition of the new award and in part to add expertise and new viewpoints to the committee, the AGRO Awards Committee has expanded. The expansion was approved by the AGRO Executive Committee. Members of the committee are: Jim Seiber (chair), John Casida, Janice Chambers, John Marshall Clark, Joel Coats, Steve Duke, Bruce Hammock, Ernest Hodgson, Robert Hollingworth, Robert Krieger, Ralph Mumma, Hideo Ohkawa, Sharon Papiernik, Nancy Ragsdale, Will Ridley, David Soderlund, Don Wauchope, Willis Wheeler, and Izuru Yamamoto.

**Dr. George P. Lahm** of DuPont Crop Protection will receive the International Award for Research in Agrochemicals at the Fall 2011 ACS National Meeting in Denver, Colorado for his contributions in discovery of the anthranilic diamide insecticides. DuPont Crop Protection and BASF Corporation will co-sponsor the award. A committee led by Dr. Thomas M. Stevenson has organized an award symposium to be held on Monday, August 29. Per vote of the AGRO Awards Committee, **Dr. Thomas C. Sparks** will receive the International Award at the Philadelphia meeting in 2012 to be sponsored by DuPont Crop Protection. He receives the award for his research and exceptional accomplishments in applying new technology from a number of disciplines to the discovery of new pest control agents. Nominations for the 2013 International Award for Research in Agrochemicals are currently being accepted; the nomination form and criteria for the 2013 award can be found on page 23 and are due December 31, 2011.

**Dr. Laura L. McPeek** of USDA-Agricultural Research Service will receive the Division Fellow Award. The Awards Committee is accepting new award nominations for the Division Fellow Award. Criteria shall be –

- Continued and substantial contributions of time, talents, and service to the Division of Agrochemicals, ACS, and agrochemical science over a period of at least six years.

- Nominations include a letter, noting the contributions to the Division, and a current *curriculum vitae*. Deadline for submitting nominations is May 31 of each year. Contact the Awards Committee for further information. Submit nomination electronically to:

  Dr. James N. Seiber  
  AGRO Awards Committee Chair  
  530-754-7005  
  jnseiber@ucdavis.edu

Finally, consider nominating a deserving colleague for the AGRO Division awards.

Respectfully submitted,  
James N. Seiber, Chair  
Awards Committee

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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

**AGRO DIVISION FELLOW AWARD**

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AGRO Fellow Award
Laura McConnell

AGRO New Investigator Award
Cody Howard

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DR. GEORGE P. LAHM is the recipient of the 2011 ACS International Award for Research in Agrochemicals. Dr. Lahm was born in New York City, and grew up on Long Island as the oldest of nine children. He obtained his B.S degree in chemistry from the State University of New York, Oswego in 1976 and a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Indiana University, under Prof. Richard M. Jacobson. He also credits his undergraduate professor Dr. Augustine Silveira Jr. for his commitment and dedication to his students and the outstanding education he bestowed. In 1980, he joined the DuPont Biochemicals Department and initiated his career in the Insecticide Discovery group. In 2010, Dr. Lahm was appointed Dupont Distinguished Scientist, the company’s highest technical rank.

Dr. Lahm’s pioneering research in the area of sodium channel blocking insecticides set the stage for the discovery of the novel sodium channel blocker, indoxacarb, the first agricultural product to work by this mechanism. In 1999, he discovered the anthranilic diamides, a new insecticide class, and led DuPont research teams in the discovery of Rynaxypyr® and Cyazypyr™. The team drove a remarkable advance from lead discovery to two of the most active insecticides ever developed.

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Dr. Lahm was the co-recipient of the 2003 ACS Team Innovation Award for the discovery of indoxacarb and the recipient of the 2009 Spencer Award for outstanding achievement in the field of agricultural and food chemistry. He has been the recipient of several DuPont honors including the 2004 Pedersen Medal for scientific achievement, the 2003 and 2008 Bolton-Carothers corporate team awards for the respective discoveries of indoxacarb and Rynaxypyr®, and a 2004 Crop Protection R&D award for the discovery of Cyazypyr™. In 2010, Dr. Lahm was awarded the Lavoisier medal, DuPont’s highest technical award for lifetime contributions.

George and his wife Louise have two children, Sarah and Michael and a very recent grandchild, Grace. He enjoys the outdoors and is an avid runner having competed in numerous marathons including New York and Boston. Dr. Lahm currently holds over 50 US and World patents and has published extensively at scientific meetings and in peer reviewed journals.

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DR. DEBORAH P. DELMER received her B.A. degree with honors in Bacteriology in 1963 from Indiana University and her Ph.D. in Cell Biology in 1968 from the University of California San Diego. Her first faculty position was at the MSU Plant Research Laboratory, where she held positions of Assistant and then Associate Professor and began her many studies on the biosynthesis of the plant cell wall. She subsequently held positions as a Principal Scientist at the ARCO Plant Cell Research Institute in Dublin CA, as Professor at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and, more recently, as Professor and Chair of the Section of Plant Biology at the University of California Davis.

Together with colleagues at Calgene, Inc., Dr. Delmer’s group was the first to identify plant homologs of bacterial genes that encode the catalytic subunit of the cellulose synthase, and much of her later research focused on the role of this gene family in cellulose synthesis in plants. In 2004, she received from the American Chemical Society the Anselme Payen Award in recognition of excellence in the science and chemical technology of cellulose. Dr. Delmer also served as President of the American Society of Plant Biologists in 2000. In 2004, she was elected to membership in the US National Academy of Sciences.

In 2002, at the age of 60, Dr. Delmer surprised all of her colleagues with an interesting change in career goals. She relocated to New York City to serve as Associate Director for Food Security for the Rockefeller Foundation where she was charged with grant making and policy relating to the role biotechnology can play in advancing the improvement of crops for the developing world. In particular, she helped discover talented young scientists in Africa and played a role in partnering these with advanced scientists around the world to help address issues that constrain agricultural production.

Dr. Delmer retired from the Foundation in early 2007 and now serves on a number of advisory boards and works independently as a consultant to foundations, industry, and governments on developing world agriculture and on issues surrounding biomass production. In 2009/10, she also served as Program Director to help roll out a new program called BREAD that supports innovative research that addresses issues of importance to small-holder farmers in the developing world and is jointly funded by the US National Science Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. In 2010, she became a member of the Board of Governors of The International Center for Research on the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), one of the 15 centers of CGIAR devoted to research that promotes agriculture in the developing world.

Dr. Delmer will deliver her lecture immediately following presentation of the Sterling Hendricks Award on

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DR. LAURA L. MCCONNELL is a Research Chemist at the US Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service in Beltsville, Maryland. Dr. McConnell specializes in the investigation of processes controlling the movement of pesticides, volatile organic compounds, and other pollutants from agricultural operations into the atmosphere or surface waters with the ultimate goal of designing more sustainable farming systems that will minimize negative impacts on surrounding ecosystems. She is Lead Scientist on an ARS project entitled, “Discerning the Fate of Atmospheric Agricultural Emissions in the Chesapeake Bay Region”, and she has authored more than 75 peer-reviewed publications.

She was honored by ACS early in her career when she received the Iota Sigma Pi, Anna Louise Hoffman Award for Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Research (sponsored by the Women Chemists Committee) and the American Chemical Society, Division of Environmental Chemistry, Graduate Student Paper Award. After coming to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, she received the ARS Herbert L. Rothbart Outstanding Early Career Scientist of the Year for her work on the Chesapeake Bay, and she later received the Rhône Poulenc Environmental Poster Prize presented at the 9th International Congress on Pesticide Chemistry in London, UK.

Dr. McConnell has provided leadership on a large number of initiatives within the AGRO division. As an active member she was elected to the Executive Committee in 2000 and became editor of the PICOGRAM. In 2005, she assumed a more active leadership role when she was elected Vice Chair and subsequently served as Program Chair in 2006 and Chair in 2007. She has co-organized a number of symposia on topics such as “Agrochemical and Nutrient Impacts on Estuaries”; “Managing gas and particle emissions from Agriculture”; and “Modern Pesticides in Urban Environments Risk Assessment and Management”, the first symposium sponsored by an ACS division at a Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) Annual meeting.

In 2008, she led the development of a strategic planning workshop for the division. The resulting strategic plan has governed the activities of the division and has led to an improvement in member services and has expanded the quality and impact of AGRO programming. She has continued as Strategic Planning Chair, organizing a new workshop and the development of a newly updated strategic plan in 2011.

She has obtained funding for three different innovative grant proposals for the division. The first proposal supported inter-society cooperation at the 3rd International Workshop on Crop Protection Chemistry in Latin America in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Another led to the redevelopment of the AGRO logo and website and the initiation of an e-newsletter. The third facilitated development of publicity materials and a new website for the 13th IUPAC International Congress of Pesticide Chemistry to be hosted by AGRO at the ACS National Meeting in San Francisco in 2014.

Most recently Dr. McConnell served as a Special Symposium Organizer at the 43rd IUPAC World Chemistry Congress in San Juan, Puerto Rico entitled, “Advanced physico-chemical techniques to solve environmental science challenges.” This symposium was selected as one of three to receive $25K in funding from the ACS as part of International Year of Chemistry celebration with additional funding from two ACS divisions and SETAC.

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DR. CODY J. HOWARD is the 2011 winner of the New Investigator Award sponsored by the ACS AGRO Division and Dow Agrochemicals. He received his Ph.D. in environmental engineering in 2009 from the University of California at Davis under the direction of Dr. Michael Kleeman. While at UC Davis, he developed a field method for determining ozone formation potential of livestock, silage, and pesticide inert emissions using a transportable smog chamber. The field data was coupled with simulated chemistry mechanisms to predict the effect of agricultural emissions on ozone concentrations in California’s San Joaquin Valley.

Dr. Howard’s discovered that corn silage is a major contributor to ozone pollution in the region, which has increased research efforts by others in California and within the USDA. His data are being utilized in regional transport models to evaluate the confluence of rural and urban emissions on ozone concentrations and are being used by the California Air Resources Board to develop new regulations concerning pesticide and animal emissions.

Dr. Howard is currently a post doctoral researcher with the Agricultural Research Service division of the United States Department of Agriculture in Beltsville, Maryland working with Drs. Cathleen Hapeman and Laura McConnell. His current work focuses on utilizing computer models and field data to predict the fate and transport of pesticides, particulate matter, ammonia, and VOCs from agricultural operations and to discern their effects on air quality and ecosystem health in the Chesapeake Bay region.

The research concerns validation of the Pesticide Emissions Model (PEM) against a multi-year, high-resolution dataset of pesticide emissions carried out at USDA-ARS, Beltsville by Drs. John Prueger and Timothy Gish. After validation, PEM was used in conjunction with land use data to estimate emissions from pesticide use in the Chesapeake Bay Region.

The AGRO New Investigator Symposium will be held on Monday afternoon, August 29 in the Colorado Convention Center – Room 708 where five New Investigators will present their research: Drs. Christian Dimpka, Sheng-Peng Sun, Jun Wang, Paul White, and Xin Zhang.

On Wednesday morning, August 31 in the Colorado Convention Center – Room 712, two New Investigators, Drs. Sasha Hafner and Lifang Luo, will present their research with Dr. Howard in the Agriculture and Air Quality: Emissions Measurements and Models Symposium.

We welcome all these new researchers to AGRO
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1970 Dr. Richard D. O'Brien, Cornell University
1971 Dr. Robert L. Metcalf, University of Illinois
1972 Dr. Ralph L. Wain, Wye College, University of London, England
1973 Dr. Hubert Martin, British Crop Protection Council, England
1974 Dr. T. Roy Fukuto, University of California, Riverside
1975 Dr. Michael Elliot, Rothamsted Experiment Station, England
1976 Dr. Morton Beroza, USDA-ARS (retired)
1977 Dr. Francis A. Gunther, University of California, Riverside
1978 Dr. Julius J. Menn, Stauffer Chemical
1979 Mr. Milton S. Schecter, USDA (retired)
1980 Dr. Minuro Nakajima, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan

1981 Dr. Philip C. Kearney, USDA-ARS, Beltsville, Maryland
1982 Dr. Jack R. Plimmer, USDA-ARS, Beltsville, Maryland
1983 Dr. Karl Heinz Buechel, Bayer AG, Germany
1984 Dr. Jacques Jean Martel, Roussel Uclaf, Paris
1985 Dr. Junshi Miyamoto, Sumitomo Chemical Co., Japan
1986 Dr. James Tumlinson, USDA-ARS, Gainesville, Florida
1987 Dr. Fumio Matsumura, Michigan State University
1988 Dr. Ernest Hodgson, North Carolina State University
1989 Dr. Toshio Narahashi, Northwestern University
1990 Dr. David Schooley, University of Nevada, Reno
1991 Dr. Stuart Frear, USDA-ARS, Fargo, North Dakota

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1994 Dr. Toshio Fujita, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan
1995 Dr. Mohyee Eldefrawi, University of Maryland, Baltimore
1996 Dr. Koji Nakanishi, Columbia University, New York
1997 Dr. Günther Voss, Ciba, Basel, Switzerland
1998 Dr. George Levitt, DuPont, Wilmington, Delaware
1999 Dr. Leslie Crombie, University of Nottingham, England
2000 Dr. Don Baker, Zeneca, Richmond, CA
2001 Dr. Ralph Mumma, Pennsylvania State University

2002 Dr. Keith Solomon, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada
2003 Dr. Marinus Los, American Cyanamid
2004 Dr. Bob Hollingworth, Michigan State University
2005 Dr. Hideo Okawa, Kobe University, Japan
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- Include a current curriculum vitae of the candidate that includes: places and nature of employment, professional affiliations, honors and awards received, and a list of publications and patents.

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Deadline: Nominations should be received by the committee chair by December 31 of each year. Balloting will be conducted in January/February and results will be announced in the spring of the following year.

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The AGRO Division and the Agricultural & Food Chemistry Division (AGFD) co-sponsor the Lecture which will be held in a joint session of these divisions. The lectureship is presented at an AGFD symposium in even-numbered years and in an AGRO symposium in odd-numbered years. The award includes an honorarium of $2000, a bronze medallion, and expenses to attend the meeting.

Nominees will be outstanding senior scientists in industry, universities, consulting, or government positions. Current ARS employees are not eligible. The Award will be presented during an American Chemical Society National Meeting held in 2012 in Denver prior to the Lecture. Giving the presentation is a requirement of the honor.

The Nomination Package includes:
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Nomination letters may be sent electronically to: Kim Kaplan, Lecture Coordinator
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The Division is interested in work on all aspects of agrochemicals which are broadly defined to mean pesticides of all kinds (e.g., chemical pesticides, biopesticides, pheromones, chemical attractants, fumigants, plant incorporated protectants, disinfectants) as well as biotechnology-derived crops (e.g., Bt crops, Roundup Ready crops, etc.). The categorical areas of study related to agrochemicals are very broad and encompass environmental chemistry, toxicology, exposure assessment, risk characterization, risk management, and science policy.

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AGRO is also interested in the environmental chemistry and effects resulting from agricultural production (e.g., soil processes, water and air quality) and in chemical products made from agricultural commodities and byproducts. This includes biofuels and bioproducts and the issues surrounding their production and use.

- To be eligible for the award, the scientist must have obtained his or her doctorate no more than five years before the time of the Fall ACS National Meeting. Thus, for 2012, applications will be considered from scientists who have obtained their doctorates no earlier than the year 2007.

- The award winner will be expected to deliver an oral presentation in their area of interest in one of the AGRO Program sessions.

- The award winner will receive a $1000 honorarium, a commemorative plaque, one-year complementary membership in the AGRO Division, a meeting registration fee waiver, and reimbursement for travel expenses in association with the Denver meeting.

Applications for the New Investigator Award will consist of the following elements:

1. A three to five-page paper by the applicant describing their current research and/or other work relevant to the broad mission of the AGRO Division. The paper may be structured as a research paper (i.e., contains the main elements of a typical journal article) or as a critical review of one’s particular contributions to the scientific fields covered by the AGRO Division. The impact, or potential impact, of this work should be included in the discussion.

2. Submission of a 150-word abstract for the submitted paper to the ACS PACS abstract submission website. http://abstracts.acs.org/

3. A current curriculum vitae

4. At least one letter of recommendation from a current supervisory scientist (e.g., a business manager, a departmental chair, post-doctoral mentor).

For consideration of an award at the Fall ACS National Meeting in Philadelphia, a full application must be submitted via email no later than March 19, 2012 to

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Yu Huang. Optical fiber ammonia gas sensor using a dual layer poly(methyl methacrylate)/ chlorphenol red coating. Shiquan Tao, Texas A&M AGRO 78.

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Miriam Revellame. Lignocellulosic biomass as a carbon source for biofuels production from oleaginous yeast. Darrell Sparks, Mississippi State AGRO 73.


Candace Williams. Isolation of cellulolytic organisms in the gastrointestinal tract of the giant panda and their potential use in the generation of lignocellulosic-based biofuels. Ashley Brown, Mississippi State AGRO 74.

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The subject of the presentation should pertain to the chemistry of the AGRO Division. Topics should relate to pest management chemistry including synthesis, metabolism, regulatory, biotechnology, delivery, risk assessment, resistance, residues, mode of action, fate/behavior/transport, and agronomic practices. The AGRO Division is also interested in chemical products made from agricultural commodities and byproducts, including biofuels and the issues surrounding their production.

To apply, a graduate student should submit the following to be received no later than March 19, 2012:

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The core service that AGRO offers its members and the scientific community is technical programming at the National ACS meetings. Our commitment to high-quality, topical programming will be demonstrated again at the 242nd ACS meeting in Denver. The session organizers have done an exceptional job in designing diverse and technically sophisticated symposia on topics of current concern to scientists involved in agriculture, public health, veterinary science, pest management and environmental science of chemicals used to improve agricultural productivity and public health.

The response to our call for Graduate Student Educational Awards and New Investigator Award nominations broke all records. We received 26 requests for Graduate Student Travel Grants and 10 New Investigator Award applications. The Student Poster Session and New Investigator symposium will be Monday. Several additional New Investigators and Cody Howard, the New Investigator Awardee, will present their papers on Wednesday morning. I encourage all of you to attend the sessions and enjoy the opportunity to meet the new scientists who will be the future of research in agriculture and public health.

The International Award for Research in Agrochemicals Symposium will honor George Lahm of DuPont Crop Protection for his contributions to insecticide discovery. Dr. Lahm has been instrumental in the discovery of several insecticides with extraordinary activity on insects and remarkably low toxicity to mammals, fish, birds, and other non-target organisms. Dr. Lahm has received numerous awards, including the Kenneth Spencer Award, and continues to garner recognition for his discoveries.

This year AGRO is the primary sponsor of the Sterling Hendricks Memorial Lecture Award which we co-sponsor with AGFD. The award was established by USDA-ARS to recognize scientists who have made outstanding contributions to the chemical science of agriculture. The lecture Applying Advances in Chemistry to Benefit Developing World Agriculture will be given by Deborah Delmer from UC Davis. The lecture promises to be of interest to many ACS members, and we look forward to a large turnout in the Colorado Convention Center (Rm. 203) on Tuesday at 11:30. A reception sponsored by USDA-ARS, AGRO, and AGFD will follow the lecture. Please join us and help us welcome and congratulate this year’s Sterling Hendricks Award recipient.

Symposia at the Denver meeting include several on issues in the news that will drive the work of all scientists involved in evaluation and regulation of chemicals used or produced by agriculture: the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and its effect on pesticide regulation, biotechnology and agriculture as tools to create sustainable societies, managing ecosystems to attain biodiversity goals, and assessing air quality in agricultural ecosystems. We are welcome representatives from the Native American Nations who will give presentations on issues concerning agrochemical use on Tribal Lands. Developments in toxicology and metabolism, insecticide discovery, analytical methods, environmental fate, water monitoring, and modeling demonstrate a continuing need for advances in science that affect pesticide discovery, development, and use.

Adding to the breadth of our program are two symposia resulting from collaboration with ENVR. The interest of both divisions in the fate and effects of veterinary pharmaceuticals and in the characterization of biochars and effects on nutrients, metals and organics sorption gave us the opportunity to combine the efforts of AGRO and ENVR to create a program with five sessions and two poster sessions. We are also co-sponsoring a symposium with AGFD on consumer safety in the global market.

With three concurrent sessions throughout the week (four on Monday) and the co-sponsored symposia with ENVR and AGFD, our program offers many opportunities to sample a wide range of topics or to catch up on developments in specific areas of research, new product commercialization, and regulation.

In addition to our Denver meeting, AGRO is actively involved with other groups and societies. AGRO co-sponsored the 2011 Florida Pesticide Residue Workshop and a symposium at the IUPAC World Chemistry Conference in Puerto Rico. Of particular note, the Pesticide Science Society of Japan, with AGRO co-sponsorship, has moved the 5th Pan-Pacific Conference on Pesticide Chemistry to Beijing, China to be held on September 17 to 21, 2012 in conjunction with an event organized by IUPAC, China Agricultural University, and the Beijing Pesticide Society. Finally, we are continuing to prepare for our most ambitious effort in two decades, the 13th IUPAC International Congress on Pesticide Chemistry to be held concurrently with the 2014 ACS National Meeting ACS in San Francisco.

Programming activities are already underway for the 244th ACS meeting in Philadelphia in August 2012. John Clark has collected a number of proposals for symposia, and we hope to get a good start on the programs for Philadelphia and Indianapolis (2013) before this fall. We will increase our emphasis on programming for future meetings and work on plans for future program directions at the Programming Meeting on Sunday morning. We are also continuing the very successful Blues and Brews on Wednesday afternoon where we will welcome ideas and symposium topics from all participants.

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Given the scope of our current symposia, the steering committee felt that no single individual could be an expert on all topics. From this, the committee decided to reach out to our membership and identify individual experts in each topic area to act as ‘Champions’ of that topic.

We envision that champions will serve as liaisons to the current Vice Chair and Program Chair, providing ideas for new and timely symposia within their topic area and to assist in identifying possible organizers. The champions will thereby provide the Vice Chair and Program Chair with a long-term institutional memory of the Division’s programming efforts as officers rotate into and out of office.

Once champions are in place, the Vice Chair will be responsible in contacting them as necessary and organizing a conference call or two each year.

The identification of champions and how they will function is very much a work in progress. The first step towards getting our programming plans out 2 to 3 years in the future is to identify champions for each area. This is reflected in the Call for Symposia for the 2012 Fall ACS National ACS Meeting on the next pages. I welcome your comments and ideas.

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243rd ACS National Meeting & Exposition
March 25-29, 2012, San Diego, California
*Program Theme: Chemistry of Life*

244th ACS National Meeting & Exposition
*Program Theme: Materials for Health & Medicine*

245th ACS National Meeting & Exposition
April 7-11, 2013, New Orleans, Louisiana
*Program Theme: Chemistry of Energy & Food*

246th ACS National Meeting & Exposition
September 8-12, 2013, Indianapolis, Indiana
*Program Theme: Chemistry in Motion*

247th ACS National Meeting & Exposition
March 16-20, 2014, Dallas, Texas

248th ACS National Meeting & Exposition
August 10-14, 2014, San Francisco, California

249th ACS National Meeting & Exposition
March 22-26, 2015, Denver, Colorado

250th ACS National Meeting & Exposition
August 16-20, 2015, Boston, Massachusetts

251st ACS National Meeting & Exposition
March 13-17, 2016, San Diego, California

252nd ACS National Meeting & Exposition
August 21-25, 2016, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

253rd ACS National Meeting & Exposition
April 2-6, 2017, San Francisco, California

254th ACS National Meeting & Exposition
September 10-14, 2017, St. Louis, Missouri

255th ACS National Meeting & Exposition
March 18-22, 2018, New Orleans, Louisiana

256th ACS National Meeting & Exposition
August 19-23, 2018, Boston, Massachusetts

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The 3rd Latin American Pesticide Residue Workshop was held in Montevideo, Uruguay from May 8 – 11, 2011. With the help of the Conference Chairman, Prof. Horacio Heinzen, an IUPAC and AGRO table was set up adjacent to the poster session and immediately across from the coffee table. The table received maximum foot traffic, and all the IUPAC2014 pens and pins were taken by the participants during the course of the meeting as well as IUPAC magazines and documents.

The meeting was attended by more than 300 participants (the maximum capacity of the conference center) from many countries in North and South America, Europe, and Asia. The program consisted of 43 talks presented in either English or Spanish, and simultaneous translation by on-site interpreters was provided. Additionally, more than 143 posters were presented by the participants, and several vendors showed their latest instruments and products in booths.

AGRO sponsored two $500 poster awards. The poster judging committee consisted of an AGRO/LAPRW Scientific Committee representative and judges recruited from Latin America, Europe, and the US: myself, Ronald Roy of the US FDA, and Profs. Horacio Beldomenico of Argentina, Eloisa Dutra Caldas of Brazil, Andre de Kok of The Netherlands, and Lutz Alder of Germany.

Posters from industry and non-Latin Americans were excluded and the 108 remaining posters were evaluated for 1) scientific quality, 2) ability of the presenter to discuss their work, 3) quality of the display, and 4) quality of the abstract. It was not an easy task due to the number of high quality poster presentations, but the judges came to unanimous consensus of the two winners.

Dr. Rafael Roehrs and colleagues of Federal Foundation University of Pampa (UNIPAMPA) in Uruguaiana, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil presented entitled, “Bioremediation of herbicides in water with Enterobacter cloaceae combined with Pistia stratiotes.” They found in an interesting and well-organized study that there was a synergistic effect between the microorganism and water lettuce to degrade common pesticides (2,4-D, bentazone, quinclorac, propanil, and clomazone) more quickly in water.

Several high quality posters were presented in the analytical category in which the Latin American presenters had visited labs in Europe and the US, where they had used modern MS instruments for their analyses. Despite that instrumentation and expertise advantage, the judging committee was most impressed with the work presented in the poster of a graduate student, Claudia M. Mamani Moreno of the Laboratorio de Toxicologia Ambiental of IMBECU, CCT, CONICET-Mendoza, Argentina.

Her poster was entitled, “Determination of Maleic Hydrazide Residues in Garlic Bulbs by HPLC.” She collaborated with 5 others including 3 from two different departments at the Universidade Federal de Vicosa in Minas Gerais, Brazil. They used sound scientific principles with simple instrumentation (LC-UV) to successfully meet a real-world need in a very difficult garlic matrix. This method would probably outperform LC-MS/MS due to matrix suppression effects and volatility of the analyte.

At the closing ceremonies, I discussed ACS and AGRO and encouraged scientists to join AGRO and that ACS membership was not required. I thanked and acknowledged the other judges and talked about the qualities of the winning posters. Dr. Roehrs was able to attend the ceremonies and receive the check in the ceremony, but Claudia Mamani Moreno was unable to be there. Her check was sent to her by Prof. Heinzen. Finally, Caroline Harris gave a very nice presentation about IUPAC and the upcoming meeting in San Francisco.
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This crop protection chemistry conference will be the 8th in a series of workshops sponsored by IUPAC since 1988, and will be combined in planning with the 4th in a series of environmental symposia sponsored by BPS and CAU.

An exciting new development is that the conference will also now be combined in planning and organization with the 5th Pan-Pacific Conference on Pesticide Chemistry.

Scientific Main Topics
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- Pesticide residues in food and international trade standards
- Environmental fate & safety assessment of pesticides
- Global views and harmonized approaches to pesticide regulation

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- Environmental Fate and Ecological Effects
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- Regulation, Stewardship, and Delivery Systems

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Councilors’ Report
Jeanette Van Emon & Don Wauchope

Jeanette Van Emon and Don Wauchope, who played his horn again for the opening of the Council meeting, attended the Council Meeting held during the Spring 2011 ACS National Meeting in Anaheim. The following is a summary on key actions of the ACS Council and Board of Directors. We welcome your input on any of the items.

In addition to attending the Councillor meeting, Jeanette continued with her appointment on the Divisional Activities Committee and the sub-committee on Innovative Project Grants. The sub-committee met to review and recommend projects for funding. We are pleased to report that AGRO was successful in obtaining funding. Jeanette and Don both attended the Division Caucus prior to the full Council meeting. Jeanette also attended the meeting of the Steering Board for the Western Regional Meeting (WRM); for those of you living in the west, Jeanette is a good point of contact for the WRM.

**ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

- **Election Results**
  The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to the Council the following nominees for selection as candidates for President-Elect, 2012: Judith L. Benham, Dennis Chamot, Diane Grob Schmidt, and Marinda Li Wu. By electronic ballot, the Council selected Dennis Chamot and Marinda Li Wu as candidates for 2012 President-Elect. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election.

  The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the results of the election to select candidates to represent Districts III and VI on the Board of Directors for the term 2012 – 2014. The Councilors from these districts selected David Lohse & Pat Confalone and Bonnie Charpentier & Carlos Gutierrez as District III and IV candidates, respectively.

- **Candidates for Directors-at-Large**
  The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of Ken Anderson, William Carroll, Jr., Charles Kolb, and Barbara Sawrey as candidates for Directors-at-Large for the 2012 – 2014 term.

- **The Society’s Finances**
  In spite of the economic challenges faced in 2010, the Society’s operating performance held up remarkably well. Total revenue was $463.7 million, up +0.8% from 2009, and $2.4 million (+0.5%) higher than the 2010 budget. The Net from Operations was $23.8 million, or $11.9 million favorable to budget. This resulted largely from cost containment initiatives and lower-than-budgeted salaries and fringe benefits.

- **2012 Member Dues and Division Allotment**
  The Council voted to set the member dues at $148 for 2012. This rate is based on an inflation-adjustment formula. Dues from other organizations were compared with ACS supporting that ACS is still a bargain. Furthermore, the Council voted to continue for three years the current formula for determining allotments to Divisions.

- **Local Section Name Change and Grant Deadlines**
  The Council voted to change the name of the Northeast Oklahoma Section to the Northern Oklahoma Section due to the recent merger of the North Central Oklahoma Section and its territories into the Northeast Oklahoma Section.

- **Member Statistics**
  Membership recruitment efforts were exceptionally successful in 2010. It is particularly impressive that due to efficiencies in recruiting efforts, the net cost to recruit the more than 25,000 new members decreased from $122 per member in 2008 to $67 in 2010 despite increases in costs for postage and printing. The official membership number for 2011 stands at 163,111.

- **Attendance Report**
  The ACS Spring National Meeting attracted approximately 14,047 registrants with a breakout of: Regular attendees, 7,336; Students, 4,682; Exhibitors, 1,097; Exposition only, 599; and Guests, 333.

- **Petition to Charter New International Chemical Sciences Chapters**
  The Council voted to authorize the formation of the following two new international chemical sciences chapters: the Shanghai International Chemical Sciences Chapter and the Thailand International Chemical Sciences Chapter.

**ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

During ACS President Joseph Francisco’s term, he focused on “Building a Robust Workforce in the U.S.” He appointed two presidential task forces to address the issues chemists face in the U.S. to obtain the skill sets, resources, and external environment to build and sustain a robust workforce in the U.S. The Board received an indepth report from the Presidential Task Force on Innovation in the Chemical Enterprise: New Technologies for the Society, New Jobs for Chemists. Councilors will receive more information on this and other reports which we will pass along to you.

- **The Society’s International Activities**
  The American Chemical Society and the Federation of Asian Chemical Societies (a federation of 28 chemical societies of countries and territories in the Asia Pacific) agreed to a three-year collaboration alliance characterized by mutual benefits, impact, and commitment to cooperation in service to chemical scientists, engineers and professionals represented by the respective organizations.
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Ken Racke  
Jeanette Van Emon
**AGRO Division Business Teleconferences**

**August 5, 2010**

1:00 – 4:30 pm CDT

Chair – Ellen Arthur

**Participants**

Kevin Armbrust, Ellen Arthur, John Clark, Joel Coats, Steve Duke, Julie Eble, Cathleen Hapeman, Scott Jackson, John Johnston, Ann Lemley, Laura McConnell, Sharon Papiernik, Chris Peterson, Ken Racke, Pamela Rice, Liliana Schwartz, Jim Seiber, Terry Spittler, Dan Stout, Jeanette VanEmon

**Chair’s Introduction**

Ellen Arthur called the meeting to order

**Election Results – Kevin Armbrust**

Liliana to send letters to candidates by mid September Kevin will call all candidates.

1. Vice-Chair - John Clark
2. Secretary - Liliana Schwartz
3. Treasurer - John Johnston
4. Executive committee: Pam Rice, Jim Seiber, Scott Jackson, Keith Solomon, and Julie Eble

**By-Laws Revision**

Rod Bennett was not present on call. Ellen will call Rod and follow this through.

**Feedback from the 2010 Florida Pesticide Residue Workshop 2010 – Kevin Armbrust**

- Next year’s meeting to be held July 17 to 20, 2011; organizing committee will put together brochure in place for AOAC meeting end of September. PICOGRAM to include brochure – Kevin to get this to Cathleen; she needs after end of September

MOTION for continued co-sponsorship by AGRO passed.

**Status of Plans for ACS Meeting in Denver, Fall 2011 – Al Barefoot**

- Tentative program distributed via email. Some ideas from Blues and Brews and others.

ACTION: Take a look at program and confirm your organizer commitment. Al will send a note to all potential organizers to get titles, etc. He expects that initial program request will be due to PICOGRAM (and ACS potentially) in December 15. Template for symposium announcement was sent to organizers. These can go into PICOGRAM directly (files need to be a *.doc file and not a pdf)

**Hendricks Award -- Denver, Fall 2011 – Steve Duke**

- Deadline for nomination November 3. Anyone can nominate.

Steve Duke will ask AGFD to send reminder; Steve will be arranging a conf call in near future to discuss Hendricks nomination;

**Awards – Jim Seiber, Al Barefoot, Scott Jackson**

- All award nominations – reminder to be sent to membership by Jim Seiber Division

- ACS Fellow award – need nominations; Monday is award presentation– Congrats to Jim Seiber!

- Jim will be attending the Korea SABC Aug 24 to 26, 2010. 50th Anniversary and will bring a letter from AGRO Division to congratulate them. Cathleen will send Jim 2014IUPAC promotional items.

- International Award – BASF and DuPont to have discussion about splitting Award into two separate Awards. Al Barefoot will plan meeting with Scott Jackson and Jim Seiber.

**Pan-Pacific Meeting 2012 – John Clark**

- To be hosted by Pesticide Science Society of Japan; at University of Scuba, Japan. John Clark met with Matsomoto, current chair.

- PSSJ wants to know our level of involvement in this process; we voted to be part of the process; if we decide to cosponsor, then our logo can be used; and perhaps we can send a student or two for poster competition; travel money for international travel is not there.

- AGRO took all financial risk for 4th Pan Pacific and solicited funds to cover all registrations not covered.

- Seiber: we should volunteer to help organize this. Suggest Phillip Lee to be involved. Meeting likely July 8-12, 2012.

- Ken Racke would like to see this meeting go forward as well. Offer funding to support speakers $15K fixed rate to support travel for some of our AGRO memberships – e.g students for poster competition; keep AGRO as co-organizer.

- Steve Duke volunteered as co-program chair/conference co-chair if needed.

- Kevin Armbrust suggested that an innovative grant should be applied for to cover travel support

- Jim Seiber volunteered as co-conference chair. Once this is determined, we could then vote via email on the motion to support the conference and funding from AGRO. We are looking for them to take lead.

- John Clark will draft a letter of agreement prior to communication with Matsomoto.

- Al Barefoot provided historical documents: Meeting budget spreadsheet and Letter of Agreement.

MOTION: Stephen Duke Co-Program Chair; Jim Seiber Co-Conference Chair; $15K for speakers and travel support for Co-chairs with total of $25K – Motion Passed

**Strategic Planning Meeting 2011 – Laura McConnell**


- Shifting dates to January 19 to 21, 2011, Fort Worth, TX (Omni Hotel)

ACTION: Laura to check with facilitator to ensure dates will work; Ellen will then check with attendees. Survey will be sent to all members prior to meeting; attendees to receive a survey prior to meeting.

**Pacifichem 2010: Dec 2010 – John Johnston**

- Occurs every 5 years.
• Two AGRO symposia for this meeting, Rodenticides and International Food Safety Issues and Opportunities. List of symposia and accepted talks circulated.
• Cathleen will send John promotional items for IUPAC2014.

IUPAC-ACS Chemistry Congress - Puerto Rico 2011 – Laura McConnell
• Innovative grant was funded.
• IUPAC Congress to be held July 30 to August 7, 2011 in San Juan Puerto Rico (www.iupac2011.org) Planning will begin in September to identify speakers. Anyone who is interested in attending, please let me know.
• Conference call next month to start process to select speakers for the symposium – 2 days with accompanying poster session.
• SETAC Global voted to contribute $4K for symposium. Contact Laura with interest for talk.

IUPAC - San Francisco 2014 – Ken Racke
• Bid was accepted for AGRO to host in San Francisco in 2014. First circular developed; website activated; logo developed; pens, pins.
• At 12th IUPAC in Melbourne, booth where info was distributed. Recruited individuals to help with 2014; good promotion in Australia. Just over 1100 participated in Australia’s IUPAC.
• Have requested an official report from Australian IUPAC – including lessons learned; good coop from office of International Affairs
• Innovative Grant submitted for promotional efforts
• ACS Meetings Department to get back to us on plan.
• Expanded list in individuals for program committees or organizing symposia
• Organizing Committee Teleconference to be planned by Ken – and early call for innovative symposia. Check out website: www.IUPAC2014.org

PICOGRAM – Cathleen Hapeman
• PICOGRAM for fall 2010 will only be electronic. It will not have call for papers in it. It will have the table for symposia for Denver. New officers; student winners; announcement for various awards; will be sent out via email.
• The next PICOGRAM will be hardcopy and will be sent end of January with call for papers, who will be organizing the International Award for Research and who will organize.
ACTION: September 30 2010 materials to Cathleen for PICOGRAM. Nancy Ragsdale summary for San Francisco. IUPAC Australia summary by Ken to Cathleen. Kevin to provide summary of Florida meeting.

ListServ Update – Laura McConnell
• List from ListServ plus list of emails from membership list all now into new system. This sends out message and allows recipient to opt out of receiving the emails. They can also have email address changed to divert to another email. We will be charged by number of emails that we send.
• We should go to a single email per month with a deadline for the monthly email to go out in a Newsletter format.
• Give Laura feedback on test email.

• Chair will review monthly before going out. Letter will go out last Wednesday of every month; Wed before is deadline for content. Chair can log in at any time to view this.
• Tim Ballard has expressed interest to manage this.

Treasury Report – John Johnston
• Johnston took over Jan 2010; summary of costs for 2010 in report that was circulated.
• Jeannette will follow up on ACS having this report. John recently withdrew $18K to keep checking account afloat.
• Have we captured all income for San Fran meeting – some checks were received before end of 2009.

Finance Committee Report for AGRO – Joel Coats
• Kevin Armburst will provide historical documents.
• Finance Committee: Joel Coats (Chair), Al Barefoot, Terry Spittler, Kevin Armburst, Scott Yates, Ann Lemley, John Johnston (Ex Officio).
ACTION: Joel / John will discuss income picture; then he will line up a meeting of the committee to put together next year’s budget.
ACTION: Draft by September 30, 2010 of 2011 Budget with a follow-up meeting in October.

Proposal to Move Council to Tuesday during National Meetings – Ellen Arthur
• Response needed for ACS. Their concern that if the meeting is moved, then folks will leave meeting earlier.
• A straw vote was sent out among councilors. 50% supported move; 32% opposed; remaining undecided.
ACTION: Jeannette to take lead on responding to ACS on how this will impact AGRO. Due to ACS by Aug 22. Terry Spittler would like meeting to remain on Wed. Should be no imposition for Councilor to stay til Wed noon (JC). In spirit of even programming, makes sense to leave it on Wednesday. Folks will be leaving early if held on Tuesday. Attendance would suffer.
ACTION: Forward comments to Jeanette.

Western Regional Meeting – Jeanette Van Emon
AGRO gave $500 support for this meeting. They are up for a ChemLuminary Award as a result of the meeting.

Innovative Grants – Laura McConnell
• Expenses associated with IUPAC 2014 launch. Innovative Grant proposal submitted.
• Laura submitted a grant for email marketing system to update locate. May offset expenses if funded. Should hear back after fall meeting.
• Innovative grant proposal also submitted by George Cobb of ENVR for joint symposium with AGRO veterinary pharmaceuticals in the environment for Denver Meeting.

Passing of the Chair Position – Ellen Arthur
Mailot is now activated and Ken is now in charge!!! Thanks all. It’s been great working with you. Looking forward to more of the same.

Best wishes…Ellen
March 23, 2011  
1:00 – 4:30 pm CDT  
Chair – Ken Racke

Participants  

Chair’s Introduction  
This is the first Executive Committee meeting in 2011, following the January 19-21, 2011 Ft. Worth AGRO Strategic Meeting.

Awards Committee Proposal for Revision in Sponsorship of the AGRO International Award and Creation of a New Award – Jim Seiber  
- The Awards Committee will be proposing an expansion of membership of the committee, in part to accommodate committee activity with two awards per year proposed to the Executive Committee and to stimulate more nominations for the Division fellowship.  
MOTION: AGRO adopts two awards: 1) AGRO DuPont International Award (see PICOGRAM) and 2) Award for Innovation in Chemistry and Agriculture sponsored by BASF for ACS or AGRO Active Researchers. Motion passed.

- Jim proposes the expansion of the current AGRO Awards Committee from the current 12 members to 18. The additional 6 members will be selected by the existing committee members from the following 2 lists:  
  o Past International Awards Recipients  
  o Individuals expressing an interest during the recent member survey  
MOTION: AGRO Awards Committee proposes its expansion from the current 12 to 18 members. Motion passed.

Strategic Planning Committee Report and Recommendations – Laura McConnell  
- Strategic Planning Meeting held on January 19 – 21, 2011 was more specific than the 2008 meeting. Three goals and their objectives were drafted and they have to be finalized after their review by the Executive Committee (see the attached Executive Summary of the 2011 Strategic Planning Meeting):

Goal 1  
AGRO will enhance the membership experience by providing an interactive and supportive environment for professional growth.
1.1 – Develop and implement a system to obtain member feedback and share with members by December 2011.
1.2 – Establish committee structure that serves and promotes division priorities by January 2012.
1.3 – Recruit and retain a better informed membership by December 2014.
1.4 – Improve networking options and communication to members by December 2012.

Goal 2  
AGRO will use all internal and external resources to provide innovative programming and services that meet the needs of members and the global scientific community.
2.1 – Revitalize the program committee to implement long-range innovative planning by December 2011.
2.2 – Reach out to other divisions, professional societies and NGOs, and formalize collaborative relationships by August 2012.
2.3 – Create internal working groups with common professional or research interests by December 2012.
2.4 – Increase pool of symposium organizers by August 2012.
2.5 – Develop diverse set of virtual tools to foster innovative services by December 2013.

Goal 3  
AGRO will be the global platform for collaboration and information exchange to advance innovative solutions for a sustainable food supply and protection of the environment and public health.
3.1 – Define and communicate clearly the scope and diversity of scientific endeavors included in the AGRO mission by July, 2012.
3.2 – Establish strategic alliances and collaborations with key groups of world AGRO scientists to increase international recognition and participation by July, 2012.
3.3 – Facilitate the exchange of news, international developments, and scientific breakthroughs to a global audience by July, 2012.

MOTION: Executive Committee endorses three overall goals as outlined in the plan. Laura will continue to supervise the program implementation for the next four years as Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee. Motion passed.

MOTION: Formation of the AGRO Committee on Committees chaired by Steve Duke charged with carrying Objective 1.2 and advising the Executive Committee. Motion passed.

- The committee metrics should reflect sustainable food supply, more than membership. It was suggested that the committee should come up with a plan that reflects challenging metrics for the next 6 months.
- The Vision and Mission statements were reviewed during the meeting and the Executive Committee decided to vote on the “Mission” statement, while the “Vision” statements has to be further elaborated. Laura M. and Don W. will be revising the “Vision” statement.

Modified AGRO Mission Statement  
AGRO, a Division of the American Chemical Society, brings together a worldwide community of scientists and stakeholders to advance knowledge and promote innovative solutions for the protection of agricultural productivity, public health and the environment.

MOTION: AGRO Executive Committee approves new proposed mission statement elaborated during the Strategic Planning Meeting. Motion passed.

MOTION: Formation of an International Affairs Committee to be co-chaired by Jay Gan and Ken Racke. Motion Passed. Jim Seiber is willing to serve.
**Program Committee Report on Planning for Denver - Al Barefoot**
- The program in Denver contains 14 topics with specific symposiums. The abstracts are ready for review.
- Symposium organizers are still looking for people to submit abstracts, at least 80 papers.
- The biotechnology area needs more papers. The submission deadline is April 4th.
- ACS instructions for symposium organizers have been sent out and they are very helpful this time.
- AGRO is looking to have sessions closed to the Environmental and AGFD sessions.

**Treasurer’s Report for 2010 – John Johnston**

**ACS Divisional Allocations are:**

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Total San Francisco Meeting expenses were $36,019 which included the following allocations:
- $6,249 Refreshments
- $3,049 Business Meeting
- $2,979 Blues and Brews
- $9,379 Social

**Finance Committee Recommendations for 2011 – Joel Coats, Kevin Armbrust**
Due to Joel and Kevin’s absence from the call, this topic is on hold until the Denver Business Meeting.

**Miscellaneous – Ken Racke**
- ACS Fellow Program – The nomination process deadline is May 2, 2011. Ken asked for suggestions to proceed further with the nominations.
- ACS Web – ACS developed an ACS network. It has good capabilities, similar to Facebook’s functionality, posting documents, communication, set archives etc. Don W. volunteered to set up an AGRO Executive Committee communication site by using this ACS tool.
- Elections 2011 – Ken will be communicating directly with Ellen.

Respectfully submitted,
*Liliana Schwartz, AGRO Secretary*
Bylaws of the AGRO Division of the American Chemical Society *

* Effective October 27, 2000. Approved, as amended, by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, acting for the Council of the American Chemical Society.

Bylaw I. Name and Objects

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Division of Agrochemicals (hereinafter referred to as "the Division") of the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY (hereinafter referred to as "the SOCIETY").

Section 2. The objects of the Division shall be to bring together persons particularly interested in agrochemicals, to consider all scientific aspects of chemistry relevant to the control of pests of agricultural or public health significance and to other methods for enhancing or modifying agricultural productivity, to develop and improve the professional stature of chemists with these interests, and to render whatever service it may to the scientific and lay communities on the topic of agrochemicals.

Bylaw II. Members and Affiliates

Section 1. Membership in the Division shall be open to all members of the SOCIETY. Application for membership shall be made in writing to the Secretary of the Division and shall be accompanied by one year's dues.

Section 2. A National Affiliate of the SOCIETY may apply to the Secretary to become a National Affiliate of the Division. Provided that Division dues established for National Affiliates are paid, a National Affiliate shall have all the privileges of membership in the Division except those of voting for or holding an elective position of the Division, voting on articles of incorporation or bylaws of the Division, or serving as a voting member of its Executive Committee.

Section 3. The Division may accept Division Affiliates who are not members or National Affiliates of the SOCIETY but who wish to participate in the activities of the Division. Such affiliates shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership in the Division save those withheld by the Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

Section 4. Members may resign their membership in the Division by submitting their resignation, in writing, to the Secretary during the year for which their dues are paid.

Section 5. The name of any member of the Division who is in arrears in payment of dues by as much as two years shall be stricken from the rolls as soon as the affiliate is in arrears in the payment of dues.

Section 7. The anniversary dates of Division members and National Affiliates of the Division shall coincide with their anniversary dates in the SOCIETY.

Bylaw III. Officers and Councilors

Section 1. The officers of the Division shall be a Chair, a Chair-Elect, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Chair-Elect shall automatically succeed to the office of Chair upon expiration of the latter's term of office or if this office becomes vacant. The Vice-Chair shall automatically succeed to the office of Chair-Elect upon expiration of the latter's term of office or if this office becomes vacant. The offices of Secretary and of Treasurer may be held by one individual. Only MEMBERS are eligible to hold elective positions.

Section 2. The duties of the Chair shall be to preside at meetings of the Executive Committee, to carry into effect the decisions and recommendations of the Committee, to preside at stated meetings of the Division, and to appoint all committees except as otherwise provided.

Section 3. The duties of the Chair-Elect shall be to serve in the absence of the Chair of the Division and to act as Chair of the Program Committee.

Section 4. The duties of the Vice-Chair shall be to serve in the absence of the Chair-Elect and to act as Assistant Chair of the Program Committee, with particular emphasis on planning and developing technical programs.

Section 5. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep minutes of all meetings of the Division and of the Executive Committee; to keep a roll of Division members and affiliates and to submit the same annually to the Executive Director of the SOCIETY for verification as provided in the Bylaws of the SOCIETY; to conduct the business correspondence of the Division as assigned to the Secretary by the Chair or by the Executive Committee; to prepare and submit an annual report of Division activities to the SOCIETY as required in the SOCIETY's Bylaws; to perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be assigned by the Chair or Executive Committee or required by the SOCIETY's Bylaws. The Secretary shall send to each member, at least two weeks before the regular meetings of the Division, abstracts of papers to be presented at said meetings.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall act as custodian of the funds of the Division, collect dues and other revenues, and pay the bills of the Division after the same have been authorized by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall maintain accurate records of receipts and disbursements and shall submit a report of the financial condition of the Division at the annual meeting of the Division. The Treasurer shall furnish a surety
Section 7. Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall represent the Division on the Council of the SOCIETY as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

Section 8. The Division shall have an Executive Committee, which shall consist of the officers of the Division; the Immediate Past Chair of the Division; the Councilors and Alternate Councilors; the Chairs, Chairs-Elect, Vice-Chairs, and Immediate Past Chairs of Subdivisions, if any; and fifteen (15) Members-at-Large. The Chair of the Division shall serve as Chair of the Executive Committee.

Section 9. The officers of the Division other than the Chair and the Chair-Elect shall be elected by mail ballot as described elsewhere in these bylaws.

Section 10. At the annual meeting of the Division, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of at least three members, one of whom shall be the Immediate Past Chair of the Division, who shall serve as Chair of this Committee. This Committee shall nominate two candidates for the office of Vice-Chair and at least ten (10) candidates for the positions as Members-at-Large to be filled on the Executive Committee. This Committee shall nominate candidates for each of the following offices to be filled: Councilor, Alternate Councilor, Secretary, and Treasurer. This Committee shall submit a report in writing to the Chair of the Division for preparation of the ballot to be mailed to the membership. Additional nominations may be made in writing by any group of at least five members and presented to the Chair of the Division not less than three months prior to the fall meeting.

Section 11. Officers and Members-at-Large shall be elected by the members and Division Affiliates of the Division. Only members of the Division may vote for Councilors and Alternate Councilors. The Secretary or other designated officer of the Division shall prepare an election ballot, on which shall appear the names in order chosen by lot of all candidates nominated and found willing to serve. In all Division balloting conducted by mail, the ballot voted shall be sealed, without voter identification, in a special ballot envelope. The special ballot envelope, bearing no voter identification, shall be enclosed in a larger envelope upon which—or within which, on a separate slip—shall be hand-inscribed the name of the member voting; the larger envelope shall then be sealed and forwarded to the Chair of the Tellers Committee. The Tellers shall count the ballots thus received, using the list of members provided by the Secretary to verify the eligibility of all those voting. Any ballot envelope not validated by the voter’s accompanying hand-inscribed name shall be rejected. The Secretary shall set and announce in advance of the neither balloting the interval during which ballots must be received to be counted; this interval shall not be less than four nor more than seven weeks following the ballot mailing. The Tellers Committee, appointed by the Chair of the Division, shall be responsible for counting all valid ballots received within the interval and shall certify the results to the Secretary, who shall in turn certify the results to the SOCIETY, the elected officials, and the Division. Elections are to be by plurality, should there be more than two candidates for an office. Resolution of a tie vote shall be made by the Executive Committee.

Section 12. The Chair, the Chair-Elect, the Vice-Chair, the Secretary, and the Treasurer of the Division shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected.

Section 13. The terms of office of the Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee shall be three years. Five Members-at-Large shall be elected each year.

Section 14. The terms of Councilors, Alternate Councilors, and all officers excluding the Chair, Chair-Elect, and Vice-Chair shall begin on January 1 following their election. The terms for Chair, Chair-Elect, and Vice-Chair shall begin at the conclusion of the fall meeting of the SOCIETY.

Section 15. Vacancies in offices other than Chair and Chair-Elect shall be filled by the Executive Committee. Incumbents so selected shall serve until the next regular election.

Bylaw IV. Councilors

The Division shall have Councilors and Alternate Councilors whose terms of office shall be three years. Alternate Councilors shall serve only for specific meetings of the Council when a Councilor is not available to attend.

Bylaw V. Committees

Section 1. There shall be a Program Committee, consisting of three or more members, one of whom shall be the Chair-Elect of the Division, who shall serve as Chair of the Committee. A second member of the Committee shall be the Vice-Chair. The Program Committee shall have the entire responsibility for organizing the program of papers for all Division meetings. It shall work cooperatively with other Divisions of the SOCIETY and other bodies in planning joint sessions and symposia of mutual and timely interest.

Section 2. There shall be a Membership Committee of three or more members. This Committee shall aggressively promote membership in the Division by members of the SOCIETY.

Section 3. There shall be a Finance Committee of two or more members. This Committee shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer prior to the business meeting of the Division and report its findings at the annual meeting. This Committee shall advise the Executive Committee on financial resources.

Section 4. There shall be an Awards Committee of at least six members. This Committee shall maintain and develop the Division and International Awards Programs.

Section 5. There shall be a Hospitality Committee of at least two members. This Committee shall direct social events in coordination with other committees and maintain a hospitality table at Division meetings.

Section 6. There shall be a Publication Committee of at least three members. This Committee shall be responsible for publication of the Division newsletter, PICOGRAM, and other Division publications.

Section 7. Special committees may be appointed to consider, conduct, and report upon such special matters as may be delegated to them.

Section 8. Except where otherwise provided, committee appointments shall be made by the Chair, with the advice and approval of the Executive Committee.

Bylaw VI. Dues

Section 1. Members of the Division shall pay annual dues, the exact amount to be decided by the Executive Committee. Dues are payable in advance. Members who have been granted emeritus status by the SOCIETY and who are interested in the work of the Division shall be granted all privileges of Division membership without the payment of annual dues.

Section 2. Affiliates shall pay annual dues of $2.00 more than members; except that Division Affiliates who are regularly...
matriculated students specializing in a chemical science shall pay annual dues of an amount to be decided by the Executive Committee.

**Bylaw VII. Subdivisions**

Section 1. Composition. The Division may sponsor Subdivisions devoted to specialized fields within the area of Division interest. Membership in the Division shall be a requirement for membership in a Subdivision.

Section 2. Formation. Formation or discontinuance of a Subdivision shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the Division. Steps to initiate a Subdivision may be made by petition of a group of Division members to the Executive Committee or by the action of the Executive Committee. The scope of the activities of any Subdivision shall be defined by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Officers. Upon approval of the formation of a Subdivision, the Executive Committee of the Division shall appoint a Chair, Chair-Elect, Vice-Chair, and Secretary for the Subdivision. The Chair-Elect shall assume the office of Chair after one year. In succeeding years the Subdivision shall elect at the annual meeting a Chair-Elect and a Secretary. The Chair, a Chair-Elect, and Secretary shall constitute a Steering Committee for the Subdivision. This Steering Committee shall report through the Chair of the Subdivision and be responsible to the Executive Committee of the Division, of which Subdivision Chairs shall be members ex officio.

Section 4. Funds. The necessary expenses for each Subdivision shall be authorized by the Executive Committee of the Division from Division funds and shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Division upon the usual authentication.

**Bylaw VIII. Meetings**

Section 1. There shall be a meeting of the Division at each national meeting of the SOCIETY unless the Executive Committee votes otherwise, provided the requirements for a minimum number of meetings as specified in the SOCIETY Bylaws shall be met.

Section 2. The annual meeting of the Division shall be held at the fall meeting of the SOCIETY. Division business requiring vote of the membership shall be conducted only at this meeting, except as provided elsewhere in these bylaws. However, voting by the membership may be conducted by mail or as directed by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Special meetings of the Division may be called by the Executive Committee, provided notice is given to the membership in writing or by publication in Chemical & Engineering News at least two months in advance. Special meetings may not be held within one month before or after a national meeting.

Section 4. Fifteen (15) members of the Division shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

Section 5. The fee for registration at any special meeting shall be decided by the Executive Committee in accordance with the Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

Section 6. The rules of order in the conduct of Division meetings not specifically provided in these bylaws or in the SOCIETY's documents shall be the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

**Bylaw IX. Papers**

Section 1. The Program Committee may approve or reject papers submitted for presentation before any meeting of the Division.

Section 2. The rules for papers presented before meetings of the SOCIETY as outlined in the Bylaws and Regulations of the SOCIETY shall govern the Division.

**Bylaw X. Amendments**

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at any annual meeting of the Division by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present. All amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the meeting. Upon approval of the Executive Committee, the Secretary shall send the text of the proposed amendment to the members of the Division at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.

Section 2. Amendments shall become effective upon approval by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, acting for the Council, unless a later date is specified.

**Bylaw XI. Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of the Division, any assets of the Division remaining thereafter shall be conveyed to such organization then existent as is dedicated to objects similar to those of the Division and the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY, or to the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY, so long as whichever organization is selected by the governing body of the Division at the time of dissolution shall be exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended or under such successor provision of the Code as may be in effect at the time of the Division’s dissolution.
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PROGRAM

DIVISION BUSINESS

AGRO Long-Range Program Meeting
Sunday 9:00 AM
Colorado Convention Center Hall Room 201
All Members Welcome; see page 39

AGRO Business Meeting
Sunday 5:00 PM
Colorado Convention Center Hall Room 4D

AGRO POSTER SESSIONS & COFFEE

General Topics
AGRO Education Award Poster Session
Monday 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Colorado Convention Center Hall D

Advances in Protection of Agricultural Productivity, Public Health, and the Environment
Tuesday 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Colorado Convention Center Hall D

Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday coffee only will be served in Colorado Convention Center Hall Room 712. PLEASE BE QUIET IF THE SESSION IS STILL IN ONGOING

SOCIAL EVENTS

International Award Speakers Luncheon
Monday 12:00 – 1:00 PM
Colorado Convention Center – Room 608
Invitation Only

Sterling B. Hendricks Award Lecture Reception
Tuesday following the 11:30 AM lecture
Colorado Convention Center Hall – Room 203

AGRO Awards Social
Tuesday 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Colorado Convention Center Hall – Room 201
Members/Guests welcomed; see page 34

Graduate Student Luncheon
Wednesday 12:00 – 1:00 PM
Colorado Convention Center Hall – Room 606
Invitation Only; see page 34

Blues & Brews – Program Planning Social
Wednesday 5:00 – 7:00 PM
Colorado Convention Center Hall – Room 201
Members/Speakers welcomed; see page 39

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Bioavailability and Extractability of Pesticide Residues
Implications for Risk Assessment
K. Malekani, P. Francis, D. Tessier, Organizers
D. Shea, S. Mislankar, Organizers, Presiding

Section A
Colorado Convention Center 710

1:30 – Introductory Remarks

1:35 – 1. Use of 3D force field analysis as a tool for understanding molecular binding mechanisms. S. H. Jackson

1:55 – 2. Effects of aging on retention, transport, and transformation of pesticides in soil. W. C. Koskinen


2:35 – 4. 15N NMR studies on the reaction of aromatic amines with soil organic matter to form bound residues. K. A. Thorn

2:55 – Intermission


3:30 – 6. Use of stable isotopes to predict HOC bioavailability in sediments. L. I. Delgado Moreno, J. Gan

3:50 – 7. Comparing pesticide distribution between formulated and natural sediments. X. Cui, J. M. Giddings, J. Gan

4:10 – 8. Use of passive sampling devices to estimate the bioavailability of pyrethroids. K. O’Neal, D. Shea
Analytical Challenges for Crop Protection Products
Cosponsored by ENVR
T. Anderson, Organizer
K. Armbrust, C. Wujcik, Organizers, Presiding

Section B
Colorado Convention Center 712

1:30 – Introductory Remarks


2:55 – Intermission


3:50 – 15. LC/MS/MS, GC/MS, and GC/MS/MS methods for the analysis of pesticides and their degradation products in air and water samples. R. Raina, L. Sun, M. Etter, N. Fergus, E. Smith, P. Hall


Evaluating Agrochemical Aquatic Exposure Modeling in Relation to Risk Evaluator Needs Modeling
Cosponsored by ENVR
M. Barrett, R. Parker, Organizers
M. Ruhman, Organizer, Presiding

Section C
Colorado Convention Center 711

1:30 – Introductory Remarks

1:35 – 17. Aquatic exposure modelling for exposure assessment in support of the regulation of pest control products in the Canada. G. Malis, I. Kennedy, L. Avon, & Larivière


2:35 – 20. Evaluation and refinements to Tier 2 US EPA drinking water risk assessments: Methods to improve modeling scenarios. N. Snyder, A. Barefoot

2:55 – Panel Discussion

3:10 – Intermission


4:45 – Panel Discussion
MONDAY MORNING

International Award for Research in Agrochemicals

Symposium in Honor of Dr. George P. Lahm for his Contributions to the Discovery of New Insecticides

Financially supported by BASF Corporation & DuPont Crop Protection
T. Stevenson, Organizer, Presiding

Section A
Colorado Convention Center 710

8:30 – Introductory Remarks


10:00 – Intermission


Managed Ecosystems, Pesticides, and Biodiversity
A. Barefoot, B. Wigley, Organizers
P. Edwards, Organizer, Presiding

Section B
Colorado Convention Center 712

8:30 – Introductory Remarks

8:35 – 29. Managing lands to retain and sustain biodiversity. G. Kittel

9:05 – 30. Strategies for minimizing unintended effects of pesticides on biodiversity. B. McGaughey, L. Turner, J. Gagne, J. Giddings


10:05 – Intermission


11:00 – 33. Biodiversity and landscape management in and around banana plantations in the humid tropics of Latin America. P. J. Edwards, R. Vargas

11:30 – 34. Use of aquatic herbicides to enhance biological diversity in natural and managed ecosystems. K. Getsinger

Evaluating Agrochemical Aquatic Exposure Modeling in Relation to Risk Evaluator Needs Model Verification and Uncertainties
R. Parker, M. Ruham, Organizers
M. Barrett, Organizer, Presiding

Section C
Colorado Convention Center 711

8:30 – 35. Overview of issues in aquatic exposure modeling in the US EPA Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Fate and Effects Division (EFED). R. Parker

8:40 – 36. Integrating regulatory risk assessments, risk management, and best management practices to achieve the water quality objectives of the European Union: A long term initiative of the European Crop Protection Association (ECPA). R. Allen

9:00 – 37. Effects of input uncertainty on VFSMOD modeling of water, sediment, and pesticide trapping by vegetative filter strips. S. M. Folle, M. F. Winchell, T. L. Estes, K. A. Budreski1, J. P. Hanzas, R. L. Breton, P. Whatling

9:20 – 38. Effectiveness of buffers installed at targeted critical drainage areas in Minnesota. J. P. Hanzas, Jr, R. G. Struss


10:00 – Panel Discussion

10:20 – Intermission


11:35 – Panel Discussion

Agrochemical Use on Tribal Lands in the United States: Understanding Benefits, Issues, and Cultural Influences
Financially supported by Waterborne Environmental Inc.
P. Holden, Organizer
R. Gruenig, Organizer, Presiding

Section D
Colorado Convention Center 708

8:00 Introductory Remarks

8:10 – 43. Tribal pesticide enforcement in the inland Northwest: Circuit rider approach. E. Gjevre

8:30 – 44. Analytical snapshot of agrochemicals associated with marijuana grow operations on the Colville Indian Reservation, Washington. D. J. Hurst

8:50 – 45. Pesticide application notification systems. M. Aaron

9:10 – Discussion

9:20 – Intermission

9:30 – 46. Agricultural pesticide impacts on the health and culture of Maine’s Native Americans. F. E. Corey

9:50 – 47. Pesticides and the impact on traditional basketry. D. Caudell


10:30 – Discussion

10:40 – Intermission

10:50 – 49. Progress toward control of Eurasian watermilfoil and an invasive hybrid milfoil in Coeur d’Alene Lake Tribal Waters by the Coeur d’Alene Tribe. D. S. Lamb

11:10 – 50. Pesticide applications near well heads. M. Aaron

11:30 – 51. Integrated pest management on tribal lands. M. Aaron

11:50 – Discussion

AGRO Division
Monday Poster Session & Coffee

General Topics
AGRO Education Award Poster Session
Financially supported by Bayer CropScience
D. Aga, M. Koivunen, Organizers

9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Authors Present 9:45 – 10:45 AM and 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Section E
Colorado Convention Center Hall D

52. Insecticide runoff from urban hard surfaces during simulated and natural rainfalls. W. Jiang, D. Haver, A. Soeprono, M. Rust, J. Gan

53. Degradation of saflufenacil as affected by moisture content and soil characteristics. E. Camargo, S. Senseman, R. Haney, J. B. Guice, G. McCauley


55. Decomposition of pharmaceuticals by manganese oxide molecular octahedral sieves. X. Xiao, A. T. Lemley

56. Environmental fate of the transgenic insecticidal protein Cry1Ab in water within a Bt maize agricultural ecosystem. S. Mueting, M. Lydy

57. Oxidation of bisphenol F (BPF) by manganese dioxide. Z. Lu, J. Gan


60. Effect of exposure method on SPME-based bioavailability estimates for hydrophobic compounds. A. D. Harwood, M. J. Lydy

61. Predicting the toxicity of permethrin to Daphnia magna in water using SPME fibers. A. D. Harwood, A. R. Bunch, J. You, M. J. Lydy

62. Cotton socks monitor the indoor distribution, fate, and persistence of fipronil following Frontline® application to companion animals. Y. Liu, L.
Chen, Z. Chen, M. Bigelow Dyk, H. Vega, R. Krieger


64. Rubber latex gloves as a potential direct dosimeter to estimate pesticide exposure in strawberry harvesters. G. Sankaran, L. Chen, Z. Chen, Y. Liu, T. Lopez, H. Vega, R. I. Krieger

65. Enzyme kinetic analysis of allosteric solvent effects when screening mosquito-selective carbamates against Anopheles gambiae. D. Swale, P. Carier, M. Ma, J. Hartsel, M. Totrov, J. Bloomquist


67. High-throughput screening of terpenoid compounds at the American cockroach octopamine receptor to determine structure-activity relationships. A. D. Gross, M. J. Kimber, P. Ribeiro, J. R. Coats


69. Deltamethrin increases peak current and slows deactivation kinetics of the voltage-gated calcium channel (Ca_v2.2) from rat brain following PKC dependent phosphorylation. A. Alves, S. Symington, J. Clark

70. Evaluating the mode of action of terpenoids as insecticides: Evidence for membrane interaction. J. W. Childress, J. R. Coats


72. Adduct identification from reactions of phenoxy/propanoic herbicides with DNA in plants. D. R. Hall, D. Boerth

73. lignocellulosic biomass as a carbon source for biofuels production from oleaginous yeast. M.

L. Revellame, R. Shivaji, R. Hernandez, D. Sparks, A. Brown

74. Isolation of cellulolytic organisms in the gastrointestinal tract of the giant panda and their potential use in the generation of lignocellulosic-based biofuels. C. Williams, W. Holmes, J. Falcone, D. Sparks, C. L. Williams, A. Kouba, S. Willard, A. Brown

75. Mosquito cell lines as an economical platform for discovery of new insecticides to control malaria. L. J. Jenson, D. Diykov, J. R. Bloomquist

76. Biological stability and delivery studies to elucidate the role of thickener solid particles on water-in-oil emulsion containing microalgae. L. E. Fernandez, H. Guo, H. Scher, J. S. VanderGheynst

77. Raman microscopic analysis of PM_{10} for assessing source distributions from agricultural operations. Q. Huang, W. F. Schmidt, E. Razote, L. L. McConnell, C. J. Hapeman, A. Torrents, R. Maghirang, S. L. Trabue

78. Optical fiber ammonia gas sensor using a dual layer poly(methyl methacrylate)/chlorophenol red coating. Y. Huang, S. Tao

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY

Black Carbon and Biochar for Soil Fertility and Carbon Sequestration
Production and Characterization
Cospersoned by AGRO
D. Rutherford, C. Hapeman, P. White, T. Potter, Organizer
C. Rostad, Organizer, Presiding

ENVR Section B
Sheraton Denver – Columbine

8:00 – Introductory Remarks

8:05 – ENVR 88. Quality variations of poultry litter biochar generated at different pyrolysis temperatures. M. Guo, Y. Shen


8:45 – ENVR 90. Characterization of solid pyrogenic black carbon (biochar) by desorption atmospheric pressure photoionization (DAPPI) coupled to Fourier-transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometry. W. T. Cooper, D. C. Podgorski, R. Hamdan, A. R. Zimmerman


10:05 – Intermission

10:20 – ENVR 94. Predicting biochar impact on soil carbon dynamics and soil quality in EPIC model. **T. Lychuk**, R. C. Izaurralde


11:00 – ENVR 96. Biochar as a carbon sequestration technology for Central Great Plains soils. **F. J. Calderon**


**MONDAY AFTERNOON**

AGRO Division Monday Poster Session & Coffee
Section E
Colorado Convention Center Hall D
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Papers 52 – 78. See Previous Listings
Authors Present 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Symposium in Honor of Dr. George P. Lahm for his Contributions to the Discovery of New Insecticides
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Section A
Colorado Convention Center 710

1:00 – 79. Piperidine thiazole fungicides. **M. Hanagan**, R. J. Pasteris, R. Shapiro, Y. Henry, B. Klyashchitsky


3:10 – Intermission


4:25 – 85. Innovation in agrochemical research: The role of paradigms. **A. Kleemann**

Managed Ecosystems, Pesticides, and Biodiversity
P. Edwards, Organizer
B. Wigley, Organizer, Presiding

Section B
Colorado Convention Center 712

1:30 – Introductory Remarks


3:05 – Intermission

3:30 – 89. Vertebrate pest management: Case studies in pesticides and the management of biodiversity. **M. J. Bodenchuk**
4:00 – 90. Impact of farming practices, pesticides, and landscape management on farmland birds in Europe and the role of Cross Compliance and Agri-Environmental Schemes. P. J. Edwards, G. Siriwardena

4:30 – 91. Contribution of zero tillage to sustainability in Brazil’s tropics. J. N. Landers

Advances in Characterizing Exposure of Humans and Ecosystems to Pesticides in Surface Waters: Regional Scale Assessment and Monitoring Approaches
N. Poletika, C. Crawford, Organizers
R. Gilliom, Organizer, Presiding

Section C
Colorado Convention Center 711

1:15 – Introductory Remarks

1:20 – 92. Watershed regressions for pesticides (WARP) for predicting atrazine concentrations in corn belt streams. W. Stone, R. Gilliom


2:00 – 94. Comparison of SWAT pesticide simulation approaches for ecological exposure assessments. N. Peranginangin, M. F. Winchell, R. Srinivasan

2:20 – 95. Large-scale modeling of historical pesticide applications. G. Hoogeweg, M. Cheplick, W. M. Williams, D. Denton, R. Breuer

2:40 – Panel Discussion

2:55 – Intermission


3:30 – 97. Sampling plans for water quality assessment. J. W. Green

3:50 – 98. Continuous monitoring for pesticides in freshwater off-channel habitats using a lipid-free tubing passive-sampling device. P. Janney, J. J. Jenkins, K. Anderson


4:30 – 100. Pesticides and pesticide degradates in source and finished water of community water systems supplied by rivers. G. Delzer, J. Valder

4:50 – Panel Discussion

New Investigator Symposium
Financially supported by Dow AgroSciences
C. Hapeman, Organizer, Presiding

Section D
Colorado Convention Center 708

1:30 – Introductory Remarks

1:40 – 101. Application of biological mass spectrometry and protein barcodes in agricultural and food chemistry. J. Wang

2:00 – 102. WITHDRAWN

2:20 – Intermission

2:35 – 103. Metolachlor fate in regionally adopted cropping systems of the SE United States. P. M. White, Jr., T. L. Potter


3:15 – 105. CuO and ZnO nanoparticles affect production by a beneficial pseudomonad of metabolites important in plant performance. C. Dimkpa

3:35 – Concluding Remarks

DIVISION OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY

Black Carbon and Biochar for Soil Fertility and Carbon Sequestration
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ENVR Section B
Sheraton Denver – Columbine

1:30 – Introductory Remarks

1:35 – ENVR 125. Herbicide sorption in a biochar-amended coastal plain soil under conventional and conservation tillage management. T. Potter, P. M. White, I. M. Lima


3:15 – Intermission


3:50 – ENVR 131. Biochar characteristics and function as a heavy metal sorbent in soil: Role of surface ligands. M. Uchimiya

4:10 – ENVR 132. Biochar for soil remediation on abandoned mine lands: San Juan Mountains, CO. C. D. Petlz


4:50 – ENVR 134. Sugarcane bagasse and pine wood biochar effects on aerobic soil dissipation of metribuzin and pendimethalin. P. M. White, Jr., T. L. Potter, I. M. Lima

5:10 – Concluding Remarks

MONDAY EVENING

Sci-Mix
A. Barefoot, Organizer
8:00 - 10:00
52 – 59, 61 – 78. See previous listings.

Section A
Colorado Convention Center – Hall D

TUESDAY MORNING

Endangered Species Act and Pesticide Regulation: Scientific and Process Improvements
Policy and Process
Financially supported by Intrinsik Environmental Sciences, CropLife America, and Dow AgroSciences
J. Johnston, S. Jackson, J. Cowles, T. Hall, B. McGaughey, Organizers
K. Racke, J. Jenkins, Organizers, Presiding

Section A
Colorado Convention Center 710

8:30 – Introductory Remarks

8:40 – Federal Panel Perspectives on ESA and Pesticide Regulation.


10:05 – Intermission


11:15 – 110. Integrating FIFRA, ESA, and other legal requirements. D. B. Weinberg

11:40 – 111. Unintended consequences: A historical perspective on pesticides and endangered species with suggestions. L. Turner
Modern Agriculture and Biotechnology: Tools for Sustainability
Sustainability Standards
E. L. Arthur, P. Rice, Organizers
P. Rice, J. Van Emon, Organizers, Presiding

Section B
Colorado Convention Center 712

8:30 – Introductory Remarks

8:40 – 112. Linking agricultural sustainability with healthy foods. J. N. Seiber


9:40 – 114. Importance of herbicides for sustainable farming in the United States. L. Gianessi

10:10 – Intermission


Advances in Characterizing Exposure of Humans and Ecosystems to Pesticides in Surface Waters Time Intensive Studies and Vulnerability Assessment

R. Gilliom, C. Crawford, Organizers
N. Poletika, Organizer, Presiding

Section C
Colorado Convention Center 711

8:15 – Introductory Remarks

8:20 – 118. Improved characterization of the temporal and spatial variability of potential surface water drinking water exposure by using environmental and historic monitoring databases. P. Hendley, W. Chen, R. Joseph, R. Williams, C. Harbourt

8:40 – 119. Time series model for estimating pesticide exceedance probabilities for streams. A. Vecchia, K. Ryberg

9:00 – 120. Investigating sampling designs for pesticide surface water monitoring using available daily or near-daily measurements. W. Chen, P. Mosquin, P. Hendley, R. L. Sielken, R. Joseph, S. Chen, R. Williams, A. Merritt


9:40 – Panel Discussion

10:00 – Intermission


10:35 – 123. Application of high resolution elevation data (LiDAR) to assess natural and anthropogenic agricultural features affecting the transport of pesticides at multiple spatial scales. J. J. Amos, C. Holmes, J. Bang, P. Hendley, L. Fish

10:55 – 124. Updates to percent crop area methods: Extending drinking water assessments to tropical climates and refinements to the regional values. N. Snyder, A. Barefoot


11:35 – Panel Discussion

Sterling B. Hendricks Memorial Lectureship
Sponsored by USDA-Agricultural Research Service
Cosponsored by AGFD

K. Kaplan, Organizers
S. O. Duke, M. H. Tunick, Organizers, Presiding

Section D
Colorado Convention Center 203

11:30 — Award Presentation

11:40 – AGRO 126. Applying advances in chemistry to benefit developing world agriculture. D. Delmer

12:30 — Reception
AGRO Division
Tuesday Poster Session & Coffee

Advances in Protection of Agricultural Productivity, Public Health, and the Environment
A. Barefoot, Organizer

9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Authors Present 9:45 – 10:45 AM and 2:45 – 3:45 PM

Section E
Colorado Convention Center Hall D


128. LC-MS/MS analytical method for the determination of PREVICUR residues in poultry matrices and eggs. T. Nguyen, S. Moore

129. Application of capillary electrophoresis to identification of pesticide photolysis products. R. Weintraub, D. Safapour

130. Analysis of bee relevant matrices for imidacloprid, imidacloprid olefin, and 5-hydroxy imidacloprid by modified QuEChERS extraction and analysis by LC/MS/MS with stable, isotopically-labeled internal standard. J. Brungardt, B. Leimkuehler

131. Quantitative determination of thiamine in corn (Zea mays) grain by high performance liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry. F. A. Claussen


133. New pesticidal compounds from Burkholderia sp. R. N. Asolkar, M. E. Koivunen, A. Cordova-Kreylos, H. Huang, L. Chanbusarakum, P. G. Marrone

134. Using microbes for synthesizing agrochemical metabolites. M. J. Schocken


139. Flow characteristics of a dynamic flux chamber. B. Woodbury, D. Parker, R. Eigenberg, M. Spiels


141. Atmospheric contributions of endosulfan to South Florida ecosystems. C. J. Hapeman, L. L. McConnell, T. Potter, B. Schaffer, R. Curry


143. Modeling pesticides and their chemical transformation products. R. Li


145. Search for neuraminidase inhibitors from Okinawan plants. S. Tawata, A. Upadhyay, J. Chompoo, T. Makise


147. Establishment of pre-harvest residue limits (PHRL) of fungicide myclobutanil and dimethomorph in Korean melon under greenhouse condition. J. Kim, Y. Jeon, H. Kim, J. Hwang, J. Ahn, J. Kim

148. Residual characteristics and estimated dietary intake of emamectin benzoate in leaf


150. Multiresidue analysis method for unregistered organophosphorus pesticides in Korea for imported agricultural products. Y. Jeon, H. Kim, J. Hwang, J. Do, M. Im, J. Lee, Y. Lee, J. Kim


DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY

Veterinary Pharmaceuticals in the Environment Use and Modes of Action
Cosponsored by AGRO
Finanically supported by USDA-Agricultural Research Service
G. P. Cobb, P. Smith, L. McConnell, Organizers
B. Johnson, Presiding

ENVR Section B
Sheraton Denver – Grand Ballroom 1

8:00 – Introductory Remarks


8:40 – ENVR 163. Interspecies comparison of the mechanisms of toxicity and effects of veterinary pharmaceuticals with estrogenic or androgenic activity: Are we really living in a sea of estrogens? L. E. Gray, Jr, V. S. Wilson, P. Hartig, G. Ankley


9:40 – Intermission


TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Endangered Species Act and Pesticide Regulation: Scientific and Process Improvements
Policy and Process
Financially supported by CropLife America, Dow AgroSciences, and Intrinsik Environmental Sciences
J. Johnston, J. Jenkins, K. Racke, T. Hall, S. Jackson, Organizers
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Section A
Colorado Convention Center 710

1:30 – Introductory Remarks

1:35 – 152. – Regulatory improvements to the Endangered Species Act consultation process for pesticide registrations. Y. Li, J. Rylander, C. Kennedy


3:15 – Intermission

3:35 – 156. California's pesticide use reporting system. L. Wilhoit

4:00 – 157. Role of state pesticide agencies in the endangered species assessment process: Examples from Florida. M. Feken

4:25 – Panel Discussion: Policy and Process
Modern Agriculture and Biotechnology: Tools for Sustainability
Sustainability Indicators

J. Van Emon, P. Rice, Organizers
E. L. Arthur, P. Rice, Organizers, Presiding

Section B
Colorado Convention Center 712


2:00 – 159. Ecosystem services framework for agricultural key performance indicators. S. Ozment


3:00 – Intermission

3:20 – 161. From isoprene to Taxol®: Modular architecture in terpenoid biosynthesis. M. Koksal


4:20 – Concluding Remarks

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY

Veterinary Pharmaceuticals in the Environment Sampling Techniques and Chemical Analysis
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W. Foreman, Presiding

ENVR Section B
Sheraton Denver – Grand Ballroom 1

1:30 – Introductory Remarks

1:35 – ENVR 197. Quadrupole time-of-flight LC-MS analysis of veterinary drug residues in aquaculture samples. S. Turnipseed, S. Clark, J. Storey


2:15 – ENVR 199. Analysis of steroids in newborn screening by LC-MS/MS. M. Fountain, D. Klein


2:55 – Intermission
3:10 – ENVR 201. Detection of tetracyclines and tetracycline resistant bacteria in soils under long-term swine effluent application. I. Popova, S. Deng, J. Hattey


4:30 – ENVR 205. Techniques for determining partial size distribution of particulate matter: Laser diffraction vs. electrical sensing zone. L. Wang Li, M. Buser, D. P. Whitelock, Z. Cao, Y. Zhang, C. Parnell


11:30 – 178. Vertebrate pesticides and the ESA. M. J. Bodenchuk

Agriculture and Air Quality: Emission Measurements and Models
Pesticides and VOCs
S. Hafner, C. Howard, L. McConnell, R. Maghirang, Organizers
C. Hapeman, Presiding

Section B
Colorado Convention Center 712

8:30 – Introductory Remarks


9:40 – 182. Predicting transport, fate, and pest control after fumigating soil with methyl iodide. L. Luo, S. Yates

10:00 – 183. Assessment of pesticide drift and deposition downwind of ground spray applications: A case study examining the impact of droplet size, boom height, and wind speed. R. J. Londergan, A. C. Newcombe, T. M. Wolf

10:20 – Intermission

11:00 – 185. Speciation of VOCs from complex sources: Validation of reactivity-weighted emissions. **P. G. Green**


**Parameters for Pesticide QSAR and PBPK/PD Models**

**Chiral Isomers, Metabolism, GI, and Percutaneous Absorption**


**Section C**

**Colorado Convention Center 711**

8:25 – Introductory Remarks

8:30 – 188. Chiral chemistry and toxicity assessments for pyrethroid pesticides. **R. W. Gerlach**

8:55 – 189. Direct chiral separation of pyrethroid isomers by HPLC with chiral stationary phases. **M. Okamoto**


9:45 – Intermission


10:50 – 193. Fifteen steps to percutaneous penetration-man to animal: Why important? **H. I. Maibach**


**DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY**

**Veterinary Pharmaceuticals in the Environment**

**Occurrence Transport and Transformation of Veterinary Pharmaceuticals**

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G. P. Cobb, P. Smith, L. McConnell, *Organizers* P. Smith, *Presiding*

**ENVR Section B**

**Sheraton Denver – Grand Ballroom 1**

8:00 – Introductory Remarks

8:05 – ENVR 229. Spatial variation in selected veterinary drugs across a cattle feedlot transect from barn to retention basin. **C. P. Rice**, K. Cook, A. Netthisinghe, B. Gilfillen, G. N. Guzmán


8:45 – ENVR 231. Environmental assessment of the antibiotic florfenicol for use in a variety of aquaculture systems. **J. Staveley**, R. Endris


9:25 Intermission


10:05 – ENVR 234. Bioavailability of antimicrobial compounds in sediments. **J. R. Coats**


DIVISION OF
AGRICULTURE & FOOD CHEMISTRY

Future Agricultural Consumer Safety Demands for the Global Market
Cosponsored by AGRO
A. Loaiza, Organizer, Presiding

Section A
Colorado Convention Center 505

8:30 – Introductory Remarks

8:35 – AGFD 122. Evaluation of the safety of crop products produced through biotechnology. W. Parrott

9:00 – AGFD 123. Addressing the Safety of Crop Protection Products in a Global Market. W. Jones, R. McAllister, B. Glenn


9:50 – Intermission

10:05 – AGFD 125. Allergenicity Evaluations of Proteins Introduced into Crop Products using Biotechnology. L. S. Privalle


10:55 – Concluding Remarks

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Endangered Species Act and Pesticide Regulation: Scientific and Process Improvements
Salmonid Case Studies
Financially supported by CropLife America, Dow AgroSciences, and Intrinsik Environmental Sciences
B. McGaughey, J. Johnston, K. Racke, T. Hall, S. Jackson, Organizers
J. Jenkins, J. Cowles, Organizers, Presiding

Section A
Colorado Convention Center 710

1:25 – Introductory Remarks


2:45 – 199. Modeling risk to aquatic species subject to realistic, dynamic exposures using a generalized form of Haber's Law. R. Reiss, K. Bogen

3:10 – Intermission


4:20 – 202. Assessment of the potential risks of dimethoate to aquatic endangered species using the joint probability distribution analysis. Q. Ma, R. Reiss, C. Habig, P. Whatling

4:45 – Panel Discussion: Case Studies

Agriculture and Air Quality: Emission Measurements and Models
Animal Feeding Operation Emissions
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1:30 – 203. Thermal reconstitution from sorbent tube odorant collections: Progress toward a robust, integrated strategy for capture, transport, archiving, and deferred "re-play" of environmental odor events. D. Wright, F. Kuhrt, D. Eaton, J. Koziel

1:50 – 204. Optical fiber ammonia sensors for air quality monitoring. S. Tao, Y. Huang, L. Wieck

2:10 – 205. Comparison of VOC emissions from conventional and alternative biofuel crops. M. Graus, A. Eller, R. Fall, B. Yuan, Y. Qian, P. Westra, J. de Gouw, C. Warneke


2:50 – 207. Emissions from swine barns: Effects of slurry age. K. E. Jonassen

3:10 – Intermission
3:30 – 208. Characterization of VOCs and odorants on PM from animal feeding operations. **S. L. Trabue**, D. Parker, R. Maghirang, L. L. McConnell


**Parameters for Pesticide QSAR and PBPK/PD Models**

**Liver Tissues/Enzymes and Neurotoxicity**

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**Future Agricultural Consumer Safety Demands for the Global Market**

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**Section A**

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1:30 – Introductory Remarks

1:35 – AGFD 133. Pesticide residues in food: The role of dietary risk assessment. M. G. Panek

2:00 – AGFD 134. Secondary standards – barrier or benefit? J. M. Stewart

2:25 – AGFD 135. Remediation of fungicide residues on fresh produce using gaseous ozone. S. S. Walse

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3:30 – Panel Discussion

4:15 – Concluding Remarks

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

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**Posters: Black Carbon and Biochar for Soil Fertility and Carbon Sequestration**

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**ENVR Section E**

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6:00 - 8:00


**ENVR 317.** Carbon isotopic fractionation as a function of charring temperature during the production of biochar. R. L. Wershaw, D. W. Rutherford, **C. E. Rostad**, N. M. Saad


ENVR 320. Biochar effects on extractable NO$_3^-$ and NH$_4^+$ and greenhouse gas flux after biochar and fertilizer application to two temperate soils. **J. Zheng**, C. E. Stewart, M. Cotrufo

ENVR 321. Distinct phosphorus leaching behaviors of poultry litter (PL) and PL Char. Y. Wang, P. T. Imhoff, M. Guo, **P. C. Chiu**


ENVR 323. Characterization of biochars produced under different conditions by 1D and 2D solid-state $^{13}$C-NMR. **R. Hamdan**, A. R. Zimmerman, W. T. Cooper

ENVR 324. Biochar for soil pH amelioration and improved crop yields. **J. L. Field**, F. Cotrufo


THURSDAY MORNING

Endangered Species Act and Pesticide Regulation: Scientific and Process Improvements

Scientific Advances
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J. Cowles, J. Jenkins, J. Johnston, S. Jackson, B. McGaughey, **Organizers**
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8:30 – Introductory Remarks


9:05 – 220. Using GIS to assess pesticide exposure to threatened or endangered species for ecological risk assessment. **J. Cowles**


9:55 – Intermission


Agriculture and Air Quality: Emission Measurements and Models

Emission Measurement and Modeling

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10:00 – 229. Residual carbaryl in treated pine bark and the presence of carbaryl in wood smoke. **C. Peterson**, S. Costello

10:20 – Intermission


11:20 – 232. Comparative study of observed and CMAQ modeled coarse particulate matter. R. Li, C. Wiedinmyer, M. P. Hannigan, K. R. Baker

Parameters for Pesticide QSAR and PBPK/PD Models
Neurotoxicity and QSAR
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10:15 – Intermission


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1:25 – Introductory Remarks

1:30 – 239. Approach for the assessment of indirect effects to threatened and endangered terrestrial species exposed to herbicides: Glufosinate case study. R. S. Teed, D. R. Moore, T. Hall, G. Sabbagh, R. L. Breton

1:55 – 240. Demography and modeling to improve pesticide risk assessment of endangered species. J. D. Stark


2:45 – Intermission


3:55 – Panel Discussion: Scientific Advances

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Reducing Agricultural Emissions
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1:30 – 244. Methods for reducing ammonia emissions from poultry litter. P. A. Moore, Jr.


3:10 – Concluding Remarks

Parameters for Pesticide QSAR and PBPK/PD Models

QSAR Models and PBPK/PD Models
C. Timchalk, J. Knaak, R. Torner-Velez, Organizers
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1:55 – 250. Computational approaches for developing informative prior distributions for Bayesian calibration of PBPK models. J. L. Davis, R. Torner-Velez, R. Setzer


2:45 – Intermission


AGRO 1

Use of 3D force field analysis as a tool for understanding molecular binding mechanisms

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Scientists have worked to develop software which can accurately predict and model the behavior of molecules as they interact in the environment. A method is presented using molecular 3D interactions with clay lattice and organic matter structures by van der Waals and electrostatic forces. The method specifically allows the user to develop a detailed understanding of molecular binding mechanisms with clay lattice and organic structures that comprise soil. Preliminary results indicate the method is capable of successfully predicting compound sorption/adsorption behavior using 3D force field methods based on the limited set of compounds evaluated.

AGRO 2

Effects of aging on retention, transport, and transformation of pesticides in soil

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Aging has been shown to affect the sorption of pesticides in the soil which in turn can affect transport and transformation processes. Aging effects have been characterized by batch sequential extraction methods in which sorption coefficients (i.e., \( K_d \)) are determined for the chemical remaining after a given equilibration or incubation period. \( K_d \)’s have generally been shown to increase with aging time. Mechanisms that result in aging effects on sorption processes are unclear, but may be the result of decreased amounts of pesticide in the soil (when Freundlich 1/n < 1.0) or to changes in binding processes. Regardless of the mechanisms involved, aging may affect the prediction of pesticide transport and transformation processes and subsequent environmental risk. For instance, observed increases in sorption during pesticide aging should be taken into account during characterization of the sorption process for mathematical models of pesticide transport. Potential transport would be over predicted if fresh \( K_d \)’s were used to predict transport rather than aged \( K_d \)’s, resulting in a prediction of increased environmental risk. Possible aging affects on degradation is still unanswered. In spite of increased \( K_d \)’s, aging had no effect on some pesticide degradation by specific degrading microorganisms.

AGRO 3

Formation of soil- and sediment-bound residues of sulfonylurea herbicides and their relevance in environmental risk assessments: A case study

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The differential selectivity achieved with variation in chemical structure of sulfonylurea herbicides also influences their behavior in the environment. This presentation reviews differences in the formation of soil-and sediment-bound residues of sulfonylurea herbicides and presents, as a case-study, the investigations to understand formation of this fraction from foramsulfuron, which was shown in standard laboratory studies to form a soil-bound residue of greater than 90%. These studies demonstrated that the bound fraction was a consequence of microbial breakdown via a primary metabolite which became associated with the soil organic matter. Due to the significant formation of bound residues a compound-specific risk assessment was conducted that evaluated the potential effects on non-target organisms in soil and sediment. This in-depth study of the mechanism of formation and potential exposure and risk assessment demonstrated that no adverse effects would result from the bound residue formed from the degradation of foramsulfuron in the environment.

AGRO 4

15N-NMR studies on the reaction of aromatic amines with soil organic matter to form bound residues

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Aromatic amines result from chemical and microbial transformation of nitroaromatic munitions and several classes of pesticides. Covalent binding of aromatic amines to soil organic matter (SOM) has long been recognized as one of the pathways for the formation of bound residues. In laboratory reactions, solid and liquid state 15N-NMR spectroscopy has been used to determine the types of covalent bonds formed between SOM and 15N-labeled aromatic amines of varying nucleophilicity and substitution patterns under both noncatalyzed and enzyme- and metal-catalyzed conditions. Spectra have revealed differences in the distribution of condensation products for the various amines. Solid state 15N NMR spectroscopy has also been used in whole soil and compost studies to differentiate pathways of transformation and bound residue formation from mineralization and microbial immobilization. Incorporating the results from NMR studies into structure and reactivity and environmental fate models remains a future challenge.
AGRO 5

How do laboratory assessments of S-metolachlor sorption and dissipation agree with field behavior?

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Research has suggested that existing bonds become stronger with aging time, decreasing the extractability and bioavailability of some pesticides in soil. We found that using high-energy extraction conditions (elevated temperature and pressure in ASE) removed a higher proportion of sorbed S-metolachlor, which influenced calculated distribution coefficients and masked the aging effect. The difference in $K_d$ values for manual extraction and ASE did not affect S-metolachlor dissipation rates. High-efficiency methods are advantageous from an analytical standpoint, but the significance of residues removed under harsh conditions in determining pesticide availability for mobility and biological uptake is unknown. The results of these laboratory tests are consistent with companion field studies. Together, they show that despite large differences in soil properties and sorption coefficients, dissipation proceeded at approximately the same rate (and weed control was the same) in soils from different landscape positions. Equilibrium processes may not drive dissipation and bioavailability under field conditions.

AGRO 6

Use of stable isotopes to predict HOC bioavailability in sediments

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Hydrophobic organic contaminants (HOCs) bioavailability is reflected in both the freely dissolved concentration ($C_{free}$) and what is available via desorption. Chemical methods for predicting HOC bioavailability in soils or sediments are based on partial extraction (mild solvent extraction, Tenax, cyclodextrin) or the measurement of $C_{free}$ at equilibrium (dialysis membranes, passive samplers). We explored the use of deuterated HOCs through isotope exchange to estimate the isotopically exchangeable pool (E) as an approximation of bioaccessibility. Bifenthrin and pyrene were selected as model HOCs. Sediments with different organic carbon content (0.8 - 4.5%) were considered. Results indicate that E values were significantly correlated (P < 0.05) with $C_{free}$ measured by PDMS or the 6-h desorption measured by Tenax. HOCs bioaccumulation by Chironomus tentans was better estimated by the E values. In conclusion, the use of deuterated compounds overcomes shortcomings in the current estimation methods and expands our ability to predict HOC bioavailability in sediments.

AGRO 7

Comparing pesticide distribution between formulated and natural sediments

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Formulated sediments are recommended for toxicity testing of hydrophobic compounds in OECD guidelines. The organic carbon in peat may qualitatively differ from that in natural sediments, which may lead to different chemical distribution among the solid, dissolved organic matter (DOM), and water phases, and consequently, different toxicity effects. To test the validity of using formulated sediments in lieu of natural sediments, this study compared OECD formulated sediments with natural sediments in terms of (a) partitioning of 8 pyrethroids between sediment and water phases determined by batch adsorption; and (b) phase distribution of pyrethroids among the sediment phase, porewater, and overlaying water under conditions mimicking sediment toxicity tests. Solid-phase microextraction (SPME) was used to determine the freely dissolved concentration. Sediment properties of the 5 natural sediments and 3 formulated sediments were characterized and the characteristics were used for explaining differences observed in partition and phase distribution of pyrethroids in these sediments.

AGRO 8

Use of passive sampling devices to estimate the bioavailability of pyrethroids

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Following the withdrawal of organophosphates there has been a significant shift towards the use of pyrethroid insecticides. With this increased usage, concern has arisen about the risks pyrethroids may pose to aquatic ecosystems especially with measured concentrations in surface waters often exceeding toxicity thresholds for aquatic invertebrates. However, we and others have found that these apparently toxic concentrations of pyrethroids often do not exhibit toxicity in the field. We will report on laboratory and field experiments demonstrating that one reason for this overestimation of field toxicity is the decreased bioavailability of pyrethroids. Our results also show that sorptive passive sampling devices (PSDs) provide a good estimate of the bioavailable fraction of cypermethrin and permethrin under most conditions. We will present a quantitative model of pyrethroid-organic carbon partitioning and its effect on bioavailability, and how PSDs can be used in the field to estimate chronic exposure to bioavailable pyrethroids.
The search for new crop protection chemicals with novel ways to improve the productivity and efficiency of residue protection companies are continuously searching for new today driven by regulatory trends around the globe. Crop protection companies are continuously searching for new methods for the trace residue analysis of crop protection chemicals in plant and environmental analyses. It is challenging, both from a time perspective and from technical constrains, to analyze thousands of samples collected from field dissipation and crop trial studies, using a sensitive, short, and rugged methods to quantitate multiple analytes. Automation and rapid analysis with high sample throughput can overcome the time challenge. Towards these goals, rugged analytical methods with limit of quantitation at 10 ppb were developed for several active ingredients and their relevant metabolites in soil, water, and plant. The state of the art technology for method development and associated challenges will be presented.

Analyzing pesticide formulation adjuvants to assess their impact on pollinator health

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Although we have found more than 130 different pesticides and metabolites in beehive samples, no individual pesticide amount correlates with recent bee declines. To examine if more generic formulation inerts that co-occur across classes of pesticides may be involved, we have identified, utilizing LC-MS, common adjuvants in pesticide formulations used around hives or where bees forage. Nonionic surfactants like Silwet L-77 and Triton X-100 were highly lethal to adult honey bees at 1% in artificial nectar while N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone, although less toxic to adults, was more acutely toxic to the brood. The organosilicone Silwet L-77 at 0.1% significantly reduced learning performance of forager honey bees using the proboscis extension reflex assay. The impact of synergistic pesticidal blends on bees, which depend on plant nectars and pollens readily contaminated by pesticide treatments, cannot be fully understood without identification and risk assessment of formulation additives and other spray adjuvants.

Mass spectrometry based, label-free proteomics: A case study for agricultural applications

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The search for new crop protection chemicals with novel modes of action and improved safety profiles is a high priority in agrochemical research and development. Proteomics, which may provide insights into mechanisms by examining changes in protein abundance, is an integral part of this endeavor. However, traditional gel-based, differential-quantitation methods dominate the plant proteomics literature, indicating that this method is still the core technology utilized in plant proteomics mode of action studies. This presentation will focus on our recent development of mass spectrometry based, label-free proteomics methods to characterize corn tissue. Data will be presented from work that examined the impact of numerous factors, including experimental design, data acquisition, and data processing on the analytical performance of this new method. The application of this method to biologically-relevant questions was tested; selected data will be shown.

Analytical challenges for the analysis of pyrethroids at trace residue levels

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Pyrethroid insecticides have unique characteristics which provide challenges in sampling, preservation, extraction/isolation, and analysis. They are currently being investigated because of reported detections in surface waters, waste water effluent and sediments, and associated biological activity. It is thus important to have a consensus between research groups regarding strengths and weaknesses of various analytical approaches. In order to best evaluate the effects of pyrethroids at low concentrations, methods which are sensitive, specific, rugged, and reproducible are necessary, especially for challenging matrices (e.g., sediment and sludge). Although water is often considered an easier matrix, very low water solubilities, and the tendency to adhere to surfaces, present sampling, and analytical challenges. The presentation will discuss different extraction/cleanup methods and instrumental approaches, with recommendation of basic analytical procedures meeting the desired criteria of high sensitivity/specificity, plus ruggedness/reproducibility. The talk will address opportunities for collaboration in the further development of recommended methodologies.

Improved LC-MS/MS analysis of dicamba and its major metabolites in soy and cotton matrices

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Early dicamba residue methods involved the use of hazardous methylating reagents to derivatize and convert metabolites to common chemophores for GC-ECD analysis. New methodologies developed at Monsanto avoided derivatization and, through acid hydrolysis, allowed for dicamba residues to be quantitated by direct analysis of dicamba, 5-hydroxydicamba, 3,6-dichlorosalicylic acid (DSCA) and 3,6-dichlorogentisic acid (DCGA) using LC-MS/MS. A significant degree of manual labor was still required for sample processing and cleanup which limited sample throughput and was more susceptible to human error. Further improvements to the methodology were
gained through more rigorous sample milling and homogenization which allowed for the procedure to be scaled down and processed in a more uniform automated format. These and other modifications led to a 3-fold increase in sample throughput with less manual-related effort as well as reductions in cost associated with materials and waste. Additionally, decreases in overall chromatographic run time have further increased the net method throughput.

**AGRO 14**

**Analytical issues with ion suppression and enhancement in the quantitative analysis of small molecules in various matrices**

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The use of LC in tandem with MS/MS continues to be a powerful tool in the quantitative analysis of pesticides and other small molecules. The much higher selectivity gained with this tool vis-a-vis LC/UV and GC approaches has allowed method development, validation, and analysis times to be dramatically reduced. Although the detection technique is extremely selective, substances present in the sample extract, while eluting unseen by the detector, can create mischief in the ionization source. These types of interferences, e.g., phospholipids, can lead to irreproducible results which can go undetected during method validation. Approaches to determining matrix effects will be discussed. Examples of suppression/enhancement will be presented along with possible analytical solutions including the use of stable-label isotopes.

**AGRO 15**

**LC/MS/MS, GC/MS, and GC/MS/MS methods for the analysis of pesticides and their degradation products in air and water samples**

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New developments in LC/MS/MS, GC/MS, and GC/MS/MS methods for the analysis of a range of pesticides in air and water samples will be presented. Analytical methods have been developed for specific chemical classes of pesticides. Pesticides include organochlorines (OCs), organophosphorus pesticides (OPs), phenoxyacid herbicides, N-trihalomethyl fungicides, carbamates, phenylureas, triazoles, sulfonylureas, and other selected pesticides. The new LC/MS/MS methods have been developed to analyze pesticide active ingredients and their degradation products simultaneously for chemical classes including OPs, phenoxyacid herbicides, carbamates, and triazoles. New LC columns, mobile phase composition, and post-column reagent addition to improve selectivity of separation or MS sensitivity will be discussed. GC/MS methods also include use of large-volume, cold, on-column injection and PTV dirty matrix injection. Selected samples taken from air and water will be presented to illustrate capabilities of the various methods.

**AGRO 16**

**High throughput analysis of glyphosate and aminomethylphosphonic acid in raw agricultural commodities**

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The direct quantitation of glyphosate, a non-selective herbicide, and its main degradation product aminomethylphosphonic acid (AMPA) in various raw agricultural commodities (RACs) has been complicated by the ionic nature of these analytes, the lack of sensitive and detectable structural moieties, and their propensity to interact strongly with stainless steel surfaces. Most analytical procedures involve derivatization and extensive sample cleanup. A simplified LC-MS/MS method has been developed that overcomes or minimizes many of these challenges while dramatically increasing sample preparation throughput. The optimization of sample homogenization was identified as a key component to enabling the scale-down of extraction and processing. The utilization of phosphoric acid as a sample extraction modifier was found to have supplemental benefits in minimizing the interactions with stainless steel surfaces that broaden peaks, increase tailing, and can affect injection carryover. This new methodology is capable of measuring undervatizated glyphosate and AMPA down to 0.05 ppm in RAC samples.

**AGRO 17**

**Aquatic exposure modelling for exposure assessment in support of the regulation of pest control products in the Canada**

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Estimating concentrations of pesticides in water bodies is an integral part of the risk assessment process conducted by the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA). The PMRA has developed an approach for estimating pesticide concentrations in relationship to proposed and registered pesticide application practices across Canada. Pesticide concentrations in surface water and groundwater are estimated over a multi-year period for a series of agricultural scenarios that are typical of the major crop-growing areas in Canada utilizing regional meteorological data, characterisation of soils and crops, and chemistry and environmental fate data identified or calculated within the PMRA review process. For surface water, PMRA uses the linked models, PRZM (Pesticide Root Zone Model) and EXAMS (Exposure Analysis Modelling System) and for groundwater, PMRA uses the Leaching Estimation and Chemistry Model (LEACHM) model. These estimates are used to assess risks to human health and the environment in the context of regulatory decisions.
AGRO 18

Spatially distributed pesticide exposure assessments in the Central Valley, California

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A series of modeling studies have been conducted to evaluate the exposure and risk of organophosphate pesticides (OPs) in California’s Central Valley, one of the most productive areas in the world. Spatiotemporal variability of pesticide distributions at both field and water scales are investigated with regards to their potential impacts on aquatic ecosystem and human health. Results provide strong evidences that surface runoff generation and pesticide application timing are the two influencing factors on the variability of OP sources from agricultural fields. By incorporating management-oriented sensitivity analysis, modeling results recommend structural best management practices for reducing soil erosion and sediment-transport capacity to be implemented in the study area. The resulting model is also used to assess the impact of climate change and to quantify the response of pesticide runoff on the variations of CO2 concentration, temperature, and precipitation. The developed modeling framework is anticipated to facilitate watershed management and pesticide mitigation.

AGRO 19

Exploring approaches to Pesticide Aquatic Ecological Exposure Assessment: Issues in evaluating risk across the national landscape

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The EPA Office of Pesticide Programs typically uses one or a few Pesticide Root Zone Model (PRZM) surrogate cropping scenarios to represent aquatic exposure for ecological risk assessment. Each surrogate scenario is used to represent all of the other sites on which a specific pesticide treated crop is grown. New modeling techniques will soon allow simulating most of the national agricultural landscape, possibly grown. New modeling techniques will soon allow simulating most of the national agricultural landscape, possibly incorporating management-oriented sensitivity analysis, modeling results recommend structural best management practices for reducing soil erosion and sediment-transport capacity to be implemented in the study area. The resulting model is also used to assess the impact of climate change and to quantify the response of pesticide runoff on the variations of CO2 concentration, temperature, and precipitation. The developed modeling framework is anticipated to facilitate watershed management and pesticide mitigation.

AGRO 20

Evaluation and refinements to Tier 2 US EPA drinking water risk assessments: Methods to improve modeling scenarios

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Evaluation of crop protection products for US registration requires the use of a standard modeling process that combines information about the environmental fate, anticipated use patterns, and toxicological data of a product. Implementing the modeling tools within the standard set of shells, while adequate for many products, may lead to assumptions that do not match the reality of actual use patterns for some products. Common short-comings can be overcome using the core models in their native forms and custom tools that allow refinements within the US EPA Tier 2 modeling framework. Methods to address multiple crop seasons and mixed application methods currently not available in the standard tools will be reviewed. In drinking water assessments, methods to address mixed major and minor crop can be shown to represent the mixed application dates and methods associated with minor crops in the United States.

AGRO 21

Meta-modeling of the pesticide fate model PRZM for aquatic risk assessment

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A simple use-exposure relationship is developed based on regression analysis of stochastic simulation results generated from the Pesticide Root-Zone Model (PRZM). The developed mathematical relationship estimates edge-of-field pesticide exposures from aerobic soil metabolism half-life, organic carbon-normalized soil sorption coefficient, and application rate. In a case study of California crop scenarios, the relationships explained 90 - 95% of the variances as predicted by PRZM simulations for a 30-year period. KOC was identified as the governing parameter in determining the relative magnitudes of pesticide exposures. The effects of chemical fate processes, such as partitioning and degradation, on pesticide exposure were similar among crop scenarios, while the cross-scenario variations were mainly associated with the landscape characteristics, such as organic carbon contents and curve numbers. With a minimum set of input data, the use-exposure relationships proposed in this study could be used in screening procedures for potential water quality impacts from the off-site movement of pesticides.
AGRO 22

Use of modeling and monitoring in pesticide exposure assessments in a regulatory context

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In the pesticide registration process, regulatory agencies typically rely on models to predict aquatic exposure informed by pesticide property and environmental fate data required for product registration. Monitoring data may be used to inform exposure assessments further, or the data may be used to evaluate, refine, or change predictive models. Accurate model prediction of exposure from ground or surface water sources in a regulatory context is complicated by the need to be conservative (protective) while dealing with uncertainties about future usage trends, local environmental factors, and multiple risk prevention goals. Use of monitoring data may be constrained by practical limits to sampling diversity and intensity and to the collection of contextual data crucial to interpretation of the significance of the sampling results. Examples of the dynamics of the use of monitoring and modeling results for risk assessments will be discussed.

AGRO 23

Prioritizing research and regulatory initiatives to minimize pesticide impacts on threatened and endangered species in California’s Central Valley

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An ecological risk assessment was performed for California’s Central Valley to rank the relative risk potential for pesticides to impact threatened or endangered species. The study utilized monitoring data, simulation modeling, and GIS to address the temporal and spatial co-occurrence of forty widely-used herbicides, fungicides, and insecticides to twelve aquatic and semi-aquatic species, including several species of Chinook salmon (Oncorhynchus tshawytscha), Central Valley steelhead (O. mykiss), southern North American green sturgeon (Acipenser medirostris), Delta smelt (Hypomesus transpacificus), striped bass (Morone saxatilis), San Francisco longfin smelt (Spirinchus thaleichthys), threadfin shad (Dorosoma petenense), California red-legged frog (Rana draytonii), and the California freshwater shrimp. Results are being used to improve decision making and to optimize resource spending across a number of federal, state, and regional water quality programs. The results can be used to identify and to rank areas of highest risk, to aid in placement of BMPs, and to support current and future monitoring programs, specifically strategic placement of sampling locations and frequency.

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Aquatic exposure modeling for registration of crop protection products in the European Union

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The regulatory requirements for performing aquatic exposure modeling for European Union and Member State approvals of crop protection products are well-defined. Nevertheless, the regulatory framework continues to evolve due to the adoption of newer scientific advances and increasingly stringent risk assessments. In this presentation, several key aspects of aquatic exposure modeling performed to register and to support crop protection products in the European Union for Annex I inclusion will be discussed. In particular, the various models and modeling frameworks used for Annex I inclusion will be examined. Mitigation options and strategies for reducing exposure via the entry routes spray drift and run-off will be explored, in conjunction with label language that can be used to support these various mitigation options.

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Evolving strategies in insecticide discovery: A career perspective

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The strategies associated with the discovery of new insecticides have evolved over time. A constant theme has been the search for new leads through a variety of processes including traditional knowledge-based approaches as well as random screening in low and high volume screens, natural products, site-of-action assays, combinatorial chemistry, and other high volume chemistry sources. An evident result is that the application of synthetic organic chemistry and evolving synthetic methods have played a large role in the discovery process in combination with fundamental knowledge of agricultural chemistry and bioactivity principles. Specific current and historical examples relating to the discovery of new insecticides along with these evolving strategies will be discussed.
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Diamide insecticides: New heterocyclic anthranilic derivatives

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The anthranilic diamides, a new class of insecticides, are activators of the ryanodine receptors (Ca channels). They have excellent toxicity and ecotoxicity profiles due to specific interaction with insect receptors. Novel anthranilamides were prepared based on pharmacophore analysis. They have excellent in vitro activity and have showed a broad insecticidal spectrum in vivo, controlling lepidopteran, coleopteran, and hemipteran pests at low concentrations. The synthesis of heterocyclic anthranilic analogues and of sulfoximine derivatives will be presented as well as structure/activity trends.

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Design, synthesis, and properties of acyclic spiroindoline insecticides

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Spiroindolines are a recently discovered class of insecticides which originated from a weak screening hit. A initial optimization program led to the discovery of SYN876, a new exploratory insecticide for the control of lepidoptera. This talk will review the evolution of this area and focus specifically on the design, synthesis, insecticidal activity, and structure-activity trends of acyclic analogues of SYN876. This work resulted in the identification of SYN380 – a compound with improved activity against lepidopteran pests.

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Benzisothiazoles: A versatile source for new insecticide leads

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1,2-Benzisothiazoles have been known as useful scaffolds in the field of crop protection for several years. A number of herbicide patents based on this structural element have been published. Recently it has been shown that 3-acetylamino-1,2-benzisothiazoles have the potential as insecticides for foliar and seed treatment use. However, the pest spectrum of these derivatives seemed to be limited to aphid species. Further evaluation of the benzisothiazole chemistry led to the discovery of novel structure types which offer a broader scope of insecticidal activity. This shift in spectrum could be attributed to a different mode of action of the new analogs. Synthesis, biology, and structure-activity relationships of insecticidal 1,2-benzisothiazoles will be presented herein.

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Managing lands to retain and sustain biodiversity

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NatureServe provides the scientific basis for effective conservation action, enabling more informed management of species, lands, and natural resources. Our vision is to help people recognize and value the importance of biodiversity. For well over thirty years, NatureServe, along with its network of natural heritage programs throughout the western hemisphere, has tracked the health of rare and endangered species and ecosystems; we are seen as leaders in the area of conservation planning, ecosystem mapping, and watershed assessments. Our tools and expertise can be employed to help manage natural, agricultural, and forest lands for the highest biodiversity possible. Current activities include working with state and federal transportation agencies to plan for more effective and cost-efficient mitigation and with the forestry industry for sustainable certification of wood products. Better management of all lands can result in sustained health of our natural heritage which supports prosperous human communities for the benefit of current and future generations.

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Strategies for minimizing unintended effects of pesticides on biodiversity

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Pesticide use is directed by the Federal label for a variety of agricultural and non-agricultural applications. To protect local, sensitive habitats or consider special local conditions, use of pesticides in agricultural settings is occasionally affected or further evaluated by state and local programs, and use in non-agricultural settings is often directly controlled by additional layers of regulation. Non-agricultural sites consist primarily of utility and other rights-of-way, e.g., roads, pipelines, industrial facilities, and railroads. To examine these strategies for further mitigation, local considerations involving diuron use or assessment will be examined. Separate from label requirements, certain limits exist on diuron usage at the Federal, state, county, and local levels, plus temporary limitations on diuron usage resulting from court orders and injunctions. Illustrations will show how the added regulatory programs address the local landscape and unique local programs.
Using herbicides to promote native plant communities

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Invasive weeds are aggressive and displace native plants, especially forbs and shrubs. Herbicides decrease abundance of invasive weeds but concerns over disruption of native biodiversity sometimes preclude their use. In an experiment conducted in the foothills along Colorado’s Front Range with aminocyclopyrachlor applied in late spring at 35, 70, and 140 g ha⁻¹, results showed that native forb and shrub richness decreased 22 to 44% and 33 to 75%, respectively. Cool- and warm-season grass richness did not change, although warm-season grass abundance increased up to 227%. In another experiment where aminocyclopyrachlor was used to decrease Russian knapweed (Acroptilon repens) abundance, 15 of 16 seeded native forbs, shrubs, and grasses successfully established compared to three species in non-treated control plots. These data show that herbicides can be used to decrease invasive weed abundance while providing native plant communities with an opportunity over time to recover and to conserve native biodiversity.

Indirect effects of forest herbicides on wildlife: A literature review

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Direct effects of contemporary herbicides on non-target biota are well documented. Comparatively little information exists on indirect effects on wildlife and their habitats. Our literature review indicated that: 1) general vegetation structure recovers ≤ 3 years following treatment, 2) generalized statements about wildlife response are inappropriate because vegetation and wildlife responses are site-, species-, and herbicide formulation-specific, 3) wildlife may be affected by altering forage species, 4) rate and extent of wildlife community response is implicitly linked to vegetation community dynamics, and 5) multiple vegetation control treatments may have greater indirect effects than single treatments. Information needs include: 1) long-term monitoring of biotic communities at multiple scales, 2) effects of herbicides (at field application rates) on habitats of sensitive wildlife taxa, 3) interactive effects of multiple and other silvicultural treatments, and 4) environmental effects (potentially synergistic) of evolving formulations, tank mixes, adjuvants, and surfactants.

Biodiversity and landscape management in and around banana plantations in the humid tropics of Latin America

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Bananas are the world’s fourth most-valuable food crop with about 90% grown in tropical regions. Bananas, more than most agricultural crops, are affected by pests and diseases that require chemical control. The most important disease is Black Sigatoka (Mycosphaerella fijiensis) and requires about 20 - 40 aerial applications of fungicide each year. In addition, there are significant pesticide programs to manage weeds and nematodes. The history of banana cultivation is also controversial with respect to rainforest and its fragmentation. Syngenta funded work to support the banana industry in Latin America by an evaluation of biodiversity in banana plantations in Costa Rica and on the diversity and productivity of birds in rainforest fragments surrounding the plantations with the aim of producing management recommendations to growers. Much of the biodiversity in these plantations is associated with a network of channels draining the plantations into the river system. Some growers have planted indigenous species along these channels to improve bank integrity and biodiversity and to intercept fungicide. In the Syngenta study, litter degradation and invertebrate fauna associated with the degradation of banana plants were measured. Forest margins and adjacent rainforest fragments were censused for birds, and capture and colour marking were used to measure diversity and age structure of bird populations. Juvenile birds of most species were caught indicating these margins and fragments were breeding (source) habitats for many species. Soil respiration and banana plant litter degradation were active through the combination of microorganisms and a fauna of detritivores and associated predators including ants, spiders, lizards, and amphibians. Intelligent management in plantations through planting along canals and rivers with a view to improving connectivity is likely to improve biodiversity and help sustain many of the existing populations. The presentation with provide evidence and illustrate the findings and recommendations.

Use of aquatic herbicides to enhance biological diversity in natural and managed ecosystems

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While much attention is placed on the risks and negative impacts of pesticide use on biodiversity, the alternative outcome of beneficial effects on ecosystems must also be considered. One emerging benefit is a method of herbicide application being used to control invasive plants selectively in natural and managed aquatic ecosystems. This species-selective approach can greatly reduce invasive plant populations, while allowing valuable native vegetation to thrive. Herbicide selectivity is driven by chemistry mode-of-action, application rate and techniques, and timing of treatments. For submersed plant control, herbicide-specific aqueous concentration and exposure time relationships are linked to phenological events of target and non-target
plants, matching this information with site-specific water exchange processes, and application technologies. When this prescriptive treatment approach is employed in the field, successful and selective control of invasive plants has been demonstrated – enhancing fish and wildlife habitat and overall biological diversity. In addition, habitat for endangered and threatened species has been improved and preserved using this operational strategy.

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Overview of issues in aquatic exposure modeling in the US EPA Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Fate and Effects Division (EFED)

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In the globalized pesticide regulatory environment in which we increasingly find ourselves, we see that not only are there new challenges but even more there are new opportunities. We in the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs Environmental Fate and Effects Division (EFED) are exploring how we might use the newly available technologies and capabilities to meet the challenges of evolving international public policy in the arena of regulation of pesticides. As an organization, we need to continue to assure that both new and currently-registered pesticides continue to meet the statutory standard of no unreasonable adverse effects to human health and to the environment and to confirm that pesticidal products in the marketplace can be used safely. This talk describes how we see these new and evolving challenges and as well as the increasing opportunities and explores our possible responses to them.

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Integrating regulatory risk assessments, risk management, and best management practices to achieve the water quality objectives of the European Union: A long term initiative of the European Crop Protection Association (ECPA)

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The thematic strategy on the sustainable use of pesticides was adopted in 2006. ECPA considers this strategy and, together with the associated water framework directive, requires industry and regulators to develop an integrated approach to aquatic risk assessment, management, and promotion of best farming practices. A component of this initiative is to develop measures to reduce the potential for contamination of surface waters from diffuse sources, which can be implemented in regulatory decision making and become the basis for best management practices. The key drivers for evaluating the effectiveness of vegetative buffer strips have been integrated into the model VFSMOD-W. Scenarios and a tool to integrate into European surface water exposure methods used in aquatic risk assessments are in development. Existing spray drift reduction technology measures have been summarized in a database in order to broaden the adoption of these technologies in risk assessments and in practice throughout the region.

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Effects of input uncertainty on VFSMOD modeling of water, sediment, and pesticide trapping by vegetative filter strips

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The Vegetative Filter Strip Model (VFSMOD) has shown promise as a tool for predicting the effectiveness of VFSs at reducing pesticides entering surface waters. Careful identification of sensitive and uncertain model input parameters is vital for establishing its standardized use in exposure risk assessments. In this study, a series of VFSMOD simulations were made to analyze the effects of input parameter uncertainty on predicted pesticide reduction efficiency. EPA PRZM/EXAMS model standard scenario simulations provided the daily runoff and sediment load inputs to VFSMOD. Two hypothetical pesticides with different mobility characteristics were analyzed, and the uncertainty of the sub-daily distribution of rainfall and runoff inputs, incoming sediment clay content, and vertical saturated conductivity was assessed. Our results highlight the variability in pesticide reduction efficiency due to input parameter uncertainty and provide suggestions on how to address these issues so as to enable the effective use of this model in exposure assessments.

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Effectiveness of buffers installed at targeted critical drainage areas in Minnesota

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A paired watershed study is being conducted in Minnesota to assess the effectiveness of semi-circular 30-foot grass buffers, installed around critical drainage points from corn and soybean fields, in reducing herbicide residues, sediment, and nutrients in runoff water. These buffers are a voluntary Best Management Practice (BMP) recommended by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA). Previous research conducted by the University of Minnesota for the MDA using digital terrain analysis and SWAT modeling indicated that critical surface drainage points could be identified and that pollution reduction per land area placed in BMPs can be maximized. The study includes a single, yearly pre-emergent application of herbicide at a reduced rate (another Minnesota BMP) and measurement of rainfall, runoff flow, herbicide residue, sediment, and nutrients. Runoff events in 2010 yielded a strong statistical calibration between study watersheds. During the 2011 and 2012 field seasons, data will be collected to determine the effectiveness of this BMP.
Quantifying trapping efficiency of vegetative filter strips for pesticide registration

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Vegetated filter strips (VFS) are often mandated for use of pesticides that do not pass higher-level environmental risk assessments. However, VFS performance in reducing pesticide loading with runoff water is not considered in risk assessments. This has been due to the lack of predictive tools that can explain the wide range of field-reported efficacies. Recently, a pesticide trapping equation has been linked with a numerical simulation model (VFSMOD) which is capable of predicting both runoff reduction (i.e., infiltration) and sediment trapping. The integrated model, called VFSMOD-W, is capable of simulating hydrology, sediment transport, and pesticide trapping through VFS in numerous hydrologic settings. Tools to integrate VFSMOD-W within current regulatory exposure assessments were developed, and strategies for adoption of the technology by regulators in the US and Europe are being pursued. Using two US EPA scenarios, this research demonstrates the influence of VFS on acute and chronic aquatic exposure concentrations of various pesticides including those with varying application dates, high and low organic-carbon sorption coefficients, and soil and water degradation rates.

Key environmental and physicochemical parameters influencing PRZM-GW predicted groundwater concentrations

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency in collaboration with Canada’s Pest Management Regulatory Agency has developed a draft Tier II modeling approach to predict pesticide transport to groundwater. This approach uses a modified version of the Pesticide Root Zone Model (PRZM) to predict groundwater concentrations (PRZM-GW) at a desired depth. To date, limited research has been undertaken regarding the sensitivity of PRZM-GW inputs on predicted pesticide concentrations in groundwater. This presentation provides a summary of PRZM-GW simulations and compares the influence of multiple environmental variables and physicochemical characteristics of the modeled pesticide on predicted groundwater concentrations. Key parameters accounting for variability in groundwater predictions were hydrolysis half-life, soil field capacity, and rainfall. The effect of simulation time was explored by extending the weather file to 100 years (increased from the standard 30 years) which allowed chemicals with high retardation factors (e.g., $K_r$) to reach the aquifer.

Estimation of reliable degradation kinetics parameters for complex metabolite pathways

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The degradation of chemicals in soil resulting in complex metabolite pathways have been encountered in recent studies. Representation of extended pathways with up to five metabolites in series and more than ten metabolites in total present numerous challenges. These may be increased because of constraints driven by minor occurrence / transience or emergence later in studies with consequently limited decline phases. Additonal challenges include cases when metabolites transform into their precursors. Under such circumstances the estimation of reliable or statistically significant degradation rates and formation fractions of metabolites for such complex degradation pathways, using the EU FOCUS guidelines has proved challenging. A step-wise degradation kinetics approach using mini-pathway studies for a metabolite and metabolite applied as parent studies have been used for estimation of reliable metabolite parameters as a means of addressing kinetic uncertainties. Other suggested approaches that are being tested include Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) method and Iteratively Rewighted Least Squares (IRLS) method.

Method for temporal analysis of exposure to residues of concern for a parent compound and degradates

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Exposure characterization conducted in support of pesticide regulatory decisions typically provides a quantitative analysis of the critical environmental fate and transport properties of the pesticide active ingredient. However, there are situations where metabolites occur in substantial amounts and/or are of substantial toxicological concern. In order to consider the temporal aspect of degradeate(s) formation, a spreadsheet post processing method is devised to calculate Estimated Environmental Concentrations (EECs) for acute or chronic exposure from multiple Pesticide Root Zone Model / Exposure Analysis Modeling System runs. Specific methods will be discussed.
Tribal pesticide enforcement in the inland Northwest: Circuit rider approach

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Since 1978, some federally recognized Indian Tribes have carried out pesticide enforcement programs under the Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, in cooperation with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). More recently, the implementation of FIFRA circuit rider programs for tribes has provided a unique arrangement to pesticide enforcement where a multi-tribal approach is feasible. The Coeur d’Alene Tribe’s pesticide enforcement program progressed from a single tribe program, starting in 1992, to a circuit rider program covering six tribes in northern Idaho and eastern Washington. An overview is presented on inspections and investigations conducted, as well as EPA case review/enforcement actions resulting from pesticide misuse across all participating circuit rider reservations.

Analytical snapshot of agrochemicals associated with marijuana grow operations on the Colville Indian Reservation, Washington

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In 2009, law enforcement agencies conducted raids on marijuana grow operation (MGO) sites within the Colville Indian Reservation (CIR). Cumulative capacity of the MGOs totaled ~21,000 plants. Tribal Police led field visits to six MGO sites where soil samples were obtained from areas of intense cultivation and refuse pits. Laboratory results documented azinphos methyl (AZM) in soil at concentrations significantly less than relevant cleanup standards and guidelines. AZM is a common organophosphate banned or phased out by US EPA on many food crops in Washington State, although it is registered for use on select crops and can be legally purchased. AZM is toxic to humans, birds, freshwater fish, and aquatic invertebrates. AZM breaks down quickly in the environment with studies citing AZM half-life of 2 - 5 days and ~90% AZM decomposition in soil within 30 days. An estimated 3 to 6 months transpired between AZM application and analysis.

Pesticide application notification systems

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Pesticide applications on tribal lands often go unnoticed and unregulated because of the lack of environmental program capacity to oversee and to monitor applications, and to conduct use inspections as part of a tribal or federal pesticide inspection program. Several tribes in Arizona have implemented a pre-application notification system that is not a general permit system, but functions like a notice of intent where the applicator files a written notice with the appropriate office including information on date of application, crop, harvest date, target pest, specific location, restricted entry interval, method of application, product, EPA registration number, active ingredient, rate, dilution, and total volume. Notice is also given for non-agricultural applications. Similar systems already exist in the States of Arizona and California. Notices allow tribes to collect information on pesticide applications, to monitor the use of restricted use pesticides (RUPs), and to use these notices to target inspections when and if necessary. Collecting the information electronically via a web interface allows collation and filtering of the data on the backend in a user-friendly, spreadsheet interface.

Agricultural pesticide impacts on the health and culture of Maine’s Native Americans

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The State of Maine is home to five federally recognized Tribes who have relied for millennia upon Maine’s abundant natural resources. For each of the Tribes, Tribal culture is inextricably linked to these resources, including the food, spiritual, medicinal, and recreational resources that are derived from the natural resources. However, chemical and pesticide impacts are affecting the ability of Maine’s Tribes to practice their ancient cultures. In particular, both historic and contemporary pesticide-use in Maine is adversely affecting Tribal resources. DDT and its metabolites continue to bioaccumulate in fish, and herbicide applications have resulted in recent fish kills. These impacts and others have been exasperated by recent unusual climatological phenomena and could potentially be expected to increase in severity if additional climatological perturbations are observed. Along with discussing these specific impacts on Maine’s Native Americans, other cultural factors that result in unique pesticide exposures and health risks will be discussed.

Pesticides and the impact on traditional basketry

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Native plants that are used for weaving traditional native baskets are sometimes exposed to pesticides that are sprayed over forests and fields and along rural highways. Basket weavers are not always aware if toxic sprays were used near the native plants that will be gathered. Most of the native plants that are gathered are not growing in special native gardens but in the vast forests and other open spaces either public or private. Native Plants will grow near golf courses and along rural roads, and these are areas that are usually sprayed more frequently. Educating the weavers and gatherers is an ongoing process with the California Indian Basketweavers Association (CIBA). Basket weavers use their mouth as a third hand while weaving and even though the material may have been washed before using sometimes this is not sufficient and the chemicals may be harmful to the weaver. CIBA has worked with the Tribal Pesticide Program Council and the US Environmental Protection Agency on a pamphlet explaining the dangers of pesticides and other toxic sprays while gathering.
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Pesticide impacts on culturally-significant plants

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The Salish-Pend d’Oreille Tribes of the Flathead Reservation seeks to preserve, protect, and perpetuate the living culture and traditional ways of life of our people. Bitterroot, camas, and other traditional food plants along with medicinal plants are being subjected to pesticide exposure on range land where they are found and harvested. Noxious weed infestations are contributing to a decline in the abundance of cultural plants such as camas and bitterroot. Land managers are increasing the use of herbicides to suppress the spread of noxious weeds and preserve remnant native species and other desirable plants. Tordon, Escort, and Transline herbicides are used on an annual basis to control spotted knapweed and other noxious weeds on sites that were traditionally and continue to be used by implementing the diets and cultural ways of native people.

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Progress toward control of Eurasian watermilfoil and an invasive hybrid milfoil in Coeur d’Alene Lake Tribal Waters by the Coeur d’Alene Tribe

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Eurasian milfoil (Myriophyllum spicatum) was first documented in Coeur d’Alene Lake, Idaho in 2004 through aquatic vegetation survey efforts of the Coeur d’Alene Tribe. In 2006, the Tribe began an integrated program of milfoil surveys, control treatments, and related water monitoring. Under this program, diver and rake surveys coupled with GIS mapping provided guidance for herbicide, diver dredging, diver hand removal, and bottom barrier treatments from 2006 through 2010. Modifications in treatment (especially herbicide application) protocols were made during these years to try to overcome low efficacies in some areas. The net results of various treatments over almost 2,000 acres of Tribal waters was the overall reduction in density of the milfoil infestation but an increase in the distribution of the weed. Protection and testing of the culturally important wetland plant Water Potato (Sagittaria latifolia) was an important aspect of this work.

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Pesticide applications near well heads

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Many tribal communities utilize land for agricultural lease and development and for developing home sites on these allotted lands. Agricultural uses can include pesticide applications in close proximity to a community’s or homeowner’s well head, usually the primary source for drinking water. Groundwater protection and aquifer protection programs are not often in place in tribal communities; although, access to clean water is of primary importance to these peoples. Cultivating awareness with community outreach to growers and applicators is the first step in protection development.

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Integrated pest management on tribal lands

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Several Tribal pesticide programs are implementing integrated pest management (IPM) programs based on community values and techniques inherent within their people and communities, and by working within a network that includes members of the Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC) and regional IPM centers. These pesticide program specialists have conducted outreach and needs assessments and have organized pilot trainings and practicums. Programs are now being developed to utilize tribal personnel to teach IPM practices to students, school, and facility personnel, and to involve the tribal community, farmers, and land managers in the processes on Tribal lands by using natural processes and monitoring focused on long-term prevention.

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Insecticide runoff from urban hard surfaces during simulated and natural rainfalls

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Intensive urban insecticide use has resulted in their offsite transport through irrigation/rainfall-induced runoff and in contamination of urban waterway. However, the runoff patterns of insecticides from residential areas are not well understood, and factors influencing their runoff potential are not clearly characterized. In this study, runoff potentials of fipronil and pyrethroids in professional formulations from concrete were measured following simulated precipitations or natural rainfall events. All insecticides displayed an initial rapid decrease in pesticide runoff potential, with less than 5% of the applied amount was detected in the 1-d runoff. However, after 89-d outdoor exposure and 4-time repeated wash-off, insecticide residues were still detectable in the runoff water, indicating their extended persistence on concrete and sustained transferability. The long insecticide persistence on concrete was also evident from occurrence of pesticides in runoff generated by winter rain events. Insecticides were detected in the rain runoff after 7 months from pesticide treatment.
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Degradation of saflufenacil as affected by moisture content and soil characteristics

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**Environmental fate of the transgenic insecticidal protein Cry1Ab in water within a Bt maize agricultural ecosystem**

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The wide presence of pharmaceuticals in the aquatic environment has become a growing concern due to undesirable biological effects and continuous release. While traditional wastewater treatment methods are not designed specifically for treating such compounds, advanced oxidation technology has gained interest as a good candidate. Decomposition of pharmaceuticals (ciprofloxacin, sulfamethazine, and carbamazepine) was studied in aqueous solution at room temperature using several mixed valent manganese oxides. These oxides belong to a family of porous manganese oxides with a cryptomelane-type structure. Two transition metals, vanadium and molybdenum, were used to dope the manganese oxides to increase their activity. Different sources of strong oxidants, t-butyl peroxyde and persulfate, were used to develop an efficient treatment system. Effects of solution conditions such as pH and cations on the degradation process were investigated. Structures of these manganese oxides were characterized by XRD, FTIR, and Raman spectroscopy. All results will be discussed.

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Environmental fate of the transgenic insecticidal protein Cry1Ab in water within a Bt maize agricultural ecosystem

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Fate of transgenic, insecticidal proteins in the environment is a relatively new scientific endeavor. The goal of this project was to investigate the fate of Cry1Ab proteins in water within a transgenic-maize agroecosystem. We measured concentrations of Cry1Ab in runoff water, soil pore water, and groundwater within a 36.4 ha area divided into separate non-Bt and Bt fields at several time points during the growing season. A method detection limit (MDL) of 3.2 ng/L was achieved using a centrifugal filter device and ELISA plates. Thirty-six of 54 runoff samples, six of 63 soil pore water samples, and five of 20 groundwater samples had detectable Cry1Ab concentrations. Concentrations of Cry1Ab decreased over time in the runoff water from 11.7 ng/L in June to 5.8 ng/L in September. This experiment will continue over the next two years to increase the understanding of the fate of this protein in the environment.

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**Oxidation of bisphenol F (BPF) by manganese dioxide**

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Bisphenol F (BPF), an environmental estrogen, is used as a monomer in plastic industry and its environmental fate and decontamination is an emerging concern. This study focused on the kinetics, influencing factors, and pathways of its oxidation by MnO₂. At pH 5.5, about 90% of BPF was oxidized in 20 min in a solution containing 100 μM MnO₂ and 4.4 μM BPF. The reaction was pH dependent, following an order of pH 4.5 > pH 5.5 > pH 8.6 > pH 7.5 > pH 6.5 > pH 9.6. Humic acids inhibited the reaction at low (≤ 5.5) and
high pH (≥ 8.6) at high concentrations. In addition, metal ions and anions also suppressed the reaction, following the order Mn²⁺ > Ca²⁺ > Mg²⁺ > Na⁺ and HPO₄²⁻ > SO₄²⁻. A total of 5 reaction intermediates were identified from which a tentative pathway was proposed.

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Assessing bioavailability and toxicity of permethrin and p,p'-DDT in sediment using matrix solid phase microextraction

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Matrix solid phase microextraction (SPME) was evaluated as a surrogate to estimate bioavailability and toxicity of permethrin and p,p'-DDT in laboratory-spiked sediments. Sediments were incubated for 7, 28, and 90 d at room temperature to characterize the effect of sequestration on toxicity and bioavailability. Ten-day sediment toxicity was determined by exposing two freshwater invertebrates, the midge Chironomus dilutus and the amphipod Hyalella azteca. Disposable polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS) fibers were simultaneously exposed with organisms via direct burial within the sediment, to absorb the freely dissolved pesticides in porewater. The fiber concentrations were measured at the end of the exposure and after attaining equilibrium. The study showed a good correlation between uptake of pesticides in the organisms and SPME fibers in sediments. The fiber concentrations for both pesticides substantially decreased with sequestration time. Matrix-SPME mimics bioaccumulation of organisms and enables estimation of body residues and prediction of sediment toxicity.

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Development of an in vitro method to determine the bioavailability of xenoestrogens in soil

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Biosolids applied to agricultural fields, parks, and other areas represent significant sources of the estrogen-like endocrine-disrupting compound (EEDC) inputs to soil. It is important to determine EEDC bioavailability in soil in order to conduct risk assessments concerning their presence in the environment. The development of an in vitro bioavailability method that is as effective as a traditional in vivo method and that accurately describes the effective estrogenicity of the soil will decrease time, expenses, and use of solvents in future analyses. In this research, a thin-film solid phase microextraction method for determining the bioavailability of EEDCs detected in biosolids was developed and compared with one employing the terrestrial organism Eisenia fetida. The efficacy of SPME to predict the bioavailability of EEDCs in soil will be discussed. Future research will focus on the effects of EEDC mixtures on bioavailability and estrogenicity, the latter being quantified with a fluorescent polarization competitive binding assay.

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Effect of exposure method on SPME-based bioavailability estimates for hydrophobic compounds

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The ability of polydimethylsiloxane-coated solid-phase microextraction (SPME) fibers to predict bioavailability has been well documented. However, factors such as exposure regimen could affect fiber concentrations. Therefore, the objective of this study was to examine the effects of exposure method on SPME fiber concentrations of permethrin and DDE. The SPME fibers were placed in laboratory-spiked sediment under four conditions. For each treatment, the time for the fiber to reach 90% of equilibrium, the concentration on the fiber at equilibrium, fiber uptake and desorption rates were calculated. These estimates were affected by exposure treatment. This difference between estimates could affect the accuracy of bioavailability estimates and limit comparability among data sets. It also demonstrates that animals may influence their own exposure conditions. This is further evidence that a standardized SPME technique is necessary. However, the impact of these differences on tissue residue predictions requires further consideration.

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Predicting the toxicity of permethrin to Daphnia magna in water using SPME fibers

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The current study examined the potential use of solid-phase microextraction (SPME) fibers to predict the toxicity of permethrin to Daphnia magna across various water sources including a laboratory reconstituted water, two natural waters, and a modified natural water. Water source strongly affected the toxicity of permethrin as well as the concentration response relationships. While permethrin concentrations in the water could predict toxicity to D. magna for individual water sources, there was no relationship between permethrin concentrations among water sources and mortality. This indicates that subtle differences in suspended materials among water sources can greatly influence toxicity. Additionally, while tissue residues could predict mortality for individual waters, the correlation among waters was not as clear. Finally, both 48-h and equilibrium-based SPME fiber concentrations could adequately predict toxicity independent of water properties. This demonstrates that bioavailability-based estimates provide a more accurate prediction of toxicity than a water concentration.
Cotton socks monitor the indoor distribution, fate, and persistence of fipronil following Frontline® application to companion animals

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Prevention, control, and/or eradication of fleas and other pests of companion animals using pesticides introduce residues into residences. Frontline® products containing fipronil are the leading flea and tick treatments. Cotton socks were used as a dosimeter to estimate the distribution and persistence of indoor surface residues of fipronil transferred from pets in an observational study. Socks worn by participants after Frontline application to companion animals were collected and analyzed in 2009, 2010, and 2011. Fipronil and its environmental metabolites desulfonfylfipronil, fipronil sulfone, and fipronil sulfide were observed in most samples. A first-order decay in fipronil was observed. The lowest and highest sock levels in µg/pair-h were 0.4 - 220 (4w; 2009;); 2.3 - 109 (4w; 2010); 1.4 - 6.3 (8w; 2011). The average indoor half life of fipronil was about 4.7w. Percent applied to animals recovered from socks ranged from 0.02 - 2.5% after 4w. Surface residue will be of greatest significance following direct skin contact or hand-to-mouth transfer and ingestion.

Surrogate system using rubber latex gloves to assess contact transfer and accumulation of surface pesticide residues

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The use of light rubber latex gloves as PPE (personal protective equipment) in agricultural settings has been shown to accumulate multiple pesticide surface residues. A surrogate model system, the Brinkmann Transfer Unit (BTU) developed at UCR, was designed to measure contact transfer of surface pesticide residues from treated turf in controlled studies performed at UC Riverside’s Turfgrass Research Facility. The BTU is a modified cart fitted with 3 mannequin hands that allows for the use and sampling using rubber latex gloves. Applications of malathion and fenpropathrin at a rate of 2.24 kg/ha on turf have shown a range of residue accumulation of 0.14 - 308 µg/glove for malathion and 0.5 - 146 µg/glove for fenpropathrin. Glove accumulation is dependent on the extent of mannequin hand contact of treated turf. Variability (CV) is < 50% hand-to-hand and run-to-run during the 13 d study periods. Gloves may be a useful direct dosimeter for human exposure assessment.

Rubber latex gloves as a potential direct dosimeter to estimate pesticide exposure in strawberry harvesters

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When harvesters wear rubber latex gloves as required PPE (personal protective equipment) at DB Specialty Farms, Santa Maria, CA, it creates an opportunity to use the gloves as a direct exposure dosimeter. Pesticide Glove Residues (PGR) are the part of Dislodgeable Foliar Residues (DFR) accumulated during harvesting. Malathion (M) and fenpropathrin (F) insecticides were sprayed at 1.12 kg/ha. Total leaf surface residues (µg/cm²; M: 0.38 to 0.006, F: 0.03 to 0.012) and accumulated glove residues (ug/pair; M: 900 to 15, F: 1300 to 120) follow an exponential decay for 2 to 3 w (p < 0.05). Glove dosimetry enables the estimation of multiple pesticide residues, represents complete coverage of the hands, and utilizes a clean, non-invasive dosimeter that can be conveniently replaced. An empirical glove transfer coefficient relates PGR to DFR (cm²/hr; M: 3,500 - 29,000, F: 2,300 - 45,000). A dermal-based exposure model using glove dosimetry is particularly attractive for harvester exposure assessment.

Enzyme kinetic analysis of allosteric solvent effects when screening mosquito-selective carbamates against Anopheles gambiae

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To control the malaria vector, Anopheles gambiae (Ag), we have developed several phenyl substituted N-methylcarbamates that display high selectivity ratios (≥ 500-fold) over human acetylcholinesterase (AChE). Screening of these carbamates in the presence of 0.1% DMSO (v/v), versus EtOH, yielded higher IC50’s for AgAChE, thus reducing the AgAChE-selectivity. Enzyme kinetic analyses were performed to determine interactions between 0.1% DMSO and the carbamoylation reaction of AgAChE. In the presence of 0.1% DMSO, the bimolecular rate constant (k) of the experimental carbamates, exposed to AgAChE, decreased by approximately 3 fold when compared to 100% DMSO. However, this effect was not observed for non-selective carbamates or for human AChE. These results correspond to the IC50 data. Secondly, 0.1% DMSO displayed a small (17%) increase in Vmax, and a 53% increase in Km of the enzyme substrate acetylthiocholine (AChT), indicating little influence on the binding/hydrolysis of AChT. Molecular models supporting these observations will be presented.
Three point mutations (M815I, T917I, and L920F) in the para-orthologous voltage-sensitive sodium channel α-subunit gene of the head louse are associated with resistance to pyrethrins and pyrethroid-based insecticides due to target site insensitivity known as knockdown resistance (kdr). Quantitative sequencing (QS) and serial invasive signal amplification reactions (SISAR) and have been developed to detect kdr and serve as resistance monitoring tools. The current study focuses on North American populations collected from 12 American states and 3 Canadian provinces. QS and SISAR results indicate kdr alleles are wide spread with total resistant allele frequencies of 98.4% and 89.7%, respectively. Access to over-the-counter pyrethroids and overuse of these pesticidal products in these highly-developed nations have led to high instances of kdr. Kdr alleles are the likely cause of increased pediculosis and failure of permethrin-based pediculicides in the United States.

Recent molecular modeling of a piperidine-bearing peripheral site ligand (PRC 472) suggests that its selectivity to Anopheles gambiae acetylcholinesterase (AgAChE) was due to preferential interactions with I70 in the mosquito, which is Y70 in HuAChE. In order to test this model, a mosquito recombinant-enzyme 170Y-AgAChE and chicken and human AChEs were tested against known non-selective peripheral site ligands, propidium, BW284c51, and ethidium, as well as PRC 472. A ChE gage mapping with tacrine dimers and substrate kinetics with acetylthiocholine and butyrylthiocholine were also evaluated. AChE gage mapping showed that gage geometry for 170Y-AgAChE and HuAChE were similar. Potency of PRC 472 to AgAChE-170Y decreased significantly (40-fold) compared to WT AgAChE unlike other nonselective inhibitors. Enzyme kinetics showed a K_m of AgAChE-170Y and HuAChE were both significantly different from that of AgAChE-WT. All indices are in support of the proposed model of PRC 472 selectivity to mosquito AChE.

Natural products have emerged as potential insecticides/acaricides because of their lower mammalian and environmental toxicity. Octopamine is a vital neurotransmitter, neurohormone, and neuromodulator in insects and environmental stability, and insecticidal potency. Voltage-gated sodium channels (VGSCs) are a known target but in vitro evidence indicates that voltage-gated calcium channels (VGCCs) are also targets. Site-directed mutagenesis of Ca_{2.2} (N-type), altering threonine 422 to glutamate (T422E), produces a mutant channel that acts as if permanently phosphorylated. Deltamethrin increases peak current of T422E Ca_{2.2} compared to its antagonistic action on wild type Ca_{2.2} when expressed in Xenopus oocytes. Phosphorylation of wild type Ca_{2.2} is evoked by the phorbol ester PMA by activating endogenous protein kinase C (PKC) in oocytes. Under steady-state conditions, deltamethrin increases transient peak current and reduces deactivation kinetics of the PKC phosphorylated channel that slows channel closure, increasing Ca^{2+} influx and neurotransmitter release. Conversely, deltamethrin treatment resulted in no...
effect on the deactivation kinetics of the unphosphorylated or T422E channels.

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Evaluating the mode of action of terpenoids as insecticides: Evidence for membrane interaction

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Terpenoids (isoprenoids) are a class of compounds readily found in nature and are commonly extracted from plants. Terpenoids have been explored as insecticides and show promise due to: low mammalian toxicity, absence of resistance in insect pests, and environmental biodegradability. Though terpenoids are insecticidal, their mechanism of action is still not well understood. This research evaluates cellular membrane disruption as a possible mode of action of terpenoids.

Structure determination has been pursued by electrospray reactions of several herbicides with guanosine gave adducts with nucleotide bases from pesticides or their metabolites, yielding evidence of adduct formation including DNA in a variety of crop plants, including wheat, barley, soybeans, bush beans, and corn. DNA extracted from treated plants has been subjected to $^{32}$p postlabeling studies, yielding evidence of adduct formation with nucleotide bases from pesticides or their metabolites, as well as from products of peroxidation. Direct in vitro reactions of several herbicides with guanosine gave adducts which have been identified by HPLC chromatography. Structure determination has been pursued by electrospray LC-MS and MS/MS spectroscopy. Computational modeling at the B3LYP-6-31G*$ level is used to relate energetics of adduct formation with experimental herbicide reactivity.

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Lignocellulosic biomass as a carbon source for biofuels production from oleaginous yeast

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Rhodotorula glutinis is a yeast that has shown to be capable of consuming lignocellulosic biomass directly. Additionally, R. glutinis is an oleaginous microorganism that can accumulate oil, which can be used for the production of biofuels and based products. This study focused on the elucidation of the mechanism by which R. glutinis utilizes lignocellulosic biomass. Rhodotorula glutinis was cultivated using cellulose material (cellobiose) as a carbon source, and its capability to hydrolyze the substrate was evaluated. Using HPLC analysis and Nelson-Somogyi assay, the consumption of the cellobiose and activity of sodium carboxymethyl cellulase (NaCMCase) was determined, respectively. After seven days of cultivation, the cellobiose was reduced to as much as half of the original concentration, indicating that the microorganism has the capability of degrading the disaccharide and producing the necessary enzyme. The cellulase activity of R. glutinis was determined to be 0.1 U (glucose) per milliliter of the culture medium.

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Isolation of cellulolytic organisms in the gastrointestinal tract of the giant panda and their potential use in the generation of lignocellulose-based biofuels

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Lignocellulosic biomass is a renewable resource that can be used for biofuel production with the assistance of cellulolytic anaerobic organisms from fecal material. The ability of fecal material to degrade was shown by the treatment of biomass with giant panda (Ailuropoda melanoleuca) feces, indicating
that gut flora may reduce biomass. In our study, eight bacterial groups were enumerated monthly over a fourteen-month sampling of the giant pandas to characterize the gastrointestinal flora. Colony forming units per gram fecal material for Bacteroides spp. ranged in the male and female panda from $10^2$ to $10^3$, values for Clostridium spp. ranged from $10^4$ to $10^5$. The previously unidentified Bacteroides spp. in the giant panda and Clostridium spp. may be useful in the degradation of lignocellulosic biomass and its conversion to biofuels. Further work must be conducted to identify species and to isolate cellulase genes in these organisms; metagenomic work is underway to accomplish these tasks.

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Mosquito cell lines as an economical platform for discovery of new insecticides to control malaria

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This research evaluated the presence of insecticide target proteins from undifferentiated insect cell lines, which could lead to new high throughput screening methods. We used cultures of Anopheles gambiae (Sua1B) insect cells and evaluated insecticidal compounds to detect expression of target proteins. Sua1B cells showed no growth effect from exposure to veratridine alone, but when applied in combination with the pyrethroid, fenvalerate, there was inhibition of cell growth that was fit by a two-site binding model. This effect was inhibited in the presence of one micromolar tetrodotoxin, a specific sodium channel blocker. Patch clamp studies identified a class of voltage-sensitive chloride channel, but not currents typical of fast inactivating sodium channels. However, we did observe effects of fenvalerate indicative of "electrically-silent" sodium channels previously observed in vertebrate C9 cells. The presence of ion channels and receptors in these cells will potentially accelerate high throughput screening for new insecticides.

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Biological stability and delivery studies to elucidate the role of thickener solid particles on water-in-oil emulsion containing microalgae

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The production of bioenergy from renewable biomass could prove to be a solution for global warming and provide an alternative fuel source for petroleum. Producing oil from microalgae is feasible, but, because of high production costs, it is still not economically viable. Contributing costs include those associated with algae storage to maintain biological activity and transportation. Water-in-oil emulsions allow algae to be produced off-site by an independent "seed" producer, stored until purchased, and then delivered to the grower. In this study emulsions were prepared with different oil dispersible surface modified particles in order to investigate release kinetics and improve storage stability. We found that emulsions containing Aerosil R974, Bentone 38, and Bentone 150 were physically stable up to 365 days of storage at room temperature. The concentration of particles in the continuous phase had a significant effect on the stability and cell viability of the W/O emulsion.

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Raman microscopic analysis of PM$_{10}$ for assessing source distributions from agricultural operations

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Emission of particulate matter (PM) from animal feeding operations (AFOs), including open beef cattle feedlots and dairies, is a major air quality concern. Fine PM, typically those with equivalent aerodynamic diameter of 10 μm or less (PM$_{10}$), can penetrate deep into the lungs and cause serious health problems. Knowledge of the physical and chemical characteristics of PM emissions is important in investigating their fate and transport mechanisms, and new tools are needed to clearly identify sources of PM. This work is aimed at the development of spectroscopic techniques to determine the distribution of source materials contributing to PM$_{10}$ particles collected downwind from agricultural operations. As part of a larger project to examine emissions from cattle feedlots, source materials for PM$_{10}$ were collected and were analyzed with Raman microscopy. While some sources are quite heterogeneous in nature, unique Raman shifts in the spectra are expected to serve as markers for essential materials/chemicals that could be used to identify PM sources (i.e., pen surface material, unpaved road, manure, cattle feed, feed mill, and vehicle exhaust). A spectral library that includes hundreds of individual spectra of single particles from different source materials is under development. This library will be used with advanced statistical methods to characterize the distribution of source materials contributing to PM$_{10}$ particles collected downwind from the feedlot. This work will serve as proof of concept and can be expanded for use in evaluation of best management practices to minimize PM$_{10}$ emissions from AFOs.

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Optical fiber ammonia gas sensor using a dual layer poly(methyl methacrylate)/chlorophenol red coating

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An optical fiber ammonia sensor has been developed using chlorophenol red (CPR) as a sensing reagent. The transducer of the sensor is a bent optical fiber probe, which is first coated with a thin layer of poly(methyl methacrylate) (PMMA). A thin layer of CPR is then coated on the surface of the PMMA membrane. The exposure of this bent optical fiber probe to trace NH$_3$ in an air sample causes an optical absorption spectrum with peak absorption wavelength at around 590 nm. This sensor is reversible and sensitive; it can detect NH$_3$ in air down to 2.0 ppbv. The response time of the sensor is 15 minutes. The effects of moisture and CO$_2$ in air on sensor function for detecting trace NH$_3$ in air have been investigated. Potential applications of this sensor in air quality monitoring will be discussed.
Piperidine thiazole fungicides

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The control of plant diseases caused by fungal plant pathogens is extremely important in preventing crop damage and obtaining high yields. Many products are available for these purposes, but the need continues for new compounds which are more effective and have new modes of action. The synthesis of a new class of fungicides for the control of oomycetes will be discussed.

Sedaxane: A new broad-spectrum seed treatment fungicide

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Sedaxane (SDX) is a broad spectrum pyrazole carboxamide fungicide which originates from the bis-cyclopropylphenyl amide subclass. SDX inhibits succinate dehydrogenase (SDH), a well known fungicidal mode of action. Syngenta entered the SDHI area in 1998 and one of the priority goals was to find a broad-spectrum seed treatment compound which controls Ustilago nuda as a key disease. Starting from various structures, including carboxin (figure 1), the broad-spectrum seed treatment SDHI sedaxane was discovered in 2002. Sedaxane has a unique structure which contains an orthobis cyclopropylphenyl moiety. The interesting chemistry of SDX as well as biological and mode of action aspects will be discussed.

From pyridines to pyrazoles: The discovery of Xemium®

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Xemium® is BASF’s newest fungicide innovation. This novel SDH inhibitor was discovered by exploiting hits from BASF’s proprietary library assisted by key learnings from BASF’s Boscalid optimization program. The presentation covers topics of the Xemium® discovery process.

Fused pyrazole kinase inhibitors as broad-spectrum fungicides

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A series of fused pyrazoles was synthesised by the reaction of bicyclic sydnones with alkynes. High levels of fungicidal activity were found for compounds with 2-alkylamino-pyrimid-4-yl substituents at the 4-position of the pyrazole ring. Optimization of this system provided compounds with broad spectrum activity at low application rates. Synthesis, structure-activity relationships, and site of action studies for this class will be detailed.

Pyrimidinone methylsulfonylisoxazolines: Novel herbicidal inhibitors of very long chain fatty acid biosynthesis

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Discovered at Kumiai, pyroxasulfone is a substituted pyrazolyl methylsulfonylisoxazoline herbicide in development for preemergent weed control in corn, soybeans, and cereals. The compound is representative of a new class of potent very long chain fatty acid (VLCCA) biosynthesis inhibitors that have a much lower use rate and broader activity spectrum than older acetalanilide-based products with this mode-of-action. In our search for a novel chemotype from this area of chemistry, we discovered that pyrimidinone substituted methylsulfonylisoxazolines also expressed very high levels of herbicidal activity. A substantial optimization effort followed with many heterocyclic variations explored. DPX-Q6K47 was found to provide optimum levels of weed control with impressive safety to corn, soybeans, and wheat. Extensive global field trails were conducted on DPX-Q6K47 in both warm and cool season crops. Here, we report on the synthesis, biology, and structure-activity relationships of pyrimidinone methylsulfonylisoxazolines as well as some other heterocyclic modifications.

Indaziflam: A new low-dose, non-selective solution for broad-spectrum weed control

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Indaziflam is the new, innovative, active ingredient of Specticle® (first registered in 2010 in the United States) and Alion® (expected to be registered in 2011) by Bayer CropScience. The new compound belongs to the alkylazine chemical class and acts via inhibition of plant-specific cellulose biosynthesis. It provides excellent long-lasting action combined with highly efficient control of a broad spectrum of weeds. The discovery process and the
optimization of the alkylation class which led to indaziflam, including biological profiles and the resulting Structure-Activity-Relationships, will be presented.

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Innovation in agrochemical research: The role of paradigms

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Varying agricultural commodity prizes, slowly growing markets, generic competition, and heightened regulatory standards are trends that constantly increase R&D challenges. Thus, the constant need for innovation is not new. Ever since the introduction of chemical crop protection, many new approaches have been tried with strategies and tools that particularly in recent decades have been made available by the rapid development in chemistry, biochemistry, and molecular biology. However, examples for success are rare and not all of the recent technological advances have yet come to fruition or have justified the sometimes huge investments. Why is it that many of those appealing and smart approaches have so far not lived up to the expectations? Have the low-hanging fruits already been picked, leaving current and future generations of scientists in the field with ever growing costs, risks, and uncertainties? Lead identification and optimization require multidisciplinary approaches, and the routes to successful product discoveries are now multidimensional endeavours. Factors such as chemical library design, target selection, screening, and validation strategies are as important than clever test design and set-up for in vivo testing. Understanding of the required properties of a chemical structure and suitable tools to predict their behaviour in complex systems (biology, regulatory) has also increased and is/should be used broadly to influence and to steer discovery work as early as possible. Included are better understanding of phenomena such as uptake, stability, and metabolism early on. Agrochemical research has certain strengths over related disciplines that sometimes seem to have been forgotten. Although the research’s business model has frequently been discussed in the past, there are still ways to innovation that do not always require high-tech but also a sound understanding of relevant factors, creativity, passion, and, of course, luck.

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Forest herbicides: Effective tools for intensive management and sustainable forestry

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Forest herbicides are used to control competing vegetation in intensive management of loblolly pine (Pinus taeda) and indirectly impact wildlife by altering vegetation structure and succession. Three recent studies (MS and NC) have documented wildlife responses to herbicide use during early and mid-rotation. Woody plant suppression via chemical site preparation and mid-rotation release, with or without additional treatments (e.g., mechanical site preparation, row spacing, mid-rotation prescribed fire), promoted herbaceous plants including quality white-tailed deer (Odocoileus virginianus) forages. However, site-specific conditions influenced understory responses. Mid-rotation herbicide application, particularly when combined with fire, promoted forest structure similar to natural pine-grasslands. Avian species of conservation concern responded most to herbicide treatments at site preparation and mid-rotation. Small mammal response was short-term and species-specific. Herpetofauna and carabid beetles had limited responses at mid-rotation. Our results suggest a positive role of forestry herbicides for meeting forest productivity and biodiversity goals within southeastern pine plantations.

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Operation pollinator: Positive action for pollinators

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Pollinating insects are essential for the production of many food crops and the health of the natural environment; as such, development of science-based conservation practices that enhance their habitat is a priority. Operation Pollinator is a global initiative launched by Syngenta that includes research and implementation in California, Florida, and Michigan—key horticultural areas in the United States. This collaborative effort involves a diverse group of stakeholders whose goal is to develop a conservation program which growers can integrate into their farm landscapes. This program will evaluate the provision of additional foraging habitat and nesting sites for native pollinators on non-production areas of the farm. Through research, a set of economically-viable management practices will be developed with the agricultural community. Through Operation Pollinator, the agribusiness community will see first-hand, how sustainable agriculture and science-based solutions can work together to enhance pollinator biodiversity and feed a growing world.

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Acute toxicity of forestry herbicide mixtures to aquatic organisms

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Because many herbicides selectively target specific species or types of vegetation, they are often applied as mixtures in order to achieve better control. When herbicides are applied in forest ecosystems, streams, ponds, and other bodies of water, they are typically protected by no-spray buffer zones. In some landscapes, small wetlands and streams are difficult to see and avoid, thus the potential acute toxicity of herbicide mixtures to aquatic organisms is of interest, yet is not well-studied. Of particular concern is synergistic mixture toxicity, in which the toxicity of mixtures is greater than anticipated based on individual component toxicity. The results of a recent study of the acute toxicity of 23 herbicide mixtures to Ceriodaphnia dubia and Pimephales promelas
were consistent with other studies that found when acute toxicity was observed, it was usually additive or antagonistic (less than expected). In the few mixtures showing synergistic toxicity, synergism was slight.

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**Vertebrate pest management: Case studies in pesticides and the management of biodiversity**

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Vertebrate pests pose a unique problem for agriculture and managed ecosystems. Invasive vertebrates such as feral swine (Sus scrofa), European starlings (Sturnus vulgaris), and Indian mongoose (Herpestes javanicus) affect native species through habitat destruction, competition, and direct predation. Even native species can require management to avoid ecosystem-level impacts. Vertebrate pest management differs from Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in that the native pest species may also serve a positive ecological role. Management in these cases must balance ecological and social values. This paper presents integrated wildlife damage management as a type of IPM, describes the ecological trade off necessary to meet sometimes mutually exclusive goals, and provides case histories of management programs designed to enhance biodiversity through judicious use of pesticides.

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**Impact of farming practices, pesticides, and landscape management on farmland birds in Europe and the role of Cross Compliance and Agri-Environmental Schemes**

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Long-term monitoring of bird populations in Europe, especially in the United Kingdom by the British Trust for Ornithology’s Common Birds Census Scheme, provided the first evidence of declines in some farmland bird species. A host of changes in farming practices and landscape management have contributed to these changes, including the indirect effects of pesticides on bird food supplies. The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) recognised the need to take account of this and other environment issues and changed the financial incentives in 2003 from production to environment. The CAP has an annual budget of €50 billion to provide incentives to farmers through single area payments (SAP) and by modulation for rural development as agri-environmental schemes (AES). To receive payments, farmers must comply with guidance. AES guidance, defined by member states (MS), has the option to make refinements to fit rural development targets. In the UK, farmland birds have been used as one indicator of the success of AES and a range of ‘options’ within the schemes have been designed specifically to benefit bird populations. To-date, the farmland bird response has been disappointing at the MS scale, probably because the best balance of options for birds within the schemes has not been taken up by farmers and options not optimally implemented. A lag in population responses at the MS scale may also be a factor. There have, however, been many successful examples where combinations of targeted management practices, applied at a small/local scale, have had the desired positive effects. A lack of a positive response at the MS level may threaten long term payments to farmers. The presentation will discuss and illustrate options for combining specific management options in an optimal way with other biodiversity and sustainable farming practices to maximise the chances of success in improving farmland bird populations.

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**Contribution of zero tillage to sustainability in Brazil’s tropics**

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Zero tillage (ZT) is one of the most important revolutions in sustainable crop production ever developed, especially in the tropics, and represented 106 million ha worldwide in 2006. On erosion-prone soils, tropical ZT has averted an ecological disaster. In 1992, when the economics started to favour ZT over conventional tillage (CT), it expanded rapidly to 30 million ha in 2010 of which 14 million ha were in the new Cerrado and pre-Amazon regions. Benefits are reduced water and wind erosion, leaching, drought stress, and irrigation, and increased soil carbon sequestration, albedo, rainfall infiltration, microbial activity and fauna, all leading to the potential for sustainable land intensification (LUI) and therefore less pressure on de-forestation. This has increased farmer respect for on-farm reserves (at least 20% of farm in the Cerrado, 35% Pre-Amazon) totaling 95 million hectares in Brazil. Higher sustainable yields per unit of fertilizer and water has led to cheaper food with lower capital investment per hectare. De-forestation has reached 48% of the Cerrado biome but only 15-17% of the Amazon. To stop de-forestation, land use intensification (LUI) is required. Yield gains in soybeans and corn have been impressive, but their future LUI impact is small compared to pasture renovation, with a de-forestation mitigation potential (DMP) of up to 3 ha ha⁻¹ with tropical rainfed ley farming systems, or up to 8 ha ha⁻¹ for pasture renovation. The trader-imposed Soybean Moratorium banned purchase of soybeans from Amazon lands cleared after 2006, but beef cattle are the major direct driver and there is now also a Beef Moratorium. The Round Table on Responsible Soy has a certification system including a moratorium on forest clearing. Current challenges for ZT, crop protection and de-forestations will be discussed. Brazilian farmers have solutions for LUI but they cost more, and who is willing to pay?

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**Watershed regressions for pesticides (WARP) for predicting atrazine concentrations in corn belt streams**


Corn Belt WARP (WARP-CB) models were developed for predicting annual atrazine concentration statistics for streams within areas of the corn belt region that have high intensities of atrazine use. The models accounted for 53 - 62% of the variability in the various concentration statistics among the sites used for model development. WARP-CB model predictions for development sites were within a factor of 5 of the observed concentration statistic for more than 90% of the site and year combinations. WARP-CB predictions for model development sites had smaller overall residual error and reduced uncertainty compared to the National WARP model predictions for the same sites. WARP-CB model predictions can be used to estimate the probable concentrations of atrazine for comparison to specific water-
quality benchmarks. Sites with a high probability of exceeding a benchmark for human health or aquatic life can be identified and prioritized for monitoring.

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Analysis of monitoring data from multiple small watersheds to identify drivers of agrochemical runoff from corn and sorghum agriculture

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Over 150 site years of herbicide concentration data have been collected from second and third order streams draining from > 65 small, Midwest watersheds that represent corn and sorghum agriculture with a high potential for agrochemical runoff. To complement these monitoring data, very detailed assessments of watershed soils, slopes, and cropping have been developed using GIS tools. These data have been analyzed using a combination of statistical approaches including logistic regression, discriminant analysis, and principal components analysis, among other multivariate techniques, in order to identify key drivers of runoff that differentiate between sites with varied vulnerability characteristics. Automated analyses were conducted across many variables and, after simplification, a three factor model was found to successfully distinguish between classes of vulnerable sites. One key factor is the fraction of the watershed where cropped lands have shallow depths to restrictive soil layers co-occurring with slopes; this offers potential for field-scale application.

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Comparison of SWAT pesticide simulation approaches for ecological exposure assessments

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The Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) has proven to be an effective tool for evaluating pesticide exposure in flowing water bodies. To assess its potential for predicting ecological pesticide exposure for all headwater watersheds at national scale, a simpler parameterization strategy was considered while balancing computational efficiency and the appropriate scale and resolution of key input datasets. An approach for applying SWAT with minimal calibration was applied to 20 headwater watersheds across the Midwest corn belt. This calibration approach was applied to each of the watersheds using both medium resolution STATSGO soils data and high resolution SSURGO soils data. Subbasin size and land use heterogeneity were also varied in order to assess whether a simplified model structure could result in a level of model performance comparable to a more complex model. A comparison of pesticide simulation performance for these various model structures will be presented.

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Large-scale modeling of historical pesticide applications

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With increasingly faster computers and more detailed data, it becomes easier to model pesticide mass loadings into aquatic systems at a high-resolution for large geographical areas. A large-scale ecological risk assessment was recently completed to quantify spatial and temporal mass loadings of pesticides into tributaries to the Sacramento River, San Joaquin River, and Bay-Delta estuary for the purpose of guiding future risk assessments for sensitive and endangered species. Ten years of daily mass loadings were simulated for over nine million pesticide applications for 40 chemicals in a 164,000 km² area of California’s Central Valley. Model input included historical pesticide-use data from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation’s Pesticide Use and Registration (PUR) database, daily weather data from 19 stations in the California Irrigation Management Information System, detailed soils information (SSURGO) from the NRCS, and high resolution land use data from the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP). Pesticide application sites represented in the simulations included fruit, vegetable, grain, nuts, rice, landscape maintenance, and structural applications. Environmental fate and transport models used for the analysis included the Pesticide Root Zone Model (PRZM), modified to simulate pesticide losses in irrigation tail water, and the rice water quality model (RICEWQ). This presentation details methods and results of the model simulations including discussions on those factors contributing to the highest contributions of mass loadings into aquatic systems.

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Importance of sediment analysis in monitoring current-use pesticides in streams

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Sediments are important media in aquatic ecosystems where contaminants occur leading to exposure of aquatic organisms, yet sediments are rarely analyzed for current-use pesticides in monitoring programs. Data are presented from multiple studies in which both water and sediment (bed and/or suspended) phases were sampled. As expected, highly hydrophobic compounds (log Koc >5), such as pyrethroid insecticides, were detected primarily in sediments. Moderately hydrophobic compounds (log Koc 2 to 4), such as azoxyostin (fungicide), chlorpyrifos (insecticide), and trifluralin (herbicide), were also frequently detected in sediments. Typically, suspended sediments have a greater number of pesticides detected at higher concentrations than bed sediments. Since pesticides associated with sediments tend to be more persistent and have longer residence times in aquatic ecosystems, organism exposure can be different than for dissolved pesticides. It is critical to include analysis of sediments for a complete characterization of ecosystem exposure to pesticides in surface waters.
Sampling plans for monitoring chemical concentrations in rivers were investigated for two California streams of differing order to assess the relative merits of daily sampling versus less frequent sampling. The assessments were based on the ability to estimate time-weighted total and peak concentrations on a monthly or annual basis and to detect the presence of spikes in these concentrations. A secondary purpose was to determine the feasibility of predicting spikes in chemical concentrations from the river discharge rate. In these streams, some less frequent sampling plans were shown to provide almost the same utility as daily sampling for the first purpose and discharge rate was shown to have little correlation with chemical concentration.

Continuous monitoring for pesticides in freshwater off-channel habitats using a lipid-free tubing passive-sampling device

Pesticide exposure to juvenile salmonids utilizing Pacific Northwest freshwater off-channel habitats during rearing and migration is of concern as a result of recent National Marine Fisheries Service Biological Opinions. We deployed a lipid-free tubing passive-sampling device (LFT) at 5 locations in the Pudding River basin, Willamette Valley, OR (HUC8: 17090009). This watershed is predominately agricultural and classified as habitat for salmonid species. LFT were deployed continuously in off-channel habitats, including backwaters, channel edge sloughs, and off-channel pools, at 3 - 4 week intervals from June 2010 to June 2011. Time-weighted average concentrations of freely dissolved pesticides were quantified by dual column gas chromatography with electron capture detection and confirmed with mass selective detection. The use of pesticide off-channel habitat monitoring results in assessing the risk to salmonids will be discussed.

Exposure assessment for pronamide drinking water residues in California central coast lettuce production areas

Regulatory pesticide human exposure models are intentionally designed to be protective of individuals in populations. Consequently, they tend to be quite conservative in early assessment tiers, and predictions are generally refined with data in subsequent assessments. For drinking water obtained from surface water, pesticide exposure model concentration estimates for agricultural use generally are in the µg L⁻¹ to tens of µg L⁻¹ range, which can lead to concern if human health endpoints for a specific pesticide are low values. Currently US EPA OPP accepts only targeted monitoring studies for refinement of model estimated concentrations. We present an alternative assessment method to targeted monitoring for a pesticide with a limited range of label crops and geographic regions of use that relies on proximity analysis of use sites and drinking water intakes. We also address national security issues related to sensitive intake location data and consider the general utility of the approach.

Pesticides and pesticide degradates in source and finished water of community water systems supplied by rivers

In 2001, the US Geological Survey's National Water-Quality Assessment (NAWQA) Program began its second decade of intensive assessment activities. As part of this effort, a new assessment activity, termed Source Water-Quality Assessments (SWQAs), was implemented to focus on characterizing the quality of source water derived from rivers and aquifers used by large and very large community water systems (CWSs). The associated finished water was also studied. SWQAs complement existing drinking-water monitoring required by Federal, State, and local programs that focus primarily on post-treatment compliance monitoring. Through SWQAs, the NAWQA Program is increasing its emphasis on characterizing major sources of drinking water and continues to collaborate with other agencies and organizations involved with supplying and managing drinking water. This presentation will summarize findings for about 100 pesticides and pesticide degradates monitored in source water and the associated finished water of 21 CWSs supplied by rivers. Concentrations will be compared to human-health benchmarks and US Geological Survey Health-Based Screening Levels.

Application of biological mass spectrometry and protein barcodes in agricultural and food chemistry

Mass spectrometry (MS) has become an indispensable tool in proteomics. Proteomics involves identification and profiling of all proteins or as many as possible of proteins in a sample. In this presentation, two examples will be used to signify potential applications of matrix assisted laser desorption ionization tandem time of flight MS (MALDI MS) integrated with protein barcoding in agricultural and food chemistry. One is protein barcoding by MALDI MS to differentiate the geographical and floral origins of honey, which honey was used as a model food matrix. Another is MS barcoding of whole cell proteins for rapid and effective phenotypic identification of agricultural bacteria. The bacterial species that were studied include pesticide-degrading bacteria and nitrogen fixation bacteria. Several proteins were also selected as diagnostic markers. Integrative use of MS protein barcoding and diagnostic protein fragments provides a robust phenotypic approach for bacterial identification and classification.
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Characterization of chitin synthase and chitinase gene families from the African malaria mosquito, Anopheles gambiae

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Chitin metabolism represents an attractive target site for combating insect pests as insect growth and development are strictly dependent on precisely toned chitin synthesis and degradation; this process is absent in humans and other vertebrates. However, current understanding of this process and the involved enzymes is rather limited in insects. Benzylphenoluracil (BPs) insecticides such as diflubenzuron inhibit chitin synthesis and have been widely used to control various agricultural and public health pests such as mosquito and fly larvae since the 1970's. However, the exact mechanisms of chitin synthesis inhibition are still elusive. In this study, the genes encoding two key enzymes involved in chitin biosynthesis and degradation, respectively, were identified and comprehensively characterized using reverse transcription PCR, real-time quantitative PCR, in situ hybridization, and immunohistochemical analysis in African malaria mosquito, Anopheles gambiae. To explore the mechanisms of diflubenzuron, a non-radioactive method was adapted and optimized to examine the chitin synthase activity and its in vitro and in vivo inhibition by diflubenzuron, polyoxin D, and nikkomycin Z in mosquitoes. In addition, a chitosan/dsRNA nanoparticle-based RNA interference (RNAi) through larval feeding was developed to analyze the functions of each chitin synthase gene. This study suggested for the first time that RNAi in mosquito larvae is systemic. Furthermore, it demonstrated that RNAi in mosquito and fly larvae since the 1970's. However, the exact mechanisms of chitin synthesis inhibition are still elusive. In this study, the genes encoding two key enzymes involved in chitin biosynthesis and degradation, respectively, were identified and comprehensively characterized using reverse transcription PCR, real-time quantitative PCR, in situ hybridization, and immunohistochemical analysis in African malaria mosquito, Anopheles gambiae. To explore the mechanisms of diflubenzuron, a non-radioactive method was adapted and optimized to examine the chitin synthase activity and its in vitro and in vivo inhibition by diflubenzuron, polyoxin D, and nikkomycin Z in mosquitoes. In addition, a chitosan/dsRNA nanoparticle-based RNA interference (RNAi) through larval feeding was developed to analyze the functions of each chitin synthase gene. This study suggested for the first time that RNAi in mosquito larvae is systemic. Furthermore, it demonstrated that the larvae fed on the nanoparticles assembled from AgCHS1 and AgCHS2 dsRNA increased larval susceptibilities to diflubenzuron and calcofluor white (CF, or dithiothreitol), respectively. These results suggest a great potential for using such a nanoparticle-based RNAi technology for high-throughput screening of gene functions and for developing novel strategies for pest management.

Agro 103
Metolachlor fate in regionally adopted cropping systems of the SE United States

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Effective assessment of the risks of pesticide use and agronomic efficacy require data that accurately describes environmental fate under actual use conditions. This was demonstrated for the herbicide metolachlor in investigations focused on cropping systems in the southeast United States. Results showed that management practices like cover crops, co-application of fungicides, changes in herbicide formulation from liquid to granular, and gypsum may alter fate. During a field study in Southern Florida, we found metolachlor and ethane sulfonic acid levels were 16x and 2.4x lower in groundwater under cover crops. In combined field and laboratory studies in the Coastal Plain of Georgia, application of chlorothalonil and gypsum increased metolachlor DT50 by 2x and 1.5x, respectively. Granular metolachlor provided superior weed control but increases in soil persistence increase the potential for herbicide crop injury. Findings serve as a case-study and guide to investigations that are needed to make crop-specific management decisions.

Agro 104
Degradation of p-nitrophenol by heterogeneous Fenton-like reactions on nano-magnetite: Process optimization using response surface methodology

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Heterogeneous Fenton-like reactions can effectively catalyze the oxidation of organic pollutants, including most agrochemicals at neutral pH conditions, which is beneficial for in situ remediation of polluted groundwater and soils. In the present study, degradation of the model compound p-nitrophenol by heterogeneous Fenton-like reactions on nano-magnetite (Fe3O4) was investigated. A four factor central composite design coupled with response surface methodology was applied to evaluate and optimize the important variables. A significant quadratic model ($P < 0.0001$, $R^2 = 0.9442$) was obtained using analysis of variance (ANOVA), which was adequate to perform the process variables optimization. Optimum conditions for the degradation of p-Nitrophenol were determined to be 1.5 g L$^{-1}$ Fe3O4, 620 mM H2O2, pH 7.0 and 25 - 45 mg L$^{-1}$ p-nitrophenol. Under the optimum conditions, more than 90% of p-nitrophenol was experimentally degraded after 10 h of reaction time which agreed well with the model predictions.

Agro 105
CuO and ZnO nanoparticles affect production by a beneficial pseudomonad of metabolites important in plant performance

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We are testing the effects of commercially available CuO and ZnO NPs on an environmental bacterium Pseudomonas chlororaphis O6 (PcO6) that increases plant growth and tolerance to stress. Secondary metabolites from this bacterium are important in interactions with other microbes (e.g., iron-chelating siderophores), plants (e.g., siderophores, auxins) and animals (e.g., antibiotics). At concentrations that did not affect long term culturability, CuO NPs reduced siderophore secretion into the media environment whereas ZnO NPs increased siderophore levels. Secretion of the plant growth-promoting auxin, indole acetic acid (IAA), by PcO6 also was differentially affected. Levels were enhanced by CuO NPs whereas ZnO NPs repressed. Thus, although the NPs may not cause lethal effects, they could modify production of metabolites involved in the interactions between plants and microbes. Concentration, shape, coatings and the ability to release metal ions are significant variables in determining the bioeffects of NPs.
Endangered Species Act: Interfacing with agricultural and natural ecosystems

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This presentation is based on a Council for Agricultural Science and Technology Commentary that explores the interaction between the regulatory policy of the Endangered Species Act, public perception, and science in relation to the interpretation of risk to endangered species from various stressors associated with agricultural practices. In the absence of definitive government policy, courts are establishing risk mitigation procedures that may adversely affect agricultural productivity and practices. The presentation will address several potential remedies, including (1) better communication, (2) clear policy and agency coordination, (3) recognition and consideration of long-term impacts, and (4) balanced and consistent implementation. The information in the commentary will be examined more closely by following some additional case examples not discussed in the publication.

Insights from USDA on improving the ESA-pesticide assessment process

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In response to litigation involving pesticides to protect endangered salmon, results from the current consultation process and resulting risk mitigation decisions threaten agricultural crop production in California and the Pacific Northwest. For example, it is estimated that as much as 34% of crop land will be removed because of the mandated ground and aerial buffers. Agricultural groups are frustrated as there is virtually no process to have input into the consultation process and have voiced their opinions that the data and models used do not accurately reflect agricultural practices (i.e., application rates, spray droplet sizes). USDA has a wealth of technical and programmatic resources founded on sound science that could add value to the consultation process. USDA is committed to working to ensure that agriculture is accurately reflected as we partner to protect endangered species and their habitat better - now and in the future.

Growers, pesticides, and endangered species: Results of MCF A ESA workshop

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Results will be presented from the recent workshop on the role of grower-developed information in the risk assessment and risk mitigation consultation process involving the US Environmental Protection Agency, National Marine Fisheries Service, and US Fish and Wildlife Service. The workshop, sponsored by the Minor Crop Farmer Alliance, was designed to answer the following questions concerning pesticide use and potential pesticide exposure: (1) Is there grower information that is valuable in the risk assessment and risk mitigation consultation process among the Agencies? (2) If grower information is useful, what information is most valuable, how should it be collected and entered into the process, and who screens the data for completeness and accuracy? (3) What is the appropriate entry point for growers in the evaluation process?

Using litigation to push for programmatic reform of EPA’s Endangered Species Protection Program

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In January 2011, the Center for Biological Diversity and Pesticide Action Network sued the US Environmental Protection Agency for failing to consult with federal wildlife agencies over the impacts of several hundred pesticides known to be harmful to more than 200 federally threatened and endangered species across the country. Building upon previous litigation brought by the Center and other environmental groups, this national lawsuit is the most comprehensive legal action ever brought under the Endangered Species Act to protect imperiled wildlife from pesticides. In addition to discussing the national litigation, this presentation will evaluate the outcomes of previous litigation and offer suggestions for reform of EPA’s Endangered Species Protection Program.
individual attitudes. Many actions of various participants have resulted in unforeseen, often unwelcome, circumstances; examples are presented. This presentation will include some suggestions for the future.

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**Linking agricultural sustainability with healthy foods**

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The links between agriculture, food, and sustainability are receiving increasing attention. Decisions made in the agricultural field, processing plant, and wholesale and retail outlets may affect the food itself and its health beneficial and related qualities, as well as where and how it is best produced, processed, packaged, stored, and presented to the consumer. The value of the food, and increasingly the content of phytonutrients and nutraceuticals, are major factors in the success of a new food product, accompanying such well-understood qualities as taste, aroma, cost, and convenience. Carbon footprint, inputs of synthetic chemicals, fuel and energy requirements, and proximity to markets increasingly weigh in the decisions that affect the acceptability and sustainability of agricultural production leading to food products. Current strategies and trends, including the relative merits of organic versus conventionally-produced foods, will be discussed using examples from the recent literature.

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**Studying sustainability from field to market**

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Field to Market: The Keystone Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture brings together a diverse membership to address the agricultural challenge of the 21st century from farm to fork, while focusing on solutions that are grounded in science, focused on outcomes, and open to the full range of technology choices. Using publicly available data, the alliance has developed algorithms to create the online Fieldprint™ Calculator, a tool for corn, soybean, wheat, rice, and cotton that allows farmers to explore the environmental outcomes of their natural resource management decisions and compare those with state and national averages. This presentation will provide an overview of how the tool was developed as well as how it has been used by farmers in a pilot program. The program is designed to establish a farmer baseline and promote sustainable decisions through data analysis.

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**Importance of herbicides for sustainable farming in the United States**

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Herbicides are sprayed on 220 million acres of US cropland annually. Their use has led to large decreases in the number of tillage trips for weed control. One-third of these acres are in no-till systems where herbicides substitute completely for tillage. This reduction in tillage has resulted in large decreases in soil erosion and sediment delivered to waterways. Soil moisture has been increased due to reductions in tillage. Acres previously-fallowed have been brought into crop production due to increases in soil moisture which has resulted from the use of herbicides. Research into organic farming without the use of herbicides has substituted numerous tillage trips with associated increases in soil erosion and water use. Continued sustained soil and water conservation on US farms is dependent on the continued availability of effective herbicides. This presentation traces the history of weed control in the US, identifies the introduction of herbicides as a key milestone for sustaining soil resources, and explains the positive conservation impacts from the use of herbicides. Available data showing the impacts, on soil and water conservation, of not using herbicides are summarized.

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**Plant biotechnology for sustainable agriculture: Research and development and an enabling policy framework**

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Farmers worldwide are increasingly faced with the challenge of judiciously using natural resources while feeding a growing population despite climate change and other extreme growing conditions. Sustainable agricultural practices are essential to ensuring the production of high-quality foods while preserving natural resources for future generations. Innovations in plant biotechnology will enable more efficient use of water, nutrients, and maintain soil quality, and preserve natural lands. Science-based regulatory and policy frameworks, as well as capacity-building, are necessary to support continued agricultural research and development and the delivery of sustainable agricultural innovations to the marketplace. This session will review the sustainable agriculture product pipeline and the enabling policy environment needed to support best agricultural practices.

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**Metabolism of [14C]dicamba in dicamba-tolerant cotton**

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Dicamba (3,6-dichloro-2-methoxybenzoic acid) is a foliar or soil-applied herbicide used to control broadleaf weeds. A metabolism study was conducted with [14C]dicamba in dicamba-tolerant cotton to determine the nature of residues found in/on agricultural commodities of dicamba-tolerant cotton following treatment with radio-labeled dicamba. Small plots of dicamba-tolerant cotton were grown and treated with [14C]dicamba at two time points (preemergence and postemergence). Plants were then harvested as normal and metabolites were extracted, identified, and quantified using a combination of combustion, HPLC, LC-MS/MS, and GC-MS analyses. Metabolism of dicamba in dicamba-tolerant cotton proceeds by initial demethylation to form DCSA (3,6-dichloro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid) by the action of the dicamba O-demethylase enzyme which is the product of the dicamba mono-oxygenase gene introduced to confer dicamba tolerance. DCSA is observed in cotton matrices in its free form as well as its 2-O-β-glucoside (DCSA glucoside). As a minor pathway, DCSA is converted by 5-hydroxylation to DCGA (2,5-dichloro-3,6-dihydroxybenzoic acid) which is not observed in its free form but is present in cotton matrices as the 5-O-β-glucoside (DCGA glucoside).
Further metabolism of DCSA and DCGA proceeds via hydroxyl replacement of chlorine (apparently the chlorine in the 3 position), to give monochlorinated metabolites (observed as their glucosides). The minor metabolites 3,6-dichloro-2-methoxybenzamide (diamide amide) and 3,6-dichloro-2-hydroxybenzamide (DCSA amide) were observed in preemergence treated matrices and are believed to be derived from soil metabolism of dicamba and subsequent uptake of the metabolites by the plants. Dicamba metabolites identified in the cotton metabolism study can be converted by acid hydrolysis primarily to the chemophores DCSA and DCGA. Thus, current residue enforcement methodology, which incorporates an acid hydrolysis step followed by methylation and analysis by GC, would be expected to be adequate for analysis of dicamba residues in dicamba-tolerant cotton in a manner similar to other crops utilizing dicamba for weed control.

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Sustainability standards: Biotech and organic coexistence

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This presentation reviews sustainability standards/initiatives that address the coexistence of biotech crops and their organic or non-GMO counterparts. This would include two proposed American National Standards Institute standards (SCS-001 on sustainable agriculture and SCS-002 on lifecycle analysis), as well as the international “Global GAP” standard, the Roundtable on Responsible Soybeans and the Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels. Biotech crops are routinely subjected to discriminatory treatment (e.g., a duty to prevent migration to organic crops) in standards that profess to be technology neutral toward biotech crops; only through direct intervention in such standard setting can these discriminatory precautionary approaches to biotech crops be modified. This presentation will discuss successful interventions and impending discrimination, particularly in biofuels standards, that may deny overseas market access and explains how standards create duties of care that can lead to negligence and nuisance liability for migration of biotech crops, further complicating biotech versus organic coexistence.

AGRO 118

Improved characterization of the temporal and spatial variability of potential surface water drinking water exposure by using environmental and historic monitoring databases

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The extensive atrazine surface water monitoring database totals over 300,000 samples including ~120,000 drinking water samples from high frequency seasonal monitoring programs covering more than 15 years and ~210 Community Water Systems (CWS). This wealth of frequent monitoring data sampled across a wide range of years and sites allows for robust conclusions to be drawn with very high statistical certainty regarding the highest centiles of potential atrazine exposures. To complement the monitoring data, site-specific details have also been accumulated on CWS watersheds, source waters, and water handling procedures. This information has been used to understand better the expected temporal concentration patterns at an individual CWS. We will outline how these and related data (e.g., daily flow and chemical monitoring data from Heidelberg University) have been used to examine approaches for optimizing sampling strategies for assessing potential drinking water concentrations in surface water.

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Time series model for estimating pesticide exceedance probabilities for streams

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A statistical time series model for detecting trends in pesticide concentration data from rivers and streams is extended for use in estimating n-day concentration exceedance probabilities for time frames of daily (n = 1) and longer. The model represents concentration data in terms of trend, seasonal variability, flow-related variability, systemic variability (true short-term variability), and noise (random perturbations related to laboratory or sampling irregularities). The trend can be empirically based and/or depend on data related to change in pesticide application amounts. Seasonal variability depends on application timing and rate, while the flow-related variability depends on orthogonal functions of daily streamflow representing different time scales. Separating systemic variability from noise and correctly identifying serial correlation in the systemic variability are particularly important considerations for estimating exceedance probabilities for different time scales. An R-based procedure for fitting the time series model is illustrated using concentration and flow data from the US Geological Survey National Water-Quality Assessment Program.

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Investigating sampling designs for pesticide surface water monitoring using available daily or near-daily measurements

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High frequency sampling (e.g., daily) for water quality monitoring at multiple sites requires an intensive effort and is operationally challenging. We will present a statistical simulation method using two available data sets with daily or near-daily measurements during the pesticide application season (April 1 - July 31) to investigate various sampling frequency options. The two daily or near-daily surface water data sets were from the Ohio watershed monitoring program (Heidelberg University) and Syngenta's atrazine ecological monitoring program. Scenarios with different sampling frequencies are simulated and the results are compared to the measured data for each year and site. Performance of each scenario is quantified by metrics comparing the simulated samples to the true values from measurement. This work demonstrates how lower frequency monitoring data can be used to estimate potential maximum shorter duration concentrations. These evaluations also confirm that cost-effective sampling regimes can be designed to address water quality management needs.
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Estimation of upper percentiles of chlorpyrifos surface water concentration from yearly monitoring program data

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This talk presents a finite population method to estimate annual 95th, 99th, and 99.9th centiles of surface water chlorpyrifos concentrations and associated confidence intervals using historical surface-water pesticide-monitoring programs with a large number of measurements. The method provides reliable estimates, accounting for infrequent sample collection, measurements below reporting limits, and the strong seasonality present in these datasets. Data from three monitoring programs are considered: the USGS National Water Quality Assessment Program (NAWQA), the Heidelberg University National Center for Water Quality Research (NCWQR) monitoring data, and the Washington State Department of Agriculture/Department of Ecology surface water monitoring program. Precision of estimates and necessary sample sizes will be discussed. Results for temporal trends will be provided including a comparison of estimates before and after chlorpyrifos was withdrawn from residential use in 2001.

AGRO 122

Combining long-term herbicide monitoring with identification of vulnerable areas in restrictive layer watersheds

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Long-term monitoring of herbicide concentrations and loads has been conducted at Goodwater Creek Experimental Watershed (GCEW) located in northeastern Missouri, a watershed dominated by soils with a naturally-formed smectitic claypan. From 1992 to 2006, trends in herbicide concentration and load were only observed for compounds in which major changes in usage had occurred. For example, atrazine use increased 25% from 1992 to 2006 and no trends were observed in load or concentration. Atrazine loads did, however, vary greatly over the 15 year period analyzed, ranging from 1 to 14% of applied. A newly-developed, cumulative vulnerability index explained 63% of the variation in annual atrazine loads for GCEW, and it explained 85% of the variation in unit area loads when extended to the entire Salt River basin. Efforts developed to identify vulnerable areas within these watersheds have shown that the top soil depth over the claypan and slope are critical risk factors for transport by surface runoff.

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Application of high resolution elevation data (LiDAR) to assess natural and anthropogenic agricultural features affecting the transport of pesticides at multiple spatial scales

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LiDAR (Light Detecting and Ranging) data, covering a 155 square kilometer region in Nebraska, was inspected for its utility in assessing natural and managed agricultural features at the field and watershed scales. This approach was used to assess qualitatively the landscape features affecting potential runoff at a sub-field scale. Quantitative metrics describing the topography, hydrology, and natural vegetation were calculated from the LiDAR data and summarized for all fields in the study area. Integrating high resolution aerial imagery with the LiDAR data enabled the identification of engineered features such as terracing, overhead irrigation, and intakes for tile drainage systems. Natural processes identified in the data include concentrated and diffuse flow patterns towards the edge of a field; in-field depressions with the potential for surface water storage; and vegetation diversity of riparian areas characterized by canopy height and density. Processing was conducted using publically available LiDAR and Geographic Information System (GIS) data and typical GIS software and functions. This study is intended as an initial examination into the utility of LiDAR to assess field runoff vulnerability and assist stewardship.

AGRO 124

Updates to percent crop area methods: Extending drinking water assessments to tropical climates and refinements to the regional values

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US EPA drinking water risk assessments utilize a percent crop area (PCA) factor derived from major crops to adjust the index reservoir modeling result and to estimate the concentration expected in surface water. Examples of improvements to the current regional PCA values used will be presented to include the use of modern watershed and cropping information for refined regional default PCAs for minor crops developed and for crop distributions within smaller watersheds. PCA factors for Hawaii and Puerto Rico will also be presented. Regional PCAs are an interim step in moving from national PCAs to PCAs developed from actual drinking watersheds. In the time since the development of regional PCAs, updates to watersheds and land cover data have become available at much higher resolution, and it is now possible to improve drinking water estimates using cropping data distributed through PCA adjusted EECS (Estimated Environmental Concentration) in actual drinking watersheds.
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Development of a modeling system to estimate pesticide runoff from urban areas in California

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Detections of pyrethroids and other insecticides in aquatic systems around urban areas in California have raised concerns about pesticide runoff from outdoor applications in urban and residential settings. Modeling pesticide transport from urban areas is an uncertain endeavor due to a lack of detailed data and established modeling procedures. A modeling system was developed to estimate the runoff of five widely-used pyrethroids across a 164,000 km² study area in California. County-level, use data were spatially distributed across the study area using detailed land use data. Homeowner and professional applicator surveys were used to allocate pyrethroid applications to buildings, lawns, and other impermeable and permeable surfaces. Washoff studies were used to develop model input parameter values for hard surface applications. Pyrethroid runoff corresponding to rainfall and to irrigation events were simulated to provide a better understanding of the spatial and temporal distribution of pyrethroid mass loadings to aquatic systems in the study area.

AGRO 126

Applying advances in chemistry to benefit developing world agriculture

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According to the IFAD Rural Poverty Report of 2011, 70% of the world’s 1.4 billion extremely poor live in rural areas. This fact naturally places a high priority on enhancing the productivity and economic viability of small-holder agriculture in the developing world. Constraints to such agriculture are numerous and include lack of access to improved varieties of crops and livestock, high disease pressure coupled with low use of pesticides, poor soil fertility coupled with rising costs of fertilizer, poor water management, weak infrastructure, poorly organized output markets, and lack of strong pro-agriculture policies. Coupled with rising food and energy costs and increasingly erratic weather patterns, the challenges are great. Since many of these problems might be ameliorated with better application of existing technologies, one might ask how cutting-edge advances in science, and, in particular, in the various branches of chemistry, are also relevant. This lecture will highlight how new advances in the various branches of chemistry such as low-temperature catalysis, nanotechnology, new approaches to energy production, chemical genomics, biochemistry and molecular genetics have the potential to make significant contributions to the advancement of global agriculture.

AGRO 127

Method for the analysis of atrazine, simazine, metolachlor, and atrazine metabolites in water samples collected by polar organic chemical integrative sampler

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A method was developed for the recovery and analysis of residues of atrazine, simazine, s-metolachlor, and the atrazine metabolites, deethylatrazine (DEA), desipropylatrazine (DIA), and 2-chloro-4,6-diamino-s-triazine (DACT), continuously collected from stream water using POCIS samplers. After shipping, individual POCIS units were disassembled, the sorbent removed and the analytes extracted from the sorbent with acetonitrile. The solvent in the resulting extracts was exchanged for acetonitrile/water (5:95) to facilitate analysis by LC-MS/MS using reversed-phase chromatography. The LOQ (limit of quantitation) for atrazine, simazine, s-metolachlor, and the atrazine metabolites DEA (G30033) and DIA (G28279) was 0.5 ng in the POCIS (0.1 ppb as injected); the LOQ for DACT (G28273) was 5 ng in the POCIS (1 ppb as injected). Method specifics including recovery data will be presented. The strengths and weaknesses of the approach and possible options for future work will also be discussed.

AGRO 128

LC-MS/MS analytical method for the determination of PREVICUR residues in poultry matrices and eggs

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An analytical method was developed for the determination of PREVICUR (Propyl [3-(dimethylamino)propyl]carbamate; propamocarb) residues in poultry tissues and eggs. PREVICUR is a systemic fungicide and seed treatment product manufactured by Bayer CropScience for specific control of Phycomycetous disease in turf, ornamentals, vegetables, seeds, golf courses, and tobacco. The analytical method involved extraction with acetonitrile (ACN) and diluting with the initial extract. PREVICUR residues in the diluted extract were then quantitated by LC/ESI-MS using a Thermo Finnigan Quantum Ultra AM triple quadrupole mass spectrometer. The limit of quantitation (LOQ) was 0.01 ppm for all the matrices, with Limit of Detection (LOD) values ranging from 0.005 ppm to 1.0 ppm . Recovery at the LOQ for the various matrices all ranged from 95 to 109%.

AGRO 129

Application of capillary electrophoresis to identification of pesticide photolysis products

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Photolysis is a potential significant route of pesticide transformation in the environment. Evaluating the photodegradation products often presents an analytical challenge to the environmental fate scientist. Unchanged pesticide and photodegradates often encompass a broad range of polarities and frequently include highly polar compounds. Attempts to resolve all these analytes in a single chromatographic run can be time-consuming and still remain
incomplete. Highly polar analytes often remain ambiguous or difficult to evaluate whether individual photodegradates qualify as ‘significant’ by exceeding 10% of total residues. Capillary electrophoresis (CE) offers a versatile alternative to high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) to tackle these challenges in pesticide photolysis studies. We present CE coupled with mass spectrometry in studying aqueous photolysis of imidacloprid and pendimethalin, and compare results to HPLC and published literature.

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Analysis of bee relevant matrices for imidacloprid, imidacloprid olefin, and 5-hydroxy imidacloprid by modified QuEChERS extraction and analysis by LC/MS/MS with stable, isotopically-labeled internal standard

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The analytical method measures residues of imidacloprid and its metabolites, imidacloprid-olefin, and 5-hydroxy imidacloprid, in bee relevant matrices. Nectar is prepared directly by dilution with HPLC mobile phase containing a stable, isotopically-labeled internal standard. Other bee related matrices, such as pollen, blooms, and whole honey bees are extracted using QuEChERS methodology (i.e., hydration, salting-out, and extraction with acetonitrile and a one-step clean-up with dispersive SPE using Bondesil-PSA). The extracts are analyzed by high performance liquid chromatography/tandem mass spectrometry (LC/MS/MS). The method limit of quantitation (LOQ) is 1 ppb in nectar and 2 ppb in other bee relevant matrices.

AGRO 131

Quantitative determination of thiamine in corn (Zea mays) grain by high performance liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry

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A procedure for the determination of thiamine (vitamin B1) in corn (Zea mays) grain utilizing high performance liquid chromatography with tandem mass spectrometry detection (HPLC-MS/MS) was validated. New HPLC columns containing a pentalfluorophenylpropyl (PFPP) stationary phase provide an improved means of analyzing polar molecules by HPLC. Water soluble vitamins such as thiamine have been particularly troublesome due to silanol interactions which result in peak tailing. When coupled with tandem mass spectrometry detection, the PFPP column becomes even more powerful due to sensitivity and selectivity advantages. The reported method provides a rapid, sensitive and selective technique for the determination of thiamine in corn grain to support nutrient composition studies with biotech seed. These studies are required by regulatory agencies to determine if any unintended changes in the nutritional profile of biotech seeds occur. The assay precision was 5%. Spiking recovery values ranged from 78-106%. The method limit of quantitation (LOQ) was 0.5 ppm.

AGRO 132

Extraction of microbial secondary metabolites from fermentation broths using polymeric resins

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Microbial secondary metabolites produced in fermentation are viable sources for new biopesticides with novel modes of action. Concentration and isolation of bioactive compounds require efficient extraction of metabolites in the microbial whole cell broth. Conventionally, liquid-liquid extraction using organic solvents has been the method of choice. We explored the idea of extracting natural product compounds using polymeric adsorbents with variable surface area and pore envelope size: Amberlite XAD4, XAD16 and XAD7HP. For extraction efficiency experiments, three natural product compounds with different molecular weights and logP values were used: gibberellic acid (GA3), thaxtomin A, and emodin. Amberlite XAD4 was most efficient in binding highly water soluble compounds such as GA3. Both aromatic XAD16 and acrylic XAD7HP extracted hydrophobic compounds (thaxtomin and emodin) more efficiently than the aromatic resin, XAD4. Based on extraction efficiencies, an optimal resin mixture for fermentation broths was designed and tested against the common ethyl-acetate liquid-liquid extraction.

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New pesticidal compounds from Burkholderia sp

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Natural products from microbial sources have been successfully used for the development of new biopesticides for crop protection. Interesting chemical structures and novel modes of action make these secondary metabolites very attractive due to improved efficacy, environmental and non-target safety, and resistance management. As part of a search for new leads for biopesticides, microbes isolated from various sources are screened for activities against various pests such as insects, plant pathogens, nematodes, and weeds. A novel bacterium Burkholderia sp. Isolated from a soil sample has shown potent insecticidal, fungicidal, nematicidal and herbicidal activities. Bioassay-guided isolation of the active fermentation broth resulted in the discovery of active metabolites belonging in three different structural classes. New compounds named templazole A and B and templamide A and B show good pesticidal activity. Studies are underway to identify remaining bioactive secondary metabolites, to optimize fermentation medium, and to enhance pesticidal efficacy via formulation development.
AGRO 134

Using microbes for synthesizing agrochemical metabolites

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Using common microbes to synthesize potential metabolites of agrochemicals in sufficient quantities can serve as an important alternative to conventional chemical synthesis for preparing reference standards or to predict metabolic/degradation pathways in animals, plants and soils. Certain microbial species have been shown to produce metabolites of agrochemicals remarkably similar to those produced by mammals, birds, fish, soil and, to some extent, plants. This similarity in metabolite profile is largely explained by the presence of cytochrome P-450-monoxygenases in these organisms. This poster reviews results of previously published microbial transformations of the fungicide cyprodinil, the herbicide clomazone and other pesticides and compares microbial metabolites to metabolites/degradates formed in animal, plant and soil metabolism studies to demonstrate the utility of the approach.

AGRO 135

Discovery of spiroindolines: A new class of insecticides with a novel mode of action

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Substituted spiro[indoline-3,4’-piperidine] compounds (spiroindolines) are a recently discovered class of insecticides which act at the vesicular acetylcholine transporter (VACHT). Our initial optimization program resulted in the discovery of SYN876, a new exploratory insecticide for the control of lepidopteran pests. This presentation will describe the discovery, optimization, synthesis, biology, mode of action and some structure-activity relationships of these novel spiroindoline compounds.

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Effect of halogen and trifluoromethyl substituents on the biological activity of spiroindolines

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Spiroindolines are a recently discovered class of insecticides active against a wide range of lepidopteran pests. As part of our optimization program we investigated the effect of halogen and trifluoromethyl substituents on the spiroindoline core (R1), the cinnamyl moiety (R2) and the pyridyl group (R3). This presentation will report the synthetic methodology applied to the preparation of our target compounds as well as the biological activity and structure-activity relationships of halogenated and trifluoromethyl substituted spiroindolines.

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Synthesis and biological activity of spiroindoline N-oxides

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Synsgenta researchers have recently discovered a new class of exploratory insecticides active against a wide range of lepidopteran pests – the spiroindolines. In order to alter the physico-chemical properties of the lead compound SYN876, such as lipophilicity, basicity and photostability, we designed and synthesized the spiroindolines-N-oxides. This presentation will report the synthesis, insecticidal activity, properties and structure-activity trends of this novel spiroindoline subclass.

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Effect of bedding material on air quality of bedded manure packs in livestock facilities

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Bedding materials may affect air quality in livestock facilities. The objective of this study was to compare headspace concentrations of odorous volatile organic compounds (VOCs), total reduce sulfur (TRS), CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O when corn stover, bean stover, wheat straw, switch grass, pine wood chips, pine wood shavings, ground corn cobs, and paper were used as bedding in lab-scale bedded manure packs. Ground corn cobs and paper produced higher VOCs, CO₂, and CH₄ concentrations than other bedding materials. Wood shavings also produced high concentrations of CO₂ but had significantly lower VOC concentrations than other bedding materials. Corn stover had the highest TRS concentration. Nitrous oxide was similar across all bedding treatments. Results of this study indicate that ground corn cobs or paper may increase odor and greenhouse gas production when used in deep-bedded livestock facilities.

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Flow characteristics of a dynamic flux chamber

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Gases are emitted from accumulated manure on the feedlot surface. Research has shown these emissions are not uniform across the pen. Considerable research has gone into measuring feedlot emissions using a variety of modeling methods. However, these methods do not allow for assessing spatial variability across the pen surface. Flux chamber can measure spatial variability; however, the internal flow characteristics of these chambers have not been documented. Understanding the chamber flow characteristics will improve the application of this technology for determining emissions from feedlot surfaces. A series of tracer studies have been conducted at flow rates of 1, 5 and 10 L min⁻¹ to determine tracer break-through curves. Moment analysis of the tracer gas break-through-curve will be done to evaluate internal flow characteristics.
AGRO 140

Volatile organic compounds in pesticide formulations: Methods to estimate ozone formation potential

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The environmental fate and toxicity of active ingredients in pesticide formulations has been investigated for many decades, but relatively little research has been conducted on the fate of pesticide co-formulants or inerts. Some co-formulants are volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and can contribute to ground-level ozone pollution. Effective product assessment methods are required to reduce emissions of the most reactive VOCs. Six emulsifiable concentrate pesticide products were characterized for percent VOC by thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) and gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS). TGA estimates exceeded GC-MS by 10 - 50% in all but one product, indicating that for some products a fraction of active ingredient is released during TGA or that VOC contribution was underestimated by GC-MS. VOC profiles were examined using TGA-Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) evolved gas analysis and were compared to GC-MS results. An ozone formation potential (OFP) for each product was calculated using the chemical composition from GC-MS and published maximum incremental reactivity (MIR) values. OFP values ranged from 0.1 to 3.1 g ozone/g product. A 24-h VOC emission simulation was developed for each product assuming a constant emission rate calculated from an equation relating maximum flux rate to vapor pressure. Results indicate 100% VOC loss for some products within a few hours, while other products containing less volatile components will remain in the field for several days after application. An alternate method to calculate a product OFP was investigated utilizing the fraction of the total mass of each chemical emitted at the end of the 24-h simulation.

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Atmospheric contributions of endosulfan to South Florida ecosystems

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The environmental health of the unique and fragile ecosystems of South Florida has been declining. Initially, nutrient inputs from agricultural activities and urban encroachment have been implicated in contributing to the loss of organism diversity; however, the frequent prophylactic application of pesticides is being examined as another possible challenge to these sensitive ecosystems. Pesticide release to the atmosphere is enhanced in this region due to the calcareous soils, low-water holding capacity, frequent rainfall and irrigation, high humidity and temperatures, and a transmissive aquifer system. Endosulfan has previously been identified as presenting a major hazard potential to aquatic organisms in this region. Air and rain samples were collected over five-year period and results suggest that the atmospheric contributions of endosulfan may be much greater than previously realized. These data will be useful for regulators, extension specialists, and decision-makers in modifying agricultural management practices to protect sensitive ecosystems.

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Standardization of flux chambers and wind tunnels for area source emission measurements at animal feeding operations

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Researchers and practitioners have used many varied designs of wind tunnels and flux chambers to measure the flux of volatile organic compounds, odor, and ammonia from area sources at animal feeding operations. The measured fluxes are used to estimate emission factors or compare treatments. We show that flux of these gas-film limited compounds varies greatly among the types and configurations of measurement devices, leading to highly varied flux estimations of unknown accuracy or comparability. A method was developed for standardizing and comparing flux measurements among the various devices. The method is based on mass-balance-measured evaporative flux at standard temperature. We demonstrate the method using the USEPA flux chamber and two wind tunnels. The method can be adapted to any design of flux chamber or wind tunnel using standard equipment at low cost.

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Modeling pesticides and their chemical transformation products

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Pesticides have adverse health effects, yet their transformation products may be more toxic and persistent than their parent compounds. To our knowledge, there have been no studies that investigated the regional distribution and behaviour of chemical transformation products of pesticides in the environment. Using a multi-media model that we developed, we modeled toxaphene, an insecticide, and its chemical transformation products in North America. The model can simulate complex atmospheric interactions among many species including pesticides, their reaction products, particulate matter, and ozone. Results show that atmospheric concentrations of the transformation products have strong spatial and temporal variability and can reach the levels that are higher than those of the parent pesticide. While analytical standards are typically lacking for pesticide chemical transformation products, and the life cycle impact assessments typically focus only on the effects of the parent compound, it may be necessary to consider transformation products in chemical risk assessments.
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Monitoring of endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs)-suspected pesticide residues in orchard soils in Korea

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Seventeen pesticides which were suspected as endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) classified by World Wildlife Fund (WWF) have been using in agricultural field in Korea. This experiment carried out to survey the residual characteristics of the EDCs-suspected pesticides in orchard soils. Forty samples were collected from orchard soils in Korea and pesticide residues in the soil were analyzed with a GLC and an HPLC by multiresidue analysis method, followed by confirmation of the suspected peaks as pesticide by mass spectrometry. Two pesticides such as endosulfan and fenvalerate were detected from 12 samples, representing detection rate was 30%. Concentration of EDCs-suspected pesticides detected from the orchard soils ranged from 0.041 to 0.219 mg/kg in case of endosulfan (sum of endosulfan and endosulfan sulfate).

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Search for neuraminidase inhibitors from Okinawan plants

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With the ever present threat of a pandemic derived from influenza viruses and the emergence of resistant to synthetic drugs, the importance of the search for novel compounds from plant-based source intensifies. In this regard, we investigated the neuraminidase (NA) inhibitory compounds in two Okinawan plants, Alpinia zerumbet (alpinia) and Leuceana leucocephala (leuceana). We isolated 5,6-dehydrokawain, dihydro-5,6-dehydrokawain (DDK), and labdadiene from the rhizomes of alpinia. These compounds showed mixed type inhibition with IC50 ranging from 24.6 to 36.6 mM. It was also found that DDK was a slow, time-dependent reversible inhibitor of NA with probably methoxy group as its functionally active site. We also isolated a non-protein amino acid, mimosine from leuceana and examined its NA inhibitory activities. We found that mimosine showed competitive inhibition with an IC50 of 9.8 mM and Km value of 0.0012 min⁻¹. Since our study revealed that Okinawan plants contain different kinds of NA inhibiting compounds, we continue identifying active compounds from different Okinawan plants and synthesizing more potent compounds analogs.

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Time-course residual characteristics of cyflufenamid and fluquinconazole in squash

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This study was carried out to elucidate the time-course residual pattern of the commonly used fungicides, cyflufenamid and fluquinconazole in squash. The pesticides were sprayed onto the squash at recommended and double doses at the 10 days before the harvest and then sampling was done at 0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 10 days after spraying under greenhouse conditions. The amounts of pesticides residues in the crop were analyzed with HPLC-DAD and GC-MS. Limits of detection (LODs) were 0.01 mg/kg for cyflufenamid and 0.001 mg/kg for fluquinconazole. Mean of the recoveries were from 85.63 to 93.66% in case of cyflufenamid and from 92.00 to 102.85% in case of fluquinconazole, respectively. Biological half-lives of cyflufenamid and fluquinconazolelethyl were 1.7 and 1.3 days at the recommended dose and 2.5 and 1.5 days at the double dose, respectively. Initial amount of test pesticides at the recommended and double doses exceeded their MRLs, but residue concentrations of pre-arranged harvest were less than their MRLs. The estimated daily intakes (EDIs) of the pesticides in the crop harvested at 10 days after spraying were less than 1.6% of their acceptable daily intakes (ADIs), representing that risk of the pesticides would be very low.

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Establishment of pre-harvest residue limits (PHRL) of fungicide myclobutanil and dimethomorph in Korean melon under greenhouse condition

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Pre-Harvest Residue Limits (PHRL) of myclobutanil and dimethomorph during cultivation of Korean melon were established by utilizing the dissipation curve and biological half-life. Initial concentrations of myclobutanil in Korean melon were 0.14 mg/kg and 0.23 mg/kg at recommended and double dose rate, respectively, of which those were below KFDA MRL 1.0 mg/kg. The equations of biological half-life were determined by Ct = 0.1204e⁻¹.₃₆ₓ (half life: 5.1 days) and Ct = 0.2073e⁻₀.₁₁ₓ (half life: 6.3 days) at the recommended and double doses exceeded their MRLs, respectively. Initial amount of test pesticides at the recommended and double doses exceeded their MRLs, but residue concentrations of pre-arranged harvest were less than 1.6% of their acceptable daily intakes (ADIs), representing that risk of the pesticides would be very low.

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Residual characteristics and estimated dietary intake of emamectin benzoate in leaf mustard

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This study was carried out to investigate the residue patterns and estimate the dietary intakes of the commonly used insecticides, emamectin benzoate in leaf mustard under greenhouse conditions. The pesticide was sprayed onto the leaf mustard at recommended and double doses at the 7 days before the harvest and then sampling was done at 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 days after spraying. The analytical samples were prepared by Quick, Easy, Cheap, Effective, Rugged and Safe (QuEChERS) method and the pesticide residue was determined by LC-MS/MS. Limits of detection (LODs) of emamectin benzoate was 0.002 mg kg⁻¹ and its recovery ranged from 105.7 to 107.3%. Biological half-lives of emamectin benzoate were 0.8 days at the recommended dose and 1.0 days at the double dose. The estimated daily intakes (EDIs) of the pesticide in the crop harvested at 4 days after spraying was less than 0.4% of its acceptable daily intakes (ADIs), representing that risk of the pesticide would be low.

Monitoring of pesticide residues in leafy vegetables collected from wholesale and traditional markets in Korea

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In order to monitor residue pattern and to assess dietary intake of pesticides in the leaf vegetables on the markets in Korea, twenty-three leafy vegetables, such as chard, perilla leaves, Welsh onion, water dropwort, broccoli, lettuce leaves, red lettuce leaves, celery, spinach, shinsuncho, Korean cabbage, kale, wrap kale, crown daisy, marsh mallow, cabbage, lettuce head, Chinese cabbage, radish leaves, red chard, Chinese vegetable, chicory, leek, were collected from markets on July and August in 2010. A total of 637 samples were analyzed by multi-residue analysis method using a GLC-ECD/NPD and an HPLC-DAD/FLD and confirmed with a GC-MSD for suspected peak of pesticides in leafy vegetables. Six pesticides, such as alachlor, diazinon, dicofol, diethypryl, chlorfenapyr and metolachlor, were detected from 8 samples. Detection frequency of the pesticides was 1.3% but amount of all of pesticides detected were below their maximum residue limit (MRL). No difference in residual patterns of pesticides observed between the wholesale and traditional markets. The estimated daily intakes (EDIs) of the pesticides detected were less than 15.7% of their acceptable daily intakes (ADIs).

Estimation of the dietary intake of flusilazole and hexaconazole in squash at different sampling stage before harvest

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In order to estimate the dietary intake of the fungicide flusilazole and hexaconazole in squash at different stage before harvest, the pesticides were sprayed onto the squash at recommended and double doses 10 days before harvest and then sampling was done at the prearranged day after spraying. And then, their residues were analyzed with a GC-NPD. Detection limits of the pesticides were 0.005 mg·kg⁻¹ for flusilazole and 0.004 mg·kg⁻¹ for hexaconazole and mean recoveries of flusilazole and hexaconazole were from 91.52 to 102.02% and from 99.70 to 105.28%, respectively. Amount of flusilazole and hexaconazole on the application day of sprayed pesticides in squash were 0.095 and 0.040 mg·kg⁻¹ for recommended dose and 0.147 and 0.061 mg·kg⁻¹ for doubled dose, respectively. Residue level of the harvest day of 10 day after spraying in squash was less than the LOQ of both flusilazole and hexaconazole. Half-life of flusilazole in squash were 1.9 days at the recommended dose and 2.2 days at the doubled dose. And also that of hexaconazole in squash were 1.2 days at the recommended dose and 1.5 days at the doubled dose. The estimated dietary intakes of the test pesticides by intake of the crop...
harvested 10 days after spraying was estimated less than 2.1% of their ADIs.

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Regulatory improvements to the Endangered Species Act consultation process for pesticide registrations

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This presentation will first summarize what we believe are the most important parameters and goals of section 7(a)(2) pesticide consultations. This includes the need for US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) to complete consultations with US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) before registering any new pesticides. Our presentation will then discuss regulatory and policy recommendations that would enable US EPA and USFWS to complete hundreds of nationwide consultations more efficiently and effectively. This discussion will underscore how US EPA’s current ecological risk assessment must become more effective at addressing the impacts of pesticide use on imperiled species.

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Application of the Endangered Species Act’s best scientific data available standard

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The ESA requires federal agencies to use the “best scientific...data available” as the basis for decisions. Critics of the ESA scientific assessments often assert that federal agencies fail to provide a clear rationale for the choice of information used or excluded when making decisions, nor are limitations of data used to support decisions identified or explained fully. Currently, there are no federal rules or guidelines that explicitly describe what constitutes the “best scientific data available” or that ensure consistency in the application of this standard. However, as the available body of scientific data relating to listed species will rarely, if ever, be definitive, the problem lies more in the way scientific data are applied to decisions. We propose an approach, Hypothesis-Based Weight of Evidence, as a means to improve transparency and accountability and to communicate the uncertainties from the data effectively, giving proper consideration to contrary data and alternative, scientifically- plausible interpretations.

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Producing food and fiber where endangered species live

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Nearly two-thirds of Washington State is covered by the “reasonable and prudent alternatives” in the first Biological Opinion resulting from the Washington Toxics Coalition lawsuit regarding protection of Pacific salmonids. This includes the land that produces over 92% of the nation’s raspberries and over 50% of its apples along with a quarter of the vegetables for processing. From the standpoint of agriculture, these recommendations are neither reasonable nor prudent. Congress formally recognized the need to include agricultural producers in the development of endangered species-related restrictions on pesticides when it included Section 1010 in the 1988 Amendments to the Endangered Species Act. The conference report reads in part, “Federal agencies shall implement the Endangered Species Act in a way that protects endangered and threatened species while minimizing, where possible, impacts on production of agricultural food and fiber commodities.” Thus, regulators should take into account the science-based practices already implemented by growers to minimize the impact of pesticides on the environment when new, ESA-related restrictions are proposed.

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Endangered species pesticide protection programs in North Dakota: Past, present, and future

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The North Dakota Department of Agriculture has been committed to protecting endangered species from pesticides for the past two decades. The first program began in the nineties, and that program gave way to a program that would fit in with EPA’s new endangered species protection plan and mandatory bulletins. In early 2008, the Department submitted a new state-initiated endangered species protection plan to EPA for approval. Under the plan, the Department commits to supply EPA with data and recommendations as the Agency develops and implements measures to better mitigate the risk of pesticides to listed species in North Dakota. Data to be supplied by the state include state-specific pesticide use information, distribution and biology information on listed species, cropping data, information on the overlap between potential pesticide use and listed species habitat, data from environmental monitoring studies, and soil type information. The hope is to develop measures that are not only protective of listed species, but also reasonable, to ensure public acceptance of the program and buy-in for pesticide-use restrictions specifically intended to protect listed species. At present the department is working on filling in data gaps, specifically real world monitoring data of environmental exposure. For the past four years, the department has conducted state- wide surface water monitoring for over 180 pesticides. The monitoring includes sites chosen for their proximity to suspected spawning areas of the endangered pallid sturgeon.

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California’s pesticide use reporting system

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California regulations require that all agricultural pesticide use and some non-agricultural uses be reported to the Department of Pesticide Regulation. The data are stored in the Pesticide Use Reporting (PUR) database for all years from 1990 to the present, averaging 2.5 million records a year. These data include the amount and pesticide applied, date and location of each application, crop treated, area treated, acres planted, application method, grower identification code, and field identification code. The PUR database is used by many different individuals and organizations for a wide range of purposes, including the evaluation of exposures of endangered species to pesticides, estimation of human dietary risk, epidemiological studies correlating pesticide use with human illnesses, and evaluation of pest management programs. The data are extensively checked for errors, especially before data are
made available to the public. Some errors, for example the consequence of misplaced decimal points, result in considerably overstated use, and even one error can significantly affect analyses database users may conduct.

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Role of state pesticide agencies in the endangered species assessment process: Examples from Florida

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US EPA is currently relying on state pesticide agencies to perform preliminary endangered species assessments for pesticide registrations including emergency exemptions (FIFRA Section 18) or Special Local Need (Section 24c) registrations. Considering the disparity of resources available at the state level, EPA is instructing the states “to provide as much information as possible regarding the proposed use relative to potential implications for endangered and threatened species.” The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services utilizes various data sources to determine proximity of endangered species to crop/land use associated with a particular pesticide. Florida has access to extensive spatial data on land use and endangered species habitat from other state agencies, but in comparison to western states like California and Washington, Florida’s pesticide use data is meager. Examples are provided of data sources that can be used by states with similar pesticide data constraints.

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Bioenergy buffers: Creating sustainable agricultural landscapes

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US agriculture is being challenged to meet growing global demand, while also minimizing any negative environmental impacts associated with crop production. One idea to help meet these challenges is to create more sustainable agricultural landscapes through the implementation of “Bioenergy Buffers.” The basic concept is to plant perennial bioenergy crops (e.g., Miscanthus, switchgrass) around all sides of conventional row crop fields. This would provide multiple ecosystem services: reduced runoff of sediment, nutrients, and crop chemicals; direct and indirect GHG sequestration and emission avoidance; a more diversified source of bioenergy feed stocks; potential habitat for beneficial wildlife; inter-connected corridors for migration; protection of endangered species; and barriers to crop chemical drift. Implementation of Bioenergy Buffers will require modification of certain conservation incentive programs to allow harvest in such areas. Work has begun to quantify the sustainability benefits of these systems and to evaluate practical agronomic aspects associated with their implementation.

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Ecosystem services framework for agricultural key performance indicators

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Agricultural systems can provide critical benefits to society beyond food, such as flood mitigation, maintenance of air quality, habitat, and clean water. These ecosystem services, in turn, support agricultural productivity. Unfortunately, there is insufficient information available to industry about how agricultural systems provide ecosystem services and few support tools for farmers to optimize ecosystem services in ways that enhance long-term viability. While sustainability programs have successfully developed key performance indicators (KPIs) to benchmark the direct environmental impacts of agriculture (like water and energy use), we have generally struggled to develop KPIs for ecosystem services. This presentation will introduce an ecosystem services framework for agricultural KPIs which will provide guidance to identify, measure, and value ecosystem services on a farm over time. The conceptual framework will draw on lessons learned from several payments for ecosystem services programs and will be applicable to food, beverage, and agriculture supply chain management initiatives.

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Measuring sustainability in the agri-food sector: Use and development of Eco-Efficiency Analysis

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Sustainability initiatives have been ongoing for over 15 years in the chemical industry. As a result the sustainability evaluation tools, Eco-Efficiency and SEEBALANCE® analysis, were developed that are comparative methods utilizing a Life Cycle Assessment approach with the whole life cycle of a product being considered. Such tools can assist strategic decision-making and facilitate the identification of product and process improvements. We will discuss the development and use of Eco-Efficiency Analysis, the potential to apply this tool on agricultural production processes, such as soybean or corn cultivation, and measuring sustainability in the agri-food sector.

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From isoprene to Taxol®: Modular architecture in terpenoid biosynthesis

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Biosynthetic mechanisms are the finest examples of "green" and sustainable production of important chemicals such as those derived from terpenoids. Terpenoid synthases (TSs) catalyze the most complex reactions in biology and are involved in important steps of biosynthetic routes that produce common plant natural products, many of which have significant commercial value. In our recent studies, we have determined the structures of isoprene synthase, which produces the raw material for rubber; taxadiene synthase, which produces the precursor of blockbuster cancer drug Taxol®; and ent-copalyl diphosphate synthase, which synthesizes the precursor of important plant hormones (gibberellins). These structures provide significant information about TS catalysis and suggest structural and evolutionary linkage among all known TSs. Our structural knowledge of TSs could provide additional diversity in natural products through engineering catalytic properties of TSs.
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Sustainability initiatives in agriculture: The role of science

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A sustainable society is one that can meet its needs while preserving natural resources for future generations. Key components of this goal are production of a robust food supply while protecting human health and the environment, conserving precious resources, and balancing economic viability. Rapid world-wide population growth will continue to challenge twenty-first century agriculture. Ensuring adequate food, fiber, and fuel for a growing population will require increased crop yields on less cultivated land, strain limited natural resources, and increase the need for continued advancement in more sustainable solutions through sound science. This presentation will discuss current sustainability initiatives, the role of science, available tools, and research needs.

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Regulating pesticide products used in the home: Comparison of biomonitoring data and exposures estimated with regulatory models

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A key element in regulating pesticides is the prediction of potential exposures that may be associated with the use of proposed products. For residential use products, the US EPA uses standard operating procedures (SOPs) to estimate exposures in support of registration decisions. In 2009, US EPA presented proposed revised SOPs at a public meeting of the Science Advisory Panel. In recent years, pesticide registrants have been developing data to better understand exposure associated with their products. One such study, in which biomonitoring exposure data was collected from individuals who use spot-on products on their pets, found exposures ranging over four orders of magnitude. The purpose of this analysis is to compare measured exposures from that study with those predicted according to the current and proposed SOPs for spot-on products. The analysis identifies factors in the SOPs which might be refined to provide more representative exposure estimates.

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Monitoring knockdown resistance in the human head louse populations using three molecular tools

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Knockdown resistance (kdr), mainly conferred by three point mutations (M815I, T917I, and L920F) in the para-orthologous, voltage-sensitive, sodium-channel gene, is a major attribute of permethrin-resistant head lice. Using a tier system of three molecular resistance detection protocols, kdr frequencies of field populations have been efficiently worldwide. Quantitative sequencing (QS) suitable for a primary resistance monitoring tool to screen a large number of louse populations can detect kdr alleles as low as 7.4%. For more precise determination of kdr allele frequencies, the real-time PASA (rtPASA) has been used to monitor frequencies below the QS detection limit at levels as low as 1.13%. The serial invasive signal amplification reaction (SISAR), developed for determining both kdr allele frequency and allelic zygosity of individual lice, has uncovered eight different kdr diplotypes in Egyptian lice. The QS, rtPASA, and SISAR have facilitated large-scale routine monitoring of kdr in field-collected head louse populations.

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Resistance-breaking acetylcholinesterase inhibitors for the malaria mosquito, Anopheles gambiae

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Growing pyrethroid resistance threatens malaria control in sub-Saharan Africa. To address this problem, we seek to develop acetylcholinesterase (AChE) inhibitors that are safe to humans and possess low cross-resistance to An. gambiae carrying the G119S AChE resistance mutation. Reasoning that the G119S mutation reduces the volume of the AChE active site, we explored carbamate inhibitors that replace the typical 6-membered aromatic ring with a smaller core. We will disclose a series of pyrazole-based carbamates that show good contact toxicity to AKRON strain An. gambiae, which carries both the G119S AChE mutation and the L1014F kdr mutation of the voltage-gated, sodium-ion channel. Kinetic studies of the inhibition of WT and G119S An. gambiae AChE demonstrate that greater potency against the G119S enzyme accompanies their observed higher toxicity relative to standard carbamate insecticides. We will also disclose structural features that confer good An. gambiae/human AChE inhibition selectivity.

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Sarmentine as a bioherbicide

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Sarmentine, a known compound isolated from the fruits of Piper sarmentosum and P. nigrum has various, previously-reported, biological functions, such as antiplatelet aggregation, antiplasmodial, antimycobacterial, and antituberculosis activity. A novel function (i.e., phytotoxicity) was discovered using bioassay-guided purification of the crude extract of P. longum fruit. Phytotoxicity was examined with weed and crop seedlings. Results indicated that sarmentine is a contact herbicide with broad-spectrum activity. A series of sarmentine analogs were synthesized to study the structure-activity relationship (SAR) of sarmentine analogs. Results suggested that phytotoxicity required
certain functionalities, i.e., the analogs of the acid moiety of sarmentine were active, but the amine and its analogs were inactive. The ester analogs and amide analogs with a primary amine of sarmentine were also inactive. This study suggests that sarmentine is a promising lead molecule for synthetic herbicides. Plant extracts containing sarmentine can also be used as effective contact bioherbicides.

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Mp708 a maize (Zea mays) line resistant to herbivory constitutively releases (E)-β-caryophyllene
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Maize an important US agricultural crop is often destroyed by insect feeding. Maize generates a variety of responses to pest attack from activation of wound-response pathways, such as jasmonic acid (JA) biosynthesis, to the release of volatile compounds. Mp708 is an inbred-line resistant to feeding by fall armyworm (FAW). The underlying resistance mechanisms are not completely understood. Mp708 has been shown to express JA and other octadecanoid compounds constitutively prior to infestation. Tx601, a genotype susceptible to FAW, activates JA pathway only in response to feeding, suggesting that Mp708 is primed for attack. Analysis of the volatiles released by the resistant and susceptible lines was conducted using SPME-GC/MS. We have demonstrated the presence of (E)-β-caryophyllene, which is commonly associated with resistance, is released constitutively in Mp708. FAW larvae showed a preference for Tx601 over Mp708 whorl tissue. Identifying volatiles correlated with resistance could lead to the integration of these traits into commercial varieties.

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Persistence and transferability of pyrethroid insecticides on urban concrete surfaces
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Urban insecticide use is of great environmental concern because of pesticide runoff and contamination to urban watersheds. However, in contrast to the intensive urban use, insecticide persistence and transport in urban environments, especially on hardscapes, is poorly understood. In this study, we investigated pyrethroid persistence and runoff potential on concrete, and evaluated formulation effects on pesticide transferability from concrete to water. Significantly higher levels of permethrin and bifenthrin were found in runoff for ready-to-use (RTU) solid formulations than liquid formulations, which may be attributed to facilitated transport by granules. Lower runoff potential for RTU liquid and professional formulations was likely caused by strong retention of pyrethroids in concrete porous matrix. Pyrethroid degradation on concrete was observed, as indicated by increased cis/trans-permethrin ratio and appearance of polar permethrin degrade in the runoff. Prolonged pyrethroid persistence on concrete and sustained runoff indicate the importance to mitigate long-term pesticide runoff from urban hardscapes.

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Sulfentrazone aquatic field dissipation study in Canada
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An aquatic dissipation study for sulfentrazone herbicide was conducted in a small-scale pond near Elm Creek, Manitoba, Canada in 2009. One control and three replicate treated limnocorals representing normal viable aquatic community were established in the pond. Sulfentrazone was added to surface water at typical application timing, simulating a runoff or aerial drift event. NaBr was also applied to limnocorals as an indicator of system integrity. There were a total of 12 sampling events during the study conduct (June to November). Water from surface and subsurface and sediment samples were collected and analyzed for sulfentrazone and its major aquatic metabolite (methyl triazole). The half-life and DT50 were 29.2 and 27.0 days, respectively, in the aquatic system; the study was terminated after the 5-month sampling event. The study design and analytical and dissipation data will be presented. Comparisons of the actual half-life and the theoretical values used in the modeling in estimating the concentrations in surface water will be discussed.

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Spatial distribution of iodide concentrations in California groundwater
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The spatial distribution and sources of existing iodide concentrations in groundwater of the United States are not well documented. Moreover, a health effects level has not been established for iodide in drinking water. Therefore, it is unclear if, and to what degree, anthropogenic sources may substantially contribute to existing iodide concentrations in groundwater and the potential for human health effects. A detailed literature review and evaluation of publicly available databases was undertaken to quantify iodide groundwater concentrations in the State of California. Data mined from public sources were assessed to quantify iodide variability in groundwater and were statistically analyzed using General Linear Modeling (GLM) to characterize better the key environmental factors responsible for iodide variability in groundwater. Results indicated that sodium concentrations accounted for a large amount of the iodide variability observed in groundwater. Results also suggest that iodide variability may be largely driven by current or historic marine influences.
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Rice cultivation, pesticide load and water contamination
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Rice is cultivated throughout the world under submerged conditions. The high water requirements and the heavy pesticide load used in rice paddies have resulted in contamination of associated surface water. A study was undertaken to analyse the contamination by pesticides in surface and groundwater samples in a rice growing area. A survey for pesticide use and rice variety grown by farmers was conducted in association with the monitoring study. Eight tube wells from rice fields in Greater Noida, India were selected for study. Samples of river and tube wells were taken before, mid and end of cropping season and also post harvest. Among the various pesticides analyzed, 41% samples were found contaminated with organochlorine pesticides and 27% samples were contaminated with organophosphate pesticides above MRL values. Concentration of organochlorine pesticides ranged from 0.017 to 0.917 µg/l, and organophosphate pesticides ranged from 0.141 to 1.926 µg/l. Average value of contamination is 42% to 85% in organochlorine pesticides and organophosphate pesticides respectively.

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Endangered species assessments conducted under FIFRA: Fomesafen registration review case study
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The Endangered Species Act of 1973 requires federal agencies to assess potential impacts to federally-listed threatened or endangered species and their habitats for any activity permitted, funded, or conducted by that agency. The Environmental Protection Agency is updating these assessments as part of their Registration Review program. This program involves review of pesticides on a 15-year cycle and uses a three phase process that is designed to include public involvement through comment periods. The herbicide fomesafen, the active ingredient in Syngenta's Reflex®, Flexstar®, Flexstar® GT and Prefix® products, is one of the first active ingredients to be considered under Registration Review. The status of the fomesafen review will be presented as a case study including suggested improvements in the process and methods.

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Fomesafen endangered species assessment: Novel approaches for assessment refinement
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Fomesafen is one of the first active ingredients in EPA’s new Registration Review program undergoing a national-level ecological risk and effects assessment for federally-listed endangered and threatened species. After review of EPA’s initial draft assessment, several areas were identified where additional data or modeling could be used to refine the assessment. These areas included soil residue, aquatic metabolism, efficacy, plant recovery and taxonomic sensitivity data, as well as geo-spatial data for identifying the proximity of endangered species to areas of potential fomesafen use. Methods for assessing and determining the potential for direct and indirect effects to non-target organisms were also explored, along with refinements to exposure models including T-REX, TerrPlant, AgDRIFT®, and AGDISP. This presentation will discuss available data and techniques that are important in refining a national-level endangered species assessment for fomesafen.

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FIFRA Registration Review and the Endangered Species Act: Clomazone case study
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Clomazone, a herbicide registered by FMC Corporation, was selected to be one of the products serving as the first or “pilot” assessment of endangered species with regard to EPA’s compliance to the Endangered Species Act when undertaking Registration Review. This presentation will examine EPA’s approach to the assessment and the registrant’s approach to providing supportive data to EPA’s assessment. Additionally, comments on FIFRA-ESA compliance and EPA’s species assessment that were submitted during the public comment period will be examined. The clomazone assessment continues to be considered as a pilot assessment for developing a process for consultation between EPA and the Services. Consequently, this presentation will also examine the status of this process.

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Invasive weed and endangered species interactions: Can herbicides facilitate a positive outcome?
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Invasive weeds are aggressive and displace native plant communities, especially forbs and shrubs. Previous research showed that quinclorac and imazapic were successfully used to control an invasive weed and not affect survival or fecundity of an endangered species. Experiments conducted at high elevation sites in western Colorado with aminopyralid applied mid- or late-summer or fall at 53 and 126 g ai ha⁻¹ decreased native forb abundance only 21 to 44% at the latter two timings. Results from another Colorado experiment showed that aminopyralid successfully decreased abundance of Russian knapweed (Acroptilon repens) and allowed 11 of 16 seeded forbs, shrubs, and grasses to establish to aid site recovery. These data show that herbicides can be used to decrease invasive weed abundance while providing native plant communities with an opportunity to recover over time. Thus, buffer zones need not be universally applied and such decisions should be based upon sound science.
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Cranberry insect pest management and Karner Blue butterfly protection: A Wisconsin case study

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Cranberry production in Wisconsin occurs in portions of the state containing stands of wild lupine, a host for the endangered Karner blue butterfly (Lycaeides melissa samuelis). Growers manage several Lepidoptera pests and their tools include insecticide sprays. During 2005, the insecticide Intrepid™ 2F (AI: methoxyfenozide) was approved by US EPA for use in managing Lepidoptera pests of cranberries. EPA’s assessment concerns for potential spray drift impacts on Karner blue populations resulted in adoption of labeling restrictions for a 1-mile no-spray buffer around sandy habitat supporting wild lupine. This buffer rendered the product essentially unusable by cranberry growers. At their request, during 2007 a formal ESA consultation process was initiated with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The outcome of a cooperative process involving growers, local USFWS office, state regulatory officials, EPA, and the registrant was identification of an alternate set of mitigation measures compatible with agricultural practices. These measures were incorporated into the very first active EPA Endangered Species Protection Program (ESP) county bulletins. This case study highlights important lessons concerning successful integration of ESA considerations and agricultural interests.

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Adaptive management of aquatic plants in the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta in compliance with the Endangered Species Act: Applying lessons learned for strategic planning

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Over the past 25 years, several state, federal, and local agencies have succeeded in reducing negative impacts from water hyacinth (Eichhornia crassipes (Mart.) Solms) and Brazilian waterweed (Egeria densa Planch) in the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta. The Delta is relied upon by over 25 million Californians for potable water as well as for agricultural, recreational, and industrial uses. The Delta harbors several species listed as threatened and endangered; thus, Section 7 consultations with NOAA-Fisheries (NMFS) and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) were part of the management planning and strategies. Success came from several related approaches that included: (1) use of Best Management Practices (BMP’s); (2) compliance with US EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES); (3) engaging regulatory personnel with on-the-water experiences to familiarize them with the problem and the environment; (4) informal discussions of risk-benefits issues; (5) collaborative planning to fill data gaps; (6) public outreach; and (7) refining and adapting monitoring and control methods throughout the project period.

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Vertebrate pesticides and the ESA

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Use of vertebrate pesticides is the most cost-effective method for removing pest wildlife, but conflicts may arise with the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Procedural components can become especially problematic when government programs hold the registration for or utilize pesticide products. Multiple consultations with differing opinion language complicate effective pesticide use and raise questions concerning the actual risks and analyses used in the process. This paper discusses pesticide use for prairie dogs and coyotes as examples of ESA implementation and notes successful and not-so-successful implementation of restrictions. These examples will show effective processes as well as those that need improvement. Many of the improvements do not require ESA revision, but rather a commitment to utilize consistent language and interpretations.

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Ten-years of pesticide volatilization monitoring

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Pesticides are an integral component of modern agricultural production systems. Offsite movement and transport of pesticides pose a critical concern with respect to humans, animals, plants air and water quality. We introduce and present the results from a long-term volatilization study spanning over a decade. This 10-year study was conducted to improve our understanding of how local meteorology and antecedent soil conditions influence year to year variability in watershed-scale herbicide volatilization. The study was conducted at a 21-ha watershed site located at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Site location, herbicide formulations, and agricultural management practices remained unchanged throughout the duration of the study. Metolachlor and atrazine were co-applied as a surface broadcast spray. A flux gradient technique was used to compute volatilization fluxes for the first 5 days after application using herbicide concentration profiles and turbulent fluxes of heat and water vapor as measured from eddy covariance measurements. Results demonstrate that volatilization losses for these two herbicides were high even though both have relatively low vapor pressures. Cumulative volatilization losses after 5 days ranged from 5 to 63% of that applied for metolachlor and about 2 to 12% for atrazine. This research confirms that herbicide volatilization is an extremely important process that will need to be better understood if environmental impacts are to be determined and improved management strategies developed.
NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD. Pesticide emission model: Evaluation of performance in predicting pesticide emissions from the Chesapeake Bay region

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The ecosystem health decrease in the Chesapeake Bay region has been well documented with reports demonstrating eutrophication, increased toxicity, and a decrease in biodiversity. One area that has come under recent scrutiny is the use of the pesticides on the Delmarva Peninsula and other highly rural areas surrounding the region. Current and legacy pesticides have been shown to represent a pollution source and have been measured at significant concentrations in air, rain, and soil samples in this region. Unfortunately, as pesticide emissions are not currently regulated by the states in the region, detailed pesticide emission inventories for use in regional air quality models (i.e., Community Multiscale Air Quality or CMAQ) are not easily obtained. In the current study, a detailed analysis of the use of the Pesticide Emissions Model (PEM), previously used to determine atrazine deposition to the Great Lakes, to develop emissions inventories is demonstrated. The PEM model utilizes meteorological data, pesticide properties, and use data to generate emissions data which can then be fed directly into air quality models to determine the fate and transport of those pesticides.

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Reducing near-field agricultural fumigant emissions through efficacious changes in regional application practices

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Regional field-scale pre-plant potato metam sodium surface fumigations were conducted in southeastern Washington State from 2008 to 2010. These combined fumigant flux/efficacy demonstrations were developed to compare traditional center pivot and low drift chemigation to soil-incorporated, shank-application methods. Demonstrations were performed during the cooler fall period when commercial soil fumigations were occurring. Soil-incorporated, shank injection appreciably reduced methyl isothiocyanate (MITC) emissions compared to surface fumigant applications. However, a consistent trend towards higher production yields was observed for surface fumigations. Incremental adjustments in soil-incorporation depth could increase product efficacy while retaining the benefit of reduced field-edge buffers and lowering MITC bystander inhalation exposure. These demonstrations provide agricultural producers, crop consultants, and registrants with regional flux and potato efficacy information to make informed management decisions, especially where field applications can occur in proximity to residential communities and difficult to evaluate locations.

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Predicting transport, fate, and pest control after fumigating soil with methyl iodide

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Protecting soil, water and air from pesticide contamination requires a fundamental understanding of the synergies of the fate, transport and pest-control processes. Pest management systems are needed that protect crop yields while minimizing harmful environmental and public health effects. A study was conducted to determine the feasibility of predicting pesticide distribution in soil, pest control, and volatile emissions after methyl iodide (MeI) fumigation. The objectives were to: 1) measure volatilization, degradation, distribution, and pest survival in a 2-D soil chamber, and 2) develop and test a 2-D mathematical model to predict fumigant behavior and control of three classes of plant pests: nematodes, fungi and weeds. After 24 h fumigation, 28.9% of MeI volatilized and 6.8% remained in soil. Predictions and measurements showed that fungi [Fusarium oxysporum] were not suppressed, >90% of citrus nematodes [Tylenchulus semipeneterans] were killed; and that weed seeds [Echinocloa crus-galli] were controlled within 20-cm of the injection point. This study demonstrates that models could be used to develop best management practices that minimize emissions while protecting crops from pests.

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Assessment of pesticide drift and deposition downwind of ground spray applications: A case study examining the impact of droplet size, boom height, and wind speed

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Pesticide airborne drift and deposition downwind from ground spraying applications were investigated using ground spray drift experimental datasets compiled by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. The primary study objective was to develop a series of empirical curves characterizing spray deposition versus downwind distance as a function of spray application parameters and meteorology. Using measurements from 29 field experiments, best-fit curves were developed to predict deposition versus distance for ground spray applications as a function of spray quality (droplet size), boom (release) height, and wind speed. The dataset characterized deposition for spray quality ranging from fine to very coarse drop-size distributions, at two release heights, for wind speeds between 3 and 12 m/s, and for distances extending to 120 m downwind of the spray swath. A series of curves for deposition versus travel time were developed for data subsets based on spray quality and release height. Deposition declined more rapidly with travel time as droplet size and release height increased.
Agricultural and composting sources are prime examples of persistent high levels of ground-level ozone formation. As California’s San Joaquin Valley (SJV), have raised agencies in regions with severe air quality challenges, such as Davis CA 95616 & Environmental Engineering, University of California-Davis, pggreen@ucdavis.edu. Department of Civil Engineering, University of Colorado, Boulder CO 80305 (2) CSD, NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory, Boulder CO 80305.

Seven research flights were conducted in the Central Valley of California to investigate the emissions from rice fields in the Sacramento Valley and from cattle farms in the San Joaquin Valley during the CalNex aircraft mission in 2010. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were measured downwind together with other gas and aerosol species including methane and ammonia. Methanol is used to color-code the flight tracks of the aircraft in Figure 1 and the data are used to determine VOC emissions from those sources.

Volatile organic compound emissions from agriculture in Central Valley, California

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Speciation of VOCs from complex sources: Validation of reactivity-weighted emissions

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Agencies in regions with severe air quality challenges, such as California’s San Joaquin Valley (SJV), have raised concerns about volatile organic compounds (VOCs) emitted from complex sources which are suspected to contribute to persistent high levels of ground-level ozone formation. Agricultural and composting sources are prime examples of sources involving complex biology and chemistry that have recently come under scrutiny. The goal of our series of studies is to characterize the mixture of VOCs with a sufficient variety of techniques in order to assess their ozone formation potential (OFP). By matching short-term OFP in the field (with a mobile ozone chamber) to photochemical model calculations, we can assert that our speciation of VOCs is relatively complete with respect to ozone formation. This approach has been applied to orchards receiving solvent-based pesticide spraying, livestock and poultry (with their fresh waste), animal feeds, green waste compost, and biosolid co-composting.

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Mass balance evaluation of alcohol emission from cattle feed

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Silage on dairy farms has been recognized as an important source of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) to the atmosphere, and therefore a contributor to tropospheric ozone. Considering reactivity and likely emission rates, ethanol, 1-propanol, and acetaldehyde probably make up the largest contribution to ozone formation. Accurate estimates of emission rates of these compounds are not available. Previous studies have measured VOC emission rates using flux chambers, which underestimate rates in the field, or wind tunnels, which may provide more accurate estimates. In this work, we describe a mass balance approach for estimating VOC emission from cattle feed and measurements of ethanol, 1-propanol, methanol, and acetaldehyde emission from corn silage on a dairy farm in Maryland, USA. We anticipate that our approach will provide more accurate estimates of emission rates and the effect of temperature and air flow on emission from silage under farm conditions.

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Comparison of flux chamber devices for ammonia emission measurement

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Dairy manure ammonia emissions from a mechanically-ventilated test room were compared to emissions measured using four flux chamber designs. Aerial ammonia concentration and whole-room air flow rates were used to establish benchmark whole-room ammonia emission rates. Flux chamber systems that employed little or no internal air mixing underestimated whole-room ammonia emissions by 11 to 70%. The flux chamber equipped with an internal mixing fan but no control over air movement uniformity exhibited ammonia emission rates that were 153 to 308% of the whole-room ammonia flux. Ammonia emission rates from the flux chamber utilizing a variable-speed recirculating fan with horizontally-directed air movement averaged 102% of whole-room ammonia emission rates using an average air velocity of 0.52 m/s. Controlling air movement/velocity over the enclosed surface improved the accuracy of ammonia emission rate measurements compared to flux systems that rely on low velocity or no chamber mixing.

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Chiral chemistry and toxicity assessments for pyrethroid pesticides


Pyrethroids compose, by amount, the largest class of pesticides currently used in the United States. Their use in commercial, industrial, agricultural, and domestic settings makes study of their toxicity of general concern. These concerns extend from single exposure episodes to one pyrethroid to chronic exposure to several pyrethroids. The toxicological fate of pyrethroids in humans is modeled by identifying exposure routes and levels, following the distribution and metabolism within the body, and examining the elimination paths. Complex PBPK/PD models can be formulated which track exposure, absorption, distribution, reaction, and elimination over time. Traditionally, these PBPK/PD models track a particular pesticide, along with various metabolites and biomarkers. However, pyrethroids typically contain one or more chiral centers, resulting in numerous stereoisomers in many commercial products. Each stereoisomer differs in effectiveness for its intended use and also in its toxicity. This paper discusses the development of chiral analytical techniques in parallel to the advances in commercial chiral production methods to assess the current status of related PBPK parameters for toxicity models.
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Direct chiral separation of pyrethroid isomers by HPLC with chiral stationary phases

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The direct chiral separation of pyrethroids: allethrin, phenothrin, resmethrin, furamethrin, tetramethrin, etc., was performed by HPLC with a variety of chiral stationary phases. During this process, the reversal of enantiomer elution order was observed. Several examples of such unusual behavior will be presented.

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Biotransformation and enzymatic reactions of pyrethroid insecticides in mammals

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Synthetic pyrethroids, a major insecticide group, are used worldwide to control agricultural and household pests. Biotransformation of pyrethroids in mammals including humans usually proceeds in two steps: Phase 1 reactions, oxidation and cleavage of the ester bond, and Phase 2 reactions, formation of hydrophilic and lipophilic conjugates. Oxidation reactions are mediated by several CYP (P-450) isoforms and the ester bond is mainly cleaved by carboxylesterase (CES) in animals and humans. CYPs and CESs involved in the metabolism of pyrethroids depend on chemical structures. Major isoforms of CYPs and CESs may be determined on their intrinsic activity and abundance. However, it is noteworthy that there may be actually no poor metabolizers for pyrethroids in humans, because several CYP isoforms and carboxylesterase(s) are known to be involved in their biotransformation. In addition, species, age, and sex differences for biotransformation of pyrethroids will be discussed.

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Prediction and use of environmentally- and physiologically-relevant properties of pesticides

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The role of quantitative structure-activity relationships (QSARs) in agrochemistry was once limited to predicting activity against target pests or safety in crop species. Today it has expanded to include quantitative structure-property relationships (QSPRs) relevant to movement through the environment as well as to QSARs for toxic effects on species other than targeted pests and crops. Creating broadly applicable global QSAR and QSPR models requires careful collection and curation of data from the open literature as well as application of advanced modeling and analysis tools, particularly when the predicted properties are going to be used to address regulatory concerns or to estimate human exposure by computational simulation. Many such models have been developed over the years for ADMET Predictor (TM); we will describe the results of applying them to typical pesticides as well as to how the predicted properties can be used effectively in carrying out pharmacokinetic simulations using GastroPlus(TM).

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Characterization of potential age-related differences in pyrethroid pharmacokinetics

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There is a new initiative by the Council for the Advancement of Pyrethroid Human Risk Assessment (CAPHRA) to develop physiologically-based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) models to assess potential susceptibility of infants and children to pyrethroids. Comprehensive studies of selected pyrethroids will be conducted in our laboratory on maturing rats, and the findings used to develop/refine PBTK models. In situ, in vitro, and in vivo experiments will be performed to assess the age-dependency and influence of the following physiological processes on pyrethroids' PK: human and rat plasma protein binding; rat gastrointestinal (GI) absorption; rat blood-brain barrier (BBB) permeability; and human GI and BBB transport. The human colon adenocarcinoma cell line, Caco-2, is being used to measure time- and concentration-dependence of pyrethroid uptake. Cells grown on Transwell® inserts provide discrete apical and basolateral chambers which allow measurement of permeability constants and efflux ratios for 14C-labeled pyrethroids. The human brain microvascular endothelial cell line, hCMEC/D3, will be utilized as a model system to assess BBB transport. These experiments are designed to provide rate constants and other input parameters for rat and human PBPK models for selected pyrethroids.

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Fifteen steps to percutaneous penetration-man to animal: Why important?

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During WWII, Trager developed the in vitro percutaneous model. Shortly thereafter, Blank and Scheuplein provided the fundamental data that form the basis of most current QSAR models. Subsequent experimental data, and new in vivo/vitro models provide insights, suggesting that flux is not a single one step diffusion, but instead a complex series of at least 15 identifiable steps, most of which can be quantified. The clinical relevancies of these insights will be presented.

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On the estimation and use of dermal permeability coefficients

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Dermal absorption can be conceptualized as thermodynamically-driven diffusion through a membrane. This permits mathematical representation of the process using Fick's law. The permeability coefficient is
conventionally estimated as the ratio of flux to driving force expressed as a concentration gradient at steady state. The resulting coefficient is vehicle specific. Theoretically such a permeability coefficient should be roughly constant (with allowance for damage, moisture content, interpersonal variation in skin characteristics, etc.) for a given compound, vehicle, temperature, and skin location. In practice, many authors violate the standard assumptions required for estimation of permeability coefficients and then report values that are actually non-transferable fitting constants. Frequently-encountered estimation errors include misspecification of the driving force and evaluation of non-steady state results using the steady state form of Fick’s law. Lack of adherence to theoretically-defensible practice has produced unnecessary confusion in the peer-reviewed literature.

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Percutaneous absorption of pesticide formulations

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To study differences between in vitro and in vivo percutaneous absorption of pesticide formulations, we examined the role of the dermis as an artificial in vitro barrier and the role of the solvent or vehicle on percutaneous penetration and skin retention. Radiolabeled compounds with varying partition coefficients (paraoxon, benzoic acid, parathion, and DDT in alcohol or acetone formulation) were studied in the pig, both in vitro and in vivo, as a function of time. If in vitro dermal residues are taken into account, there was good agreement between in vitro and in vivo percutaneous absorption, for a range of compounds including lindane, malathion, permethrin, and piperonyl butoxide. The kinetics of in vitro permeation of the solvents themselves were also studied. The relatively high Kp values for solvents explains their ability to facilitate permeation into the viable layers of skin. Solvents combined with surfactants (e.g., emulsions) can further increase percutaneous absorption of pyrethroids.

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Pesticide aquatic exposure scenarios and modeling for juvenile Pacific salmonid floodplain habitat

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Aquatic exposure modeling for pesticides is often used in regulatory decision-making to estimate exposure to endangered and/or threatened species. For pesticides applied near juvenile Pacific salmonid habitat, exposure modeling generally employs a highly conservative scenario consisting of a narrow, shallow static water body immediately adjacent to and downwind of a treated site. These habitat types are infrequently present in floodplains with commercial agriculture and developed areas due to the construction of control structures such as dams and levees. A more typical scenario can be defined by habitat types such as side channels, alcoves, and backwater pools. We present modeling results for a side channel using the PRZM/AGRO modeling system. Sensitivity analysis for important habitat parameters is discussed, and applications for evaluating combined reductions in spray drift and runoff off-site transport are suggested. We also relate water concentration estimates for an insecticide to standard short-term toxicity data in the context of risk assessment.

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Spatial and temporal distributions of salmon and their prey: Implications for estimating their exposure to agricultural pesticides

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Migratory organisms present a challenge when predicting exposure to pesticides given their uneven distribution in time and space. We will present the biological and ecological foundation for describing the spatial and temporal patterns of juvenile salmon and their prey. We will describe several distinct migration patterns employed by juvenile spring Chinook salmon that can account for meaningful differences between use in natal and non-natal streams. These stream types can be highly correlated with agricultural lands. We also describe habitat preferences that can account for meaningful differences between use in backwater, off-channel habitat types – expected to yield higher pesticide concentrations – and those in main channels. We also describe the distribution of prey taxa that can account for meaningful differences in potential indirect effects. These distributions are the basis for a quantitative framework, described in a companion presentation, for estimating exposure of salmon to pesticides.

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Modeling the exposure of salmon to agricultural pesticides

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Migratory organisms present a challenge when predicting exposure to pesticides given their uneven distribution in time and space. We will present a spatially and temporally explicit framework for estimating the co-occurrence of juvenile salmon and agricultural pesticides in the Willamette Basin, Oregon. This framework incorporates information about patterns of juvenile salmon distribution, described in a companion presentation, which when considered along with information about patterns of pesticide concentrations can provide the basis for estimating potential exposure through direct contact. This framework also incorporates information about the spatial and temporal distribution of the salmon prey base, which when considered along with information about sensitivity of prey taxa to pesticides can provide the basis for estimating potential indirect effects. In both instances, we demonstrate that by using information about the distribution of juvenile salmon and their prey, the framework yields a better understanding of the proportion of organisms potentially impacted by agricultural pesticides.
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Modeling risk to aquatic species subject to realistic, dynamic exposures using a generalized form of Haber’s Law

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The Endangered Species Act requires assessing potential pesticide risks to salmonid-habitat aquatic species, including salmonids and their prey in the Pacific Northwest. Where agricultural spray drift dominates exposures to flowing water, realistic risk models must account for the discrepancy between constant levels of exposure over 48 to 96 hours that typically are used in aquatic toxicity tests and non-linear patterns of rapid pesticide dispersion that occur in flowing water. This discrepancy is addressed by applying the analytic solution of a dynamic, generalized version of Haber’s Law conditioned on expected rates of exponential concentration decline, which can be estimated from a widely-used, stream-dispersion model. We applied this approach to specific organophosphate pesticides to illustrate the range of substantial magnitudes by which standard regulatory methods now overestimate risk to aquatic species.

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Risks of pesticide mixtures to salmon in the Pacific Northwest

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The National Marine Fisheries Service released "Biological Opinions" concluding that carbamate and organophosphate (OPs) pesticides jeopardize salmon populations in the Pacific Northwest. The opinions relied on highly conservative assumptions. We conducted a study to estimate the risks of carbamates and OPs to salmonids. Washington State has conducted a multi-year monitoring study in salmonid-bearing streams. We used data on the effects of carbamates and OPs to brain AChE activity in juvenile coho salmon to estimate toxicity of water samples in Washington State. Estimated brain AChE inhibition for pesticide mixtures rarely exceeded 20% (<0.5% of samples). This level of inhibition would not cause sub-lethal or lethal effects to salmonids. Similar results were found using NAWQA data from the Pacific Northwest. Laboratory studies with a pesticide mixture typical of urban streams in Washington State showed no effects on coho salmon. Therefore, carbamate and OPs pose little risk to salmonids in the Pacific Northwest.

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Application of a GIS-based approach to quantifying pesticide-use site proximity to salmonid habitat

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Characterizing and quantifying the proximity of potential pesticide-use sites to endangered species habitats are integral components of pesticide exposure risk assessments. One region of interest has been the salmonid evolutionarily significant units (ESUs) and distinct population segments (DPSs) in the Pacific Northwest and California. The availability of spatial datasets that classify stream and river segments by salmonid habitat type, combined with high resolution crop datasets, has allowed for refined estimates of potential use areas within these regions. The automated GIS procedures were applied to the 28 endangered or threatened ESUs/DPSs to characterize proximity and magnitude of potential use areas to the salmon habitats within different ESUs, for different crop uses, and the different types of habitats. The results demonstrated that the GIS-based approaches used in this study could produce refined, best available quantification of potential pesticide-use areas in relation to the salmon habitats in the 28 ESUs/DPSs.

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Assessment of the potential risks of dimethoate to aquatic endangered species using the joint probability distribution analysis

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The joint probability distribution analysis (JPDA) utilizes the full exposure distribution and the dose-response curve to determine the probability of an adverse effect occurring and the magnitude of the effect. It accounts for uncertainty from variations in exposure concentrations and species sensitivities and can better address the probability of risks of pesticides than the standard, regulatory risk quotient (RQ) method. In this application, the concern is for effects of dimethoate on salmonid prey which have differing sensitivity. Thus, accounting for variability in response is important. While the RQ method showed potential risks to aquatic invertebrates, JPDA showed no risks, despite using an exposure model that likely significantly overestimates water concentrations. This paper demonstrates the application of the JPDA methodology to refine an ecological risk assessment and develop more accurate risk estimates.

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Thermal reconstitution from sorbent tube odorant collections: Progress toward a robust, integrated strategy for capture, transport, archiving, and deferred "re-play" of environmental odor events

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This submission reports on the authors’ progress-to-date toward the optimization of a more robust and flexible environmental odor sampling strategy. In this approach, odor sampling is carried out utilizing sorbent tubes for pre-concentration of the VOC odorants from a measured volume of air. Sample reconstitution is affected, in-laboratory, by thermal desorption into a purge gas stream and making up with humidified air to the final volume required to achieve a composition and odor ‘match’ to the originally-sampled environment. This integrated approach potentially carries a number of significant advantages: (a) superior odorant recovery performance for sorbent tubes across a wide volatility range; (b) long-term cold-storage stability with respect to adsorbed volatiles; and (c) minimization of storage time in the unstable vapor form. Odor event ‘re-play’ can be directed to the appropriate targeted forum, including odor analysts, sensory panelists, and seated jurors in civil litigation actions.
Optical fiber ammonia sensors for air quality monitoring

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Ammonia is a major air pollutant emitted from agricultural practices, such as animal feeding and fertilizer application. Sensor technologies with capability of continuous real-time monitoring of ammonia concentration in air are needed in order to study the contribution of ammonia emission from agricultural activities to the health of local residents, agricultural workers, as well as animals. We have developed fiber optic ammonia sensors using different sensing reagents and polymers for immobilizing the reagents. Reversible fiber optic sensors with detection limit down to low ppbv level have been developed. The response time of these sensors ranged from seconds to tens of minutes depending on transducer design. Potential interferences from moisture and carbon dioxide were examined. A strategy for developing fiber optic sensor network for continuous, real-time monitoring of ammonia spatial distribution will be discussed based on these test results.

Comparison of VOC emissions from conventional and alternative biofuel crops

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Plants emit substantial amounts of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) into the atmosphere where they can contribute to ozone and aerosol formation. Composition and emission rates of those biogenic VOCs vary strongly between plant species and are governed by phenological, physiological, and environmental factors. Fuel ethanol production in the US utilizes cornstarch as main feedstock. Cellulosic ethanol fermentation is in transition from small-scale trials to industrial production and will take advantage of abundant cellulose sources (e.g., switchgrass or tree species). Leaf level emission factors of VOCs from corn and switchgrass were measured in the field and will be presented along with whole plant VOC emission rates measured from greenhouse grown plants. The corn and switchgrass emissions will be compared with those from tree species which have been studied much more extensively in the literature. The goal of this research is to determine plant species with low emissions to minimize air quality impacts.

Weather-based conditional sampling of ammonia near livestock operations using passive samplers

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Passive samplers can be used to measure spatial variations of ammonia near livestock operations, but results are often confounded by changing weather conditions during extended deployment periods (e.g., 1 to 2 weeks). A new type of conditional sampler was developed that only exposes the passive samplers when a user-defined set of wind and weather conditions are met. The NH3 samplers where housed in air-tight boxes that could be opened and closed with a motorized actuator controlled by a datalogger. Samplers were deployed on portable tripods equipped with an anemometer, wind vane, thermometer, and humidity sensor. Multiple sampling tripods were deployed near cattle feedlots and dairies and programmed to only expose the passive samplers when the upwind source area represented a specific zone of the operation. This methodology allows improved mapping of high NH3 emission zones and more accurate measurements of downwind concentration gradients.

Emissions from swine barns: Effects of slurry age

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The emission of odor and ammonia from finisher units increases with the size of the finishers and the age of the slurry in the pits underneath the floor. This study has focused on the age of the slurry and how often the pits have to be drained to obtain the lowest emissions. The study was carried out in six identical experimental sections during one batch of finishers. The only difference between the sections was the age of the slurry in the pits. Odor, hydrogen sulfide, and ammonia were measured for nine weeks. The emissions were lowest in the first week after draining of the pits, and then the emissions increased until they reached a constant level within two weeks after draining. Greenhouse gasses were measured for two weeks in the last part of the production period.

Characterization of VOCs and odorants on PM from animal feeding operations

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Little is known about the emissions of PM from animal feeding operations, yet PM is thought to be a prime transport mechanism for both odors and biological material. In this study, TSP, PM10 and PM2.5 from several different animal feeding operations (AFOs) were analyzed for VOC profiles at
control, source and downwind locations (50 - 400 m).
Sample were analyzed by thermal desorption GC-MS (TD-
GC/MS) technique. The VOC compounds associated with PM
from AFO were oxygenated and dominated by n-alkanoic
acids with C_{16} and C_{18} as the most abundant compounds.
The VOC profile for each PM size fraction were similar for
each production/animal facility.

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Interaction of urea hydrolysis, CO₂ emission, and pH
on ammonia emission from dairy barn floors

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Our group has developed a mathematical model of CO₂ and
NH₃ emission from dairy manure that includes interactions
between these emissions and manure pH. This model has
been used to simulate emission dynamics for manure (a
mixture of urine, bedding, and feces) with completely
hydrolyzed urea, which does not include the urea hydrolysis
process occurring in urine layers on barn floors. We use a
Lambert omega function methodology to update urea
degradation kinetic parameters and extend our model to
simulate NH₃ emission dynamics from urine layers. Model
predictions show that ammonia volatilization from urine
layers is controlled by urea hydrolysis and the effects of its
products (NH₃ and CO₂) on pH, resulting in ammonia
volatilization dynamics that are very different than those for
manure.

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Monthly, seasonal, and annual methane emissions
from a beef cattle feedyard

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Gaseous emissions from animal feeding operations are of
increasing interest as concerns about global warming and
subsequent climate disruption increase. Confined animals
directly emit about two-thirds of greenhouse gases from US
animal agriculture, mostly as methane from enteric
fermentation; half of those emissions are from beef cattle.
Our objective was to quantify multi-year, whole-farm
methane emissions from a commercial beef cattle feedyard.
During 2009 and 2010, we monitored two source areas at the
feedyard, cattle pens, and retention pond, which
included enteric, manure and runoff water methane
emissions. Methane concentration over source areas and
background was measured using open path laser
spectroscopy. An inverse dispersion model was used to
quantify emissions. Methane flux densities and per capita
emission rates are reported and integrated for monthly,
seasonal, and annual periods. Results are compared to
estimates from US EPA inventory methods.

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DairyGEM: A software tool for whole farm assessment
of emission mitigation strategies

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Accurate assessment of the impact of management on
agricultural emissions requires consideration of many farm
components and their interactions. A comprehensive
assessment is needed because changes made to reduce one
emission type or source may increase another. A new
software tool was developed that uses process-level
simulation to predict ammonia, hydrogen sulfide, and
greenhouse gas emissions from dairy production systems. A
partial Life Cycle Assessment is included to determine the
farm gate carbon footprint. This educational tool, called the
Dairy Gas Emission Model or DairyGEM, can be used to study
the effects of management changes on all of the major farm
emission sources from feed production to the return of
manure back to the land. Education received through these
comprehensive evaluations will lead to the development of
more sustainable dairy production systems. More
information and the DairyGEM software are available on the
Internet at http://www.ars.usda.gov/Main/docs.htm?docid=21345.

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Human metabolic interactions of pesticides: Induction
and cytotoxicity

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Studies by our group have indicated potential for
interactions based on cytochrome(s) P450 (CYPs) induction
and cytotoxicity. For example fipronil is a potent inducer at
low doses but cytotoxic at higher doses in human
hepatocytes. Chlorpyrifos is bioactivated by CYPs to the toxic
chlorpyrifos-oxon (CPO) and the non-toxic trichloropyridinol
(TCP). Epidemiological studies raise concerns that human
diseases are linked to CPS exposure. We showed variation in
liver CPS metabolism and metabolite production. To
investigate variation in humans from CPS exposure,
hepatocytes were treated with CPS, RNA prepared, and
microarray analysis performed (Affymetrix Gene Chip Human
Genome Arrays) to identify regulated genes and pathways
regulated in different individuals. A number of genes were
differentially expressed including genes regulating
detoxication enzymes, retinol metabolism, and actin
cytoskeletal regulation. Our findings suggest that
exposure to CPS leads to gene expression changes that are
largely common across individuals, but also indicate unique
attributes.
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Human metabolic interactions of pesticides: Inhibition

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Agrochemicals regulation utilizes single chemical hazard determination in surrogate animals that show little variation. Relevance to real world situations is questionable, because dose and species extrapolations require uncertainty factors and agrochemicals are typically used as mixtures. Human studies provide information on population variation, subgroups at increased risk, and interactions among agrochemicals and endogenous metabolites. How components in agrochemical mixtures affect each others toxicokinetics is largely unknown. Metabolism and interactions of agrochemicals have been investigated using human liver microsomes and CYP isoforms. Chlortrifos, carbaryl, carboburan, and fipronil are metabolized by liver microsomes, CYP2B6 and CYP3A4 being the important CYPs. Permethrin is hydrolyzed by esterase(s) present in human liver microsomes and cytosol. Phosphorothioates are potent inhibitors of CYP metabolism of steroid hormones as well as some diesel fuel components and other pesticides, including carbaryl and fipronil. Fipronil also inhibits testosterone metabolism. Expression of CYP2B6 with age and variation in chlorpyrifos metabolism is discussed.

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In vitro and in vivo experimental data for pyrethroid pharmacokinetic models: The case of bifenthrin

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Pyrethroids are a class of neurotoxic synthetic pesticides. Exposure to pyrethroids has increased due to declining use of other classes of pesticides. Our studies are focused on generating in vitro and in vivo data for the development of pharmacokinetic models for pyrethroids. Using bifenthrin as a model compound, the rat and human hepatic intrinsic clearance are 224 and 20 mL/min/kg bw, respectively. Oxidative in vitro metabolism of bifenthrin predominates over hydrolysis. Peak bifenthrin blood and brain concentrations in the rat after oral administration of 0.3 and 3 mg/kg occur at 1 and 4 - 6 hr, respectively. The momentary bifenthrin brain concentration correlates with the neurotoxic effect in the rat independent of time. This type of data can be used for development of animal pharmacokinetic models with extrapolation to human models leading to decreased uncertainties in the risk assessment of the pyrethroids. (This abstract does not necessarily represent US EPA or NIH policy.)

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Paraoxonase 1 (PON1) status in risk assessment for organophosphate exposure and pharmacokinetics

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Paraoxonase 1 (PON1), an HDL-associated multifunctional enzyme, is important in protecting against exposures to chlorpyrifos/chlorpyrifos oxon, diazinon/diaxoxon, and vascular disease; and in the case of certain drugs, PON1 bioactivates some while inactivating others. Two coding region polymorphisms have been described (L55M and Q192R), one of which (Q192R) affects the catalytic efficiency of substrate hydrolysis. In addition to the coding region polymorphisms, single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in the PON1 promoter region influence expression of PON1. The term PON1 status includes determination of both the functional Q192R polymorphism for an individual as well as their plasma activity level and is determined by a two-substrate assay protocol, measurements of which are crucial for determining risk of pesticide exposure or disease and rates of drug metabolism. Epidemiological studies that examine only PON1 single nucleotide polymorphisms are inadequate for determination of risk or rates of metabolism. (Supported by NIH Grants ES009883, ES09601, ES04696, ES07033, HL67406, HL74366.)

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Carboxylesterases: Dual roles in lipid and pesticide metabolism

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Carboxylesterases (CES, EC 3.1.1.1.) are members of a superfamily of serine hydrolases that hydrolyze ester, amide, and carbamate bonds. Several different CES genes exist in mammalian species with evidence of multiple gene duplication events occurring throughout evolutionary history. Five CES genes are reported in the Human Genome Organization database, although CES1 and CES2 are the two best characterized human genes. An emerging picture of the CES family suggests that these enzymes have roles in the metabolism of both xenobiotic and endobiotic compounds. Pesticides, such as the pyrethroids and organophosphates, are important xenobiotic substrates that are metabolized by CES, whereas cholesteryl esters, triacylglycerols, 2-arachidonoylglycerol, and prostaglandin glyceryl esters are endobiotics that are substrates for CES. Functional studies using selective chemical inhibitors, siRNA, and gene knockout models are providing valuable insights into the physiological functions of CES, and suggest that CES may be a novel target for the treatment of diseases such as diabetes and atherosclerosis. This presentation will examine the known physiological functions of CES and the interactions between pesticides and lipids that occur at the level of the CES enzymes, including the kinetic rate constants that describe the metabolism of these compounds.
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Behavioral changes in young and adult rats: Indications of cholinesterase inhibition

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Inhibition of acetylcholinesterase has long been accepted as the basis for neurotoxicity produced by organophosphorus (OP) and N-methyl carbamate chemicals. Functional or behavioral alterations result from acute exposure to these chemicals. We have conducted behavioral evaluations and concurrent cholinesterase inhibition for many OPs and carbamates in both adult and preweanling rats. In many cases, a within-subject design allows direct correlations, and in one case (carbaryl), tissue levels are also available to complete the linkages from dosimetry to effect. Overall, we have shown that there are several patterns of behavior:enzyme correlations and that these are chemical-specific. Furthermore, these correlations are distinctly different between adult and young animals. These data can be modeled to inform PBPK/PD predictions of OP and carbamate neurotoxicity. (This is an abstract of a proposed presentation and does not reflect US EPA policy.)

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Comparison of esterase sensitivity, metabolic efficiency, and toxicity levels of two organophosphorus insecticides, parathion, and chlorpyrifos

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Phosphorothionates, weak anticholinesterases, are bioactivated by P450 to potent oxon metabolites by desulfuration. P450-mediated detoxication, dearylation, can also occur, and is more effective against chlorpyrifos than parathion. The oxons can persistently inhibit serine esterases, including nervous system acetylcholinesterase (the target enzyme), and protective π-esterases such as carboxylesterases. Chlorpyrifos-oxon (CPO) is a more potent inhibitor of serine esterases than is paraoxon (PO). The oxons can be hydrolyzed by paraoxonase (PON) which is more efficient with CPO than PO. Despite greater potency of CPO as an anticholinesterase, chlorpyrifos is 10 - 20 fold less acutely toxic than parathion because of greater detoxication of chlorpyrifos. However, using a sensitive indirect assay for CPO hydrolysis with human serum, overall level of PON activity as monitored at high oxon concentrations does not influence the amount of CPO that is hydrolyzed at low more toxicologically relevant concentrations, presumably because PON is not saturated. (Support: NIH ES00190, ES04394, ES15107)

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Advancements in Endangered Species Act effects determination for pesticide registration actions

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Pesticide registration activities by the US Environmental Protection Agency under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) must also consider the potential for adverse effects to federally-listed threatened and endangered species (listed species) in accordance with provisions in Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Many of the registration decisions undertaken by the Agency include large geographical areas with the potential for pesticide use to be in proximity to a variety of listed species. The number and geographical scope of these regulatory actions and the high degree of biological activity associated with pesticidal chemicals to one or more taxa have led to a recognized need to develop rapid, geographically-specific, and biologically-relevant risk assessment methods to account for the potential dispersal of pesticides across the landscape and the potential to impact listed species directly and indirectly. This presentation will present a number of technical challenges and the progress made to address these challenges as the agency moves toward a nationwide approach to meeting ESA responsibilities for FIFRA actions.

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Using GIS to assess pesticide exposure to threatened or endangered species for ecological risk assessment

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With the listing of salmon for protection under the Endangered Species Act, the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) determined that the traditional environmental data sets for pesticide registration decisions were insufficient to accurately determine potential exposure and subsequent effects of pesticides on salmonids and other listed species in Washington State. WSDA has implemented a program to spatially determine the location and use of pesticides in relationship to salmonid habitat and monitor pesticide residues in salmon-bearing streams in Washington State. Data elements developed include a geographic information system (GIS) incorporating the location of commodities grown in Washington, the estimation of state specific pesticide use and collection of water quality data. Examples and limitations of these data sets for assessing exposure to salmonids and terrestrial species are presented.
Development of a spatial-temporal co-occurrence index to evaluate pesticide risks to threatened and endangered species

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Increasingly, the spatial and temporal co-occurrence of pesticide mass loadings and threatened and endangered species is discussed as part of agrochemical product registration and regulation in the United States. However, methodologies have not been developed to address this issue in a transparent and standardized manner. An index method was developed to evaluate the spatial and temporal co-occurrence of pesticides and species, and then applied in a large ecosystem assessment project in California. The co-occurrence index combines monthly species abundance with statistical distributions of pesticide exposure events exceeding toxicity benchmarks for 40 widely-used pesticides. The frequency of co-occurrence was determined for 12 aquatic and semi-aquatic species. The application of the methodology is presented for three species, including the delta smelt, the Central Valley fall-run Chinook salmon, and the California red-legged frog.

Access to NatureServe’s best available data on the locations of endangered species

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NatureServe is the exclusive source of a fully aggregated dataset of the known locations of threatened, endangered, and other at-risk species throughout the US. We and our member natural heritage programs also have extensive expertise in creating models to predict additional species locations. We will discuss these best available data and how they can be accessed and used to determine the potential risk that pesticide exposure may pose to these species. In particular, we will discuss access to precise locality data, and we will demonstrate a new application that enables screening of an area for the known or predicted presence of threatened and endangered (T&E) species. These tools represent new portals to this information and offer potential solutions for predicting, minimizing, and avoiding conflicts with pesticide use.

DriftWatch.org: Pesticide sensitive crops and habitats registry implementation results

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The DriftWatch.org Pesticide Sensitive Crop and Habitats Registry was developed through a collaboration of producers and pesticide sensitive specialty crops, stewards of at-risk habitat (including pollinators), and pesticide applicator communities. The DriftWatch Registry assists producers in mapping their field(s) and identifying their specialty crop type on the publicly accessible website www.driftwatch.org. A second registry enables automated pesticide applicator notifications. Pesticide applicators can view sensitive fields and contact information in the area of their scheduled applications. Nearby habitats of endangered species are displayed, as are other themed data such as watersheds with public drinking water intakes. The goal of the developers of the registry is to facilitate effective communication between the specialty crop grower, pesticide applicator, and stewards of surrounding at risk habitat. This presentation will share recent survey outcomes measuring attitudes, motivations, and behaviors of pesticide applicators towards natural resource concerns and the use of the DriftWatch.org website.

Use of risk-based spray drift buffers for protection of non-target areas

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Regulatory authorities have started a shift in spray drift label language from protecting threatened and endangered species and habitat to protecting non-target areas including grasslands, forested areas, shelter belts, woodlots, hedgerows, riparian areas, and shrub lands. We outline a process for using spray drift models to determine buffer distances using non-target species study NOEC, EC25 or EC90 endpoints. The conservatively protective nature of this approach is explored, as well as its current use in regulatory practices. Use of the presented method provides adequate protections for former, current, or future habitat. Use of risk-based buffers should be included as part of an accepted toolbox of fixes for non-target species exposure concerns.

Development of a website (www.Pre-Serve.org) to help protect threatened and endangered plants near crop production

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In 2008, Monsanto Company began its Glyphosate Endangered Species Initiative to help protect threatened and endangered (T&E) species from potential effects of the application of glyphosate herbicides to crops, including those containing Roundup Ready® technology. Monsanto developed a user-friendly website (www.Pre-Serve.org) to provide growers with information regarding areas where T&E plants may be present near land used for crop production. The user follows a 4-step process to locate the application site using a map-based interface, and then determines if specific application instructions must be followed. These instructions provide the user with a site map, a habitat description, and detailed application instructions. Within defined areas, the instructions specify a rate limit for ground applications; for aerial applications, if the described habitat is downwind from the application site, a drift buffer is specified with its size based on spray-droplet size category and application rate.
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Comparing two micrometeorological techniques for estimating trace gas emissions from distributed sources

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Measuring trace gas emission from distributed sources such as treatment lagoons, treatment wetlands, land spread of manure, and feedlots requires micrometeorological methods. In this study, we tested the accuracy of two relatively new micrometeorological techniques, vertical radial plume mapping (VRPM) and backward Lagrangian stochastic (bLs) techniques. These techniques were combined with a path integrated optical remote sensing (PI-ORS) system consisting of a tunable diode absorption spectrometer mounted on an automatic positioning device. Known rates of the CH4 gas were released from perforated PVC pipe networks and soaker hoses stretching 3.1 m and 27 m squares of soil in the dispersion model. Three different distributed emission sources were simulated; 3.1 m and 27 m squares of soil, and 2 m and 18 m square of soil. Single source emissions, the VRPM method measured CH4 emission rate at QVRPM/Q = 1.38 ± 0.28; the bLs method measured emission rate at QBLS/Q = 0.98 ± 0.24. The accuracy of the bLs technique improved with number of path integrated concentration (PIC) data. For double emission sources, the VRPM method decreased significantly (QVRPM/Q = 1.76 ± 0.28). The accuracy of bLs method decreased slightly for the double emission sources (QBLS/Q = 0.93 ± 0.23). The impact of number PICs and footprint on accuracy of these two techniques will also be discussed.

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Source apportionment and tracing of agricultural and fossil fuel reactive N emissions using stable isotopic composition

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Reactive nitrogen emissions (NOx and NH3) are significant contributors to global warming and air quality degradation. Agricultural operations and fossil fuel combustion are significant sources of reactive N; however source partitioning remains a challenge. The stable isotopic composition (δ15N) of reactive N may be a valuable tool for characterizing source, transport, and fate of reactive emissions, but limited studies have been conducted characterizing δ15N of reactive N sources. Here, we report progress on a comprehensive approach to the isotopic composition of reactive N from various agricultural and fossil fuel sources. The ability of δ15N to trace reactive N emission across varying spatial scales was assessed using three approaches: 1) establishing local transects radiating from reactive N emission sources; 2) deploying NH3 samplers at 9 US monitoring sites in conjunction with AMoN; and 3) reconstructing the regional influence of agricultural emissions to nitrate deposition recorded in an ice core from Summit, Greenland.

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Measurements of isocyanic acid (HNCO) from agricultural burning

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Agricultural burning is a common management practice that may have increased importance if carbon-positive practices such as biochar are encouraged. The emissions from burning have impacts on air quality that need to be considered. Our recent laboratory test burns and field measurements have shown that HNCO is produced in biomass fires at significant concentrations, up to 600 parts-per-billion by volume (ppbv). In addition, solubility measurements, reactivity considerations, and the biochemistry of carbamylated proteins imply that HNCO could be a significant cause of smoke-related health effects. As a consequence, these emissions need to be integrated into agricultural burning policies and practices.

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Residual carbaryl in treated pine bark and the presence of carbaryl in wood smoke

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This in-progress study measures the dissipation of carbaryl on the bark of ponderosa and lodgepole pines treated for the prevention of mountain pine beetle, Dendroctonus ponderosae, infestation and the presence of the compound in wood smoke. The concentration of carbaryl was lower in ponderosa pine bark, probably because of a dilution effect caused by the thickness and porosity of ponderosa pine bark relative to lodgepole pine bark. There was no significant dissipation of carbaryl from application in June 2010 to February 2011 on either species. Dissipation between the October and February sampling dates was not expected to be high due to the low temperatures and because precipitation during this time was in the form of snow instead of rain. Carbaryl was readily detected in wood smoke from both tree species when measured by pulling the smoke from burning bark samples through a filter.
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Detailed modeling of ozone formation from animal feed emissions in the San Joaquin Valley

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The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) in California currently experiences some of the highest surface ozone (O3) concentrations in the United States even though it has a population density that is an order of magnitude lower than many urban areas with similar ozone problems. Previous studies have used approximate calculations to show that animal feed emissions (silage) may form up to 25 tons/day of ozone in the SJV making silage among the top sources of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that contribute to ozone formation in the region. In the present study, detailed air quality model calculations are used to rigorously evaluate surface-level ozone concentrations from animal feed emissions and to compare this source to other leading VOC sources. The air quality model tracks emissions, transport, chemical reaction, and deposition of all species involved in the ozone formation process. Calculations are applied during a typical stagnation event in July 2005 using a horizontal grid resolution of 4 km to cover all of central California. Comparisons are made between (1) base case emissions (including mobile sources and animal feed) vs. no feed emissions, (2) base case emissions vs. no mobile source emissions, and (3) base case emissions vs. no mobile source VOC emissions (leaving mobile source NOx emissions unchanged). The results demonstrate the effect of animal feed VOC emissions on actual ozone concentrations in the SJV while at the same time evaluating the efficacy of VOC vs. NOx controls in the SJV.

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Airborne observations of ammonia emissions from agricultural sources and their implications for ammonium nitrate formation in California

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Ammonia (NH3) is the dominant gas-phase base in the troposphere. As a consequence, NH3 abundance influences aerosol formation and composition. Anthropogenic emissions of NH3 and NOx (NO + NO2), which in sunlight can be oxidized to form nitric acid (HNO3), can react to form ammonium nitrate aerosol. Two major NH3 sources from agricultural activity are animal waste and crop fertilization. Agricultural activity (i.e., dairy farms), and urban centers (i.e., Fresno, Los Angeles (LA)) are sources of ammonium nitrate gas-phase precursors in both the Central Valley and the LA Basin of California. Airborne measurements of NH3, HNO3, particle composition, and particle size distribution made aboard the NOAA WP-3D aircraft as part of CalNex 2010 were used to quantify NH3 emissions from agricultural sources, to describe the vertical structure and transport of NH3 from these sources, to examine their impact on ammonium nitrate formation, and to contrast the Central Valley with the LA Basin.

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Comparative study of observed and CMAQ modeled coarse particulate matter

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Coarse particulate matter (PM10-2.5) has been linked to mortality and morbidity. However, few studies have quantified its emissions from different sources, determined the ambient chemical composition, and/or temporal and spatial variability. Additionally, accurate PM10-2.5 modeling tools are needed by the scientific community and regulatory agencies for mitigation strategy development and health effect assessments. We evaluated PM10-2.5 by comparing measurements from US EPA’s Air Quality System and other sources to output from an annual simulation (2005) from the CMAQ (Community Multiscale Air Quality) regional chemical transport model. Preliminary results show that the model significantly underestimates observed PM10-2.5 concentrations. Differences are also found in diurnal and seasonal cycles between modeled and observed concentrations. We also evaluated the chemical composition of the observed and modeled PM10-2.5. CMAQ does not include organic materials in PM10-2.5; however, speciation measurements show that organics constitute a significant component. This study has identified some important gaps for our model development.

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Characterization of pyrethroid insecticide interactions with cloned human Na+ channels in high-throughput patch clamp

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Automated patch clamp enables high-throughput assessment of ion channel interactions with drugs and toxicants under conditions that preserve channel function. We have optimized an automated assay for assessing pyrethroid insecticide activity in a panel of 8 voltage-gated, human Na+ channels stably expressed in CHO cells. A single point, 50 μM, screen identified 10 of 11 pyrethroids as Na+ channel gating modifiers (slowing of channel inactivation and/or induction of persistent Na+ current). The most sensitive channels included isoforms expressed in CNS (hNav1.2), PNS (hNav1.8/B3), and cardiac (hNav1.5) tissues. Butoxyethanol and esfenvalerate were found to increase hNav1.8/B3 current in a concentration-dependent manner with EC50 values of 7.2 and 6.8 μM, respectively.

Thus, an automated assay can provide sensitive, functional screening to detect potential Na+ channel toxicity. The method should facilitate large-scale screening for early-stage toxicity testing, determination of structure-activity relationships, and development of in vitro databases to support models for toxicity prediction.
Pyrethroid actions on sodium channels: Isoform and species selectivity

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The insecticidal activity of pyrethroids results from their disruption of the gating of nerve membrane sodium channels. Assessing the action of pyrethroids on sodium channels in mammals is complicated by the existence of a family of channel proteins, each of which exhibits unique developmental and anatomical distribution patterns, functional properties, and pharmacology. Using the Xenopus oocyte expression system to characterize the action of pyrethroids on mammalian sodium channels of defined structure, we have found substantial variation in pyrethroid sensitivity among rat sodium channel isoforms. We also employed this system in initial experiments to compare orthologous rat and human isoforms and have discovered unexpected differences in the sensitivity of Na1.3 sodium channels. The principal isoform expressed in the developing brain. Isoform and species differences in channel sensitivity are important factors to consider in the development of quantitative models of pyrethroid action and their use in human risk assessment.

Pyrethroid effects on sodium flux, calcium flux, and network activity assessed in cortical neurons

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Patch clamp measurements provide information on how pyrethroids alter the function and kinetics of ion channels, but do not provide information regarding how those alterations ultimately affect other cellular functions, including excitability. We recently have used non-invasive imaging and electrophysiological techniques to determine the ability of 11 pyrethroid compounds (deltamethrin, esfenvalerate, β-cyfluthrin, cypermethrin, λ-cyhalothrin, bifenthrin, permethrin, tefluthrin, S-bioallethrin, resmethrin, and fenpropathrin) to alter sodium (SBFI fluorescence) and calcium (fluor-3 fluorescence) flux and spontaneous network activity (MEA recordings) in murine (SBFI/fluo-3) and rat (microelectrode array (MEA) recordings) neocortical primary cultures. Nine of the eleven compounds caused increases in sodium as well as calcium flux; tetrodotoxin blocked pyrethroid-induced influx of both sodium and calcium, indicating that the changes were mediated by voltage-gated sodium channels (VGSC) and that the calcium influx occurred secondarily to activation of VGSC by pyrethroids. These data also demonstrated that the 11 compounds differed in potency and efficacy and that these differences were consistent for sodium and calcium influx measurements. When effects of pyrethroids were examined using MEA recordings, all 11 compounds decreased spontaneous network activity in the presence of bicuculline; however, there were clear differences in the potencies of the pyrethroid compounds. In general, type II pyrethroids were more potent than type I pyrethroids in all three assays, although there were differences between the potency values in each assay. These data provide information on the potency and efficacy of pyrethroid effects on cellular function that can be used for comparisons between pyrethroid effects on individual channel types as well as in vivo actions. (This abstract does not reflect US EPA Policy.)

Evaluating tools and models used for quantitative extrapolation of in vitro to in vivo data for neurotoxicants

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Comparisons of high throughput screening data to human exposures assume that media concentrations are equivalent to steady-state blood concentrations. This assumes the partitioning of the chemical between media and cells is equivalent to the partitioning of the chemical between blood and tissue. The relationship between in vitro effects and in vivo responses was evaluated using deltamethrin as test chemical. In vitro data on chemical-induced decreases in cell firing in rat primary hippocampal cell cultures were compared to in vivo effects on decreased motor activity. Comparing media to blood concentrations indicates that the ED50 (effective dose for 50%) in vitro over estimates the ED50 in vivo by approximately an order of magnitude. These findings suggest that media concentration is not directly comparable to blood concentrations. (This abstract does not reflect NIEHS or US EPA policy.)

Structure-activity relationship models of human CYP450 and UGT metabolism

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In order to compute effects such as PBPK, V_max and K_m, we have developed QSAR (quantitative structure-activity relationships) hydroxylation equations. These models, as finally commercially implemented in the Simulations-Plus ADMET Predictor adaptive neural-network system, consisted of Phase 1 CYP1A2, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6, CYP3A4, and several Phase II UGT glucuronidation (UGT1A1, UGT1A3, UGT1A9, UGT2B7) endpoints. The data were derived from an extensive survey of the open literature; CYP450 consisting of recombinant cDNA data; same for UGT glucuronidation. The performance of these equations resulted in estimates within one-half order of magnitude of the actual value. While the eventual work used recombinant cDNA data, originally we used HLM microsome data, but found that these models performance was unstable, probably due to the noise in the data.
Organophosphates (OPs) are a group of pesticides that inhibit enzymes such as acetylcholinesterase. Numerous OP structural variants exist and their toxicity data can be difficult to obtain quickly. To address this concern, quantitative structure-activity relationship (QSAR) models were developed to predict acetylcholinesterase, butyrylcholinesterase, trypsin, and chymotrypsin inhibition, key components in biologically-based dose-response (BBDR) models. The acetylcholinesterase database consisted of 747 structures developed from 69 peer-reviewed publications. AMPAC and CODESSA descriptors (SemiChem, Inc.) were calculated for each compound. The acetylcholinesterase results show that the average nucleophilic reactive index for a carbon atom contributed most significantly to binding. A training R² of 0.73±0.01 and an external test set Q² of 0.62±0.06 was achieved. The QSAR models discussed in this seminar will complement OP BBDR modeling by filling critical data gaps for key parameter values, leading to better risk assessment and prioritization of animal and human toxicity studies especially for OPs lacking experimental data.

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Approach for the assessment of indirect effects to threatened and endangered terrestrial species exposed to herbicides: Glufosinate case study

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Indirect effects of herbicides on threatened and endangered (T&E) aquatic and terrestrial animals may result from alterations in primary productivity, structure and function of plant communities, and prey availability. A tiered approach was used to assess indirect effects of the herbicide glufosinate to T&E animal species stemming from direct effects to algal and plant community structure and function. Tier 1 was a conservative, screening-level ecological risk assessment (ERA) that followed standard EPA methods for generating risk quotients for algae and terrestrial plants. In Tier 2, exposure distributions were integrated with the preferred effects metric, an SSD for algae and/or plants, to derive risk curves of cumulative probabilities of effects of differing magnitude. Tier 3 relies on ecosystem models to determine how risks from herbicides to algae and plants cascade to other organisms including T&E species that rely on algae and plants for food and habitat. In Tier 4, microcosm and mesocosm tests, and/or field studies were used to determine the magnitude and duration of direct effects to aquatic and terrestrial plants and indirect effects to higher trophic level T&E species. The results of a national endangered species assessment for glufosinate will used to illustrate the tiered approach.

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Demography and modeling to improve pesticide risk assessment of endangered species

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The ecological risk assessment process for pesticides involves the development of risk quotients (RQ) which are compared to levels of concern. There are several flaws with the current risk assessment process for pesticides including the following: ecological processes and population biology are not considered in this process; data developed for a relatively small number of species is used to predict effects on all other species; and exposure of populations to pesticides can result in lethal and multiple sublethal effects whereby some individual die and the survivors are impaired. Therefore, single measures of effect may miss the total effect on a population. New approaches for ecological risk assessment involving population-level measurements and population modeling have been proposed over the past several years. These include development of demographic data for pesticide-exposed populations followed by population modeling. Recent developments in demographic toxicity and modeling for ecological risk assessment will be discussed.

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Consideration of nontraditional endpoints in the assessment of ecological risk under the Endangered Species Act

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As the field of environmental toxicology progresses, research is revealing effects to species that expand beyond the traditional endpoints of survival, growth, and reproduction as measured in single organism lab studies. Exposure to contaminants can result in adverse effects to endocrine function, olfaction, behavior, and other physiological impairments that may be exasperated in combination with ecological stressors. The Endangered Species Act requires us to examine all of the available data regarding the effects of stressors to vulnerable wildlife and make management decisions that error on the side of species conservation. Navigating sets of data that are often incomplete and disparate requires knowledge of both the physiological nature of the observed effect and the life history of the species under review to determine if there may be a linkage between them and to provide protection to vulnerable species facing a myriad of potential threats.

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Using causal analysis to evaluate stressor effects on endangered species

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Rarity of endangered species is caused by multiple stressors, and conservation will be ineffective if stressors are managed in isolation. However, a reductionist approach is often adopted when government agencies prepare Biological Opinions to rule on “take” allowances permitted under the Endangered Species Act. This fails to recognize that “take”
determinations must be based on the concept that the loss from one stressor does not add to the cumulative effect of all stressors such that the population growth rate becomes < 1. Cumulative effects assessments offer the opportunity to offset “take” due to one stressor by implementing management actions to mitigate the effects of a different stressor. We present a framework for causal analysis of stressor effects that can determine the relative contribution of different stressors to the viability of an endangered species population, with application to assessing relative risks of pesticide-related “takings” and consideration of potential mitigation options.

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Data quality and relevance standards for risk assessment

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Risk assessments are performed under several different acts or for different regulatory organizations under the same act. Robust assessments rely on: (1) the quality of the studies that support them; (2) the quality and relevance of study endpoints as measures of effect or measures of exposure, supporting assessment endpoints; and (3) the quality and relevance of the chosen assessment endpoints to the attributes being protected. Examples of different quality data will be given, drawing on Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs) for older, oft-tested compounds to show how data quality affects the conclusions. Also, examples of data addressing certain endpoints, such as biomarkers, will be discussed with respect to relevancy when such an endpoint may indicate exposure but not necessarily toxicity. The importance of a weight-of-the-evidence approach will be emphasized.

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Methods for reducing ammonia emissions from poultry litter

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Recent research has shown that ammonia emissions from a typical 50 day old broiler are approximately 46 g/bird. The objective of this paper is to give an overview of methods to reduce ammonia emissions from poultry litter. Research conducted during the past two decades has shown that a simple topical application of aluminum sulfate (alum) to manure can greatly reduce the magnitude of ammonia emissions. Improvements in air quality in poultry rearing facilities due to alum result in heavier chickens which have better feed conversion and lower mortality, making this practice cost-effective. Alum applications also result in reductions in phosphorus runoff and leaching. Another practice that can be used to reduce ammonia emissions is the installation of ammonia scrubbers onto exhaust fans of poultry barns. Incorporation of manure during land application also reduces ammonia emissions while improving water quality.

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Amendments and feed-through additive for gas and odor emission reduction from dairy manure samples

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Amendments are popularly used to reduce air emissions from manure. Seven promising products were studied after a preliminary screening of 22 dairy manure amendments that represented different modes of action. One feed-through additive was evaluated. Gas and odor emissions were simultaneously evaluated from manure (2kg; 1:1.7 feces:urine) stored at two temperatures (10 and 20 °C) for three periods (3d, 30d, 94d). Odor emissions were quantified via olfactometry along with quality characterizations. Amendments demonstrated significant emission reduction compared to untreated manure under certain conditions. For example, acidic (abandoned) mine drainage sediment reduced odor 31% (P=0.032) after 3d at 20 °C while three proprietary products significantly reduced odor by 26 to 47% after 30d at 20 °C. Essential oils tended to increase odor detection but improved odor character descriptors. Gas emission reductions were dependent upon mode of action. Amendments showed promise when administered to reduce certain compounds in a specific timeframe.

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Feeding tannins to dairy cows abates ammonia emissions from barns and soils

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Dairy cows excrete large amounts of urine, so barns are thought to emit large amounts of ammonia which can adversely impact the health of humans and natural ecosystems. We conducted three studies to determine if feeding more tannin and less crude protein (CP) to dairy cows would reduce urine excretion and ammonia emissions from dairy barns and soil. Relative reductions in ammonia emission from barn floors due to tannin feeding were greatest at the low CP diet due to lower amounts of urine nitrogen excreted and therefore applied. Tannins reduced ammonia emissions from barn floors by 30% at the low CP diet and 16% at the high CP diet. Tannins reduced ammonia emissions by 28 - 49% after slurry application to soils. Although results of the laboratory studies are encouraging, larger scale studies are required to ascertain effectiveness of tannin extracts in abating ammonia loss from commercial dairy farms.
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Swine manure odor reduction efficacy of a humic amendment

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While numerous additives claim to reduce livestock manure odors, supporting research is lacking. We used both laboratory and field olfactometry to evaluate the effectiveness of a commercial product, derived from humic material, to control liquid swine manure odors. Laboratory-incubated (20 °C) amended manure reduced odor emissions significantly (88%, P < 0.0001) (OU cm⁻² hr⁻¹) compared to the untreated control for selected holding times and amendment rates. A follow-up multi-assessor repeat observation field olfactometry experiment was performed to quantify dilutions-to-threshold (D/T) levels at the center of manure rings (3.5 m wide, 61-m in diameter) on grassland. Best estimate odor threshold D/T levels decreased as follows: surface broadcast = aeration infiltration > product-treated surface broadcast > broadcast + chisel incorporation > shallow disk injection > no manure control. Product-treated broadcast manure showed a statistically significant reduction (33%, P < 0.01) in odor D/T compared to untreated surface-broadcast manure.

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Reduction of odorous VOC in phenolics solutions and swine manure slurry using soybean peroxidase and hydrogen peroxide

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A research project was conducted to evaluate the efficacy of low-activity soybean peroxidase (SBP; 0.75 U/mg) and H₂O₂ for reducing emissions of odorous volatile organic compounds (VOC) from standard solutions (phenol and 4-methylphenol; 1 mM each) and swine manure slurry. VOC emissions were measured in a small wind tunnel. Air samples were collected in stainless steel sorbent tubes and analyzed by GC/MS. SBP (2000 mg/L) reduced 4-methylphenol and phenol emissions in standard solutions by 99 and 50%, respectively. The optimum H₂O₂ addition was 1.32 mM per mM phenolic substrate. Percent reduction of 4-methylphenol emission was about 25% in swine slurry with SBP addition of 5000 mg/L.

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In silico strategies for modeling stereoselective hydrolysis rates of pyrethroids

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We have been developing in silico methods to estimate stereoselective metabolic parameters in mammals, that makes use of optically-resolved enzyme kinetics data, and illustrated its use for the specific case of carboxylesterase (CE)-mediated hydrolysis of pyrethroids in rats. The methodology involves: (1) a pharmacophore structural qualifier/filter to determine whether a particular stereoisomer is indeed a viable substrate (or not), and (2) a mechanism-specific quantitative structure activity relationship (QSAR) to predict metabolic rate constants. This two-step approach has been trained and validated with in vitro CE hydrolysis rates of 27 individual optically resolved type I and II pyrethroid stereoisomers in rat serum, and extended to human CE1/2 data of pyrethroid analogs (external dataset). Our strategy extends the utility of pharmacophore filters in the reduction of misclassification of mechanistically-competent substrates, while strengthening the QSAR model, useful for both PK/PD model development and sustainable molecular design criteria.

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Computational approaches for developing informative prior distributions for Bayesian calibration of PBPK models

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Using Bayesian statistical methods to quantify uncertainty and variability in human PBPK model predictions for use in risk assessments requires prior distributions (priors) which characterize what is known or believed about parameters’ values before observing in vivo data. Experimental in vivo data can then be used in Bayesian calibration of PBPK models to refine priors when it exists. However, when little or no in vivo data are available for calibration efforts, parameter estimates and uncertainties can be obtained from priors. We present approaches for specifying informative priors for chemical-specific PBPK model parameters based on information obtained from chemical structures and in vitro assays. Means and standard deviations (or coefficients of variation) for priors are derived from comparisons of predicted values from computational (e.g., QSAR) methods or in vitro assays and experimentally-determined, chemical-specific values for a data set of chemicals. (This abstract does not necessarily reflect US EPA policy.)
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Use of CYP-specific parameters and human biomarker data to develop a human PBPK/PD model for dermal chlorpyrifos exposure

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Chlorpyrifos (CPF), a widely used OP pesticide, is primarily activated by cytochrome P450 (CYP) 2B6 to CPF-oxon and detoxified by CYP2C19 to trichloro-2-pyrindinol (TCPy), while CPF-oxon is metabolically detoxified to TCPy by PON1. Egyptian agricultural workers (n = 37) had urinary TCPy and blood BuChE and AChE activities measured as biomarkers of CPF exposure and effect. Human PBPK/PD modeling was conducted utilizing the exposure and effect biomarker data and CYP-specific kinetic rate constants for CPF metabolism. A statistically-significant inverse correlation was observed between urinary TCPy and blood BuChE and AChE activities. The no effect level or inflection point of the exposure-effect relationships had an average urinary TCPy level of 114 ug/g creatinine for BuChE and 3161 ug/g creatinine for AChE. Human PBPK/PD modeling simulations for a dermal CPF exposure were able to simulate the human exposure and effect biomarkers data accurately. (NIH R01 ES016308 and EPA Star grant R833454).

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Age-dependent, physiologically based pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic (PBPK/PD) modeling of organophosphorus (OP) insecticides in the preweaning rat: Implications of localized brain metabolism

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Age-dependent PBPK/PD models have been developed for OP insecticides that inhibit acetylcholinesterase (AChE). Studies suggest that OP neurotoxicity occurs at low-doses in the absence of significant brain AChE inhibition. The PBPK/PD model evaluated brain dosimetry in preweaning rats. In vitro metabolism studies were conducted with hepatic and brain microsomes prepared from naive adult male rats. Brain microsomal metabolism was a fraction (~ 1%) of the liver, yet CYP2D6 was highly expressed. Post-natal day-10 (PND-10), pups were orally administered chlorpyrifos (CPF) at 1 and 5 mg/kg/day (5 doses) and humanely sacrificed 4 hours after the last dose. Brains were analyzed for AChE activity as well as for CPF and trichlorpyridinol (TCPy) levels and compared to adults. Age-, dose-, gender- and brain regional-differences were observed. The importance of localized brain metabolism is highly relevant for lipophilic pesticides that sequester in the brain and can undergo localized metabolism. (CDC/NIOSH grants R01-OH03629 and R01-OH008173).

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Bayesian calibration of carbaryl cholinesterase inhibition using physiologically-based pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic modeling

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Bayesian techniques enable characterization of data uncertainty and variability based on prior and experimental information applicable for risk assessment of pesticides. Amongst N-methyl carbamate family of pesticides, carbaryl reversibly inhibits neuronal cholinesterase activity where the extent of knowledge is indeterminate. A hierarchical Bayesian approach was applied to estimate parameters in a physiologically-based pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic (PBPK/PD) model from experimental measurements of carbaryl in rats. The model described tissue dosimetry of carbaryl and its metabolites and carbaryl-induced inhibition of cholinesterase activity. In support of model parameterization, kinetic tracer studies were undertaken with rats exposed by oral and intravenous routes. Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) calibration of rat model parameters was implemented using prior information from literature for physiological distributions together with kinetic and inhibition data on carbaryl. Monte Carlo simulations of the PBPK/PD model with the posterior distribution estimates predicted a 95% confidence interval of tissue doses and cholinesterase inhibition activity in blood and brain within the range of observed data. This initial Bayesian PBPK/PD modeling effort will be used to determine the experimental studies that could provide the highest added value for model refinement.

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Use of in vitro data in PBPK models: An example of in vitro to in vivo extrapolation with carbaryl

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There is increasing interest in applying in vitro data and physiologically-based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) modeling to improve human risk assessment. In the present study, both pharmacokinetic (PK) and pharmacodynamic (PD) data were collected in vitro to support the development of a human PBPK model for carbaryl. Metabolism of carbaryl was determined in hepatocyte suspensions. Bimolecular inhibition rate constants for carbaryl with cholinesterases (ChEs) were measured in brain and blood. Free fraction of carbaryl in the tissue was determined to derive tissue to blood partition coefficients. These in vitro PK and PD data were extrapolated to whole rats and to humans to describe the disposition and ChE inhibition dynamics of carbaryl with the model. Our work demonstrates a process for developing a human PBPK model for risk assessment based on an animal PBPK model augmented with in vitro to in vivo extrapolation approaches using animal and human tissues.
Quality variations of poultry litter biochar generated at different pyrolysis temperatures

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Converting to biochar as a soil amendment is a promising method to dispose of excess poultry litter in concentrated poultry production regions. Optimal pyrolysis temperature needs to be determined to produce biochar from poultry litter with acceptable yield and quality. This study explored variations in yield and quality of poultry litter biochar as a function of pyrolysis temperature. Poultry litter granules were completely pyrolyzed at different temperatures from 300 to 600°C. The biochar products were analyzed for yield, carbon content, carbon stability, nutrient availability, water holding capacity, cation exchange capacity, BET surface area, and active functionality. The results show that the yield and nutrient availability of poultry litter char decreased, while BET surface area and cation exchange capacity increased as the pyrolysis temperature was elevated. A pyrolysis temperature of 450°C was selected to convert poultry litter into biochar with desirable yield and quality.

Ammonia adsorption capacity of biomass and animal-manure derived biochars

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The objective of this research was to characterize and investigate ammonia and hydrogen sulfide gas adsorption capacities of low- and high-temperature biochars made from wood shavings and chicken litter. The biochar samples were activated with steam or phosphoric acid. The specific surface areas and pore volumes of the activated or non-activated biochar samples were evaluated according to the Brunauer, Emmett, and Teller (BET) isotherm model using N2 as an adsorbate. The biochar samples were also characterized with energy-disperse X-ray spectroscopy (EDX) and scanning electron microscopy (SEM). Proximate and ultimate analyses were also performed. The biochar samples were placed in a column made of 13 mm x 120 mm PVC pipe. Calibrated ammonia gas with 20 to 100 ppm concentration was passed through the column at 3 LPM. Effluent gas concentration was monitored via a photoacoustic analyzer in order to establish breakthrough curves. The adsorption capacity of the biochar was calculated from integrating the breakthrough curves. To date, we found that ammonia adsorption capacities based on 50% breakthrough curves ranged from 0.25 to 0.75 mg/g for non-activated biochars and 0.1 to 36.2 for activated biochars. The adsorption experiments are still ongoing and the final results will be presented at the meeting.

Characterization of solid pyrogenic black carbon (biochar) by desorption atmospheric pressure photoionization (DAPPI) coupled to Fourier-transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometry

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Previous studies have characterized the leachable fraction of pyrogenic black carbon by electrospray ionization coupled to ultrahigh resolution Fourier-transform ion cyclotron resonance (FT-ICR) mass spectrometry. However, the parent chars (biochars) have defied molecular characterization because a large fraction is not soluble in common solvents. Here, desorption atmospheric pressure photoionization (DAPPI) has been coupled to 9.4 Tesla FT-ICR mass spectrometry to characterize the molecular composition of parent oak (uncharred), oak combusted at 250°C, and oak pyrolyzed at 400°C. Oak combusted at 250°C exhibits two distinct types of molecules. The first are representative of aromatic compounds from the thermal degradation of lignin and hemicellulose, while the second are molecules associated with cellulose that is not completely degraded. Molecules with high H:C and O:C ratios observed in the parent oak and oak combusted at 250°C were not present in the oak combusted at 400°C.

Adsorption properties of biochar-based activated carbon

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Activated carbon (AC) is a valuable product produced from biochar with a price around 1000 to 3000 $/metric ton. AC is widely used in water treatment, gas separation, air pollution control (such as removal of oxides of sulfur and nitrogen and hydrogen sulfide), as catalyst or support of catalysts, recovery of metal ions in the precious metal industries, and purification processes in food and pharmaceutics industries. Biochar, which is produced from corn stover, prairie cordgrass, and woody biomass feed stocks using MW pyrolysis and fast pyrolysis technologies, was used as the starting material for producing activated carbon (AC) using physical (steam) and chemical (potassium hydroxide) activation processes. The effects of operating conditions for each activation method on the BET surface area of the product and reaction yield were investigated. Adsorption
properties of activated carbons will be evaluated and quantified with adsorption of methylene blue, ammonia, and Cu, Zn, and Ni ions. The mechanism of different adsorption properties from traditional coal or hardwood based activated carbon was investigated using surface titration, XRD, and FTIR.

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Investigation of dissolved organic carbon from water extracts of biochars by electrospray ionization/mass spectrometry

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Application of biochar to soil has been proposed both as a long-term sink for atmospheric carbon in terrestrial ecosystems and for improving soil fertility. However, the effect on surface runoff of adding water-soluble biochar components to agricultural soil is unknown. Chars from cellulose, lignin, pine, and switchgrass formed under a variety of conditions were extracted with water to determine how formation conditions affect the water-soluble components. Water extracts of chars were analyzed for total organic carbon, dissolved inorganic carbon, and dissolved organic carbon, and by electrospray ionization/mass spectrometry. The total integrated response by electrospray ionization/mass spectrometry correlated well with dissolved organic carbon content. With increasing charring temperature, the average molecular weight increased in the water extracts indicating increased higher molecular weight compounds or decreased lower molecular weight compounds present in the dissolved organic matter. Heating times and durations produce complex changes in biochar and have dramatic effects on water extracts from the biochar as well.

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Effect of pH conditions on nutrients leachability and surface characteristics of biochars

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Switchgrass-derived biochars produced by auger pyrolysis process at various conditions (450, 600, 800°C for 30 s of residence time) were investigated for the effect of pH (3 – 11) and surface characteristics on nutrients leachability. Switchgrass biochars contained 14 – 22% of ash contents. Ash composition consisted mainly of Ca (1.2 – 1.68%), K (1.11 – 1.77%), P (0.26 – 0.45%), Mg (0.30 – 0.43%), S (0.16 – 0.21%), Si (3.54 – 5.21%), and traceable minerals such as Al, Fe, Na, Mn, Ge, and Zn. The sorption reactions of nutrients on biochars characterized by sequential extractions showed that a significant fraction of nutrients was bound to metal oxides. Nutrient leachability of biochars under different pH (from 3 to 11) showed that most of the nutrients were released with decreasing pH values. Only the heavy metals Cr and Cd were released in lower and higher pH values, which is associated with amphoteric behavior. FTIR spectra of biochars subjected to the different pH treatments showed that surface functionality increased slightly with lower pH.

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Predicting biochar impact on soil carbon dynamics and soil quality in EPIC model

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Results of simulated impacts of climate change on agriculture envision reductions in crop yields as a result of increased temperature, water, and nutrient stresses and an overall deterioration of soil functions. Biochar is viewed as a potential long-term climate adapting/mitigating technique to reduce GHG emissions, improve soil physical properties, moisture, air and nutrient regimes, as well as sequester large quantities of carbon in the soil and increase crop yields. Most biochar studies have been performed on highly weathered soils, such as Oxisols, with no field studies testing biochar effects on U.S. Midwest soils. We are modifying the EPIC (Environmental Policy Integrated Climate) model to simulate the behavior and functioning of biochar when applied to U.S. Midwest soils in terms of soil carbon sequestration, soil quality, and crop performance. Preliminary literature analysis and algorithm formulations suggest that biochar may have the ability to impact soil properties through positive modification of the soil’s carbon and nutrient balances. In the absence of existing full scale field studies of biochar’s impact on soils of temperate regions, simulation studies with a biochar-enhanced version of EPIC may be useful to evaluate the potential of this adaptation/mitigation technique and guide the design of much needed field experiments.

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Do soil biochar additions prime or sequester soil organic carbon?

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Biochar (BC) production has been proposed as a means to mitigate climate change by increasing C sequestration in soils. However, research to date has shown that BC addition can either stimulate or suppress C mineralization in soils, depending on soil type, the BC feedstock and pyrolysis conditions. We are conducting a long-term laboratory incubation where, by means of stable C isotopes and soil organic matter size-fractionation methods, we partition the contribution of BC vs soil organic C to CO2 losses and soil C stores. To assess the effects of BC additions and soil type, we added 0, 1, 5, 10, and 20% oak-derived BC (δ13C = -27%) by weight to four soils varying for texture class, but all with low δ13C values (+12 to -21%). Results on CO2 dynamics and soil C-size fractions for the first year of incubation will be presented.
Biochar as a carbon sequestration technology for Central Great Plains soils

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Agricultural soils in Eastern Colorado have suffered carbon (C) losses due to long-term cultivation. Soil C could be increased quickly by adding amendments that are C-rich, such as biochar and/or compost. We are carrying out research about the following important questions: 1) Can we use biochar to bring back our row crop soils to the level of organic matter present in our native prairie? 2) Can biochar in combination with compost result in better crop yields and nitrogen use efficiency? 3) Will the quality of biochar due to varying feedstocks and pyrolysis conditions have an effect in the performance? Infrared spectroscopy studies indicate that this technology is useful to characterize chars from different temperatures and feedstocks, but not as sensitive to quantify char in soils. Growth chamber studies indicate that additions of char alone are detrimental to crop growth. Use of compost in combination with biochar partially ameliorates this effect.

Biochar as a soil amendment on two types of Saskatchewan Chernozem soils

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Most research on biochar amended soils has been conducted on old, highly weathered tropical and subtropical soils with few studies on relatively young soils in the cool northern prairie climate. This study examined a biochar as an amendment on two cultivated grassland soils to determine the effect on soil nutrient concentration and nutrient uptake by canola (Brassica napus) in a controlled environment. Canola biomass yield was significantly increased with the addition of fertilizer with and without biochar. However, there was no significant effect on biomass yield that could be attributed to the biochar itself. There was also no significant difference in plant N uptake, N recovery, P uptake, or soil nitrate and phosphate in the biochar plus fertilizer treatment compared to the fertilizer treatment alone. There was a significant increase in soil organic carbon concentration in the treatment with the highest rate of biochar addition on one soil compared to the control. Lack of response of the plant and soil nutrient variables measured to the addition of biochar both with and without fertilizer may be explained by the inherent high organic matter content and nutrient retention ability in these relatively unweathered soils. Future research should focus on longer-term results of biochar addition and its effects on fertilizer use efficiency.

Impact of biochar addition rate and soil type on greenhouse gas emissions: The importance of long-term data

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Biochar addition to soil has been proposed as a means of improving nutrient retention and soil C sequestration in soils. However, research to date has documented net positive, neutral, or negative effects on greenhouse gas emissions after biochar addition to soils, depending on the biochar feedstock, pyrolysis temperature, and soil type. Our objective was to determine the effect of biochar addition rates on trace gas production over a long-term incubation. We added 0, 1, 5, 10, and 20% oak-derived biochar (pyrolyzed at 550°C) by weight to four soils varying from a clay to a sand and measured CO2, N2O, and CH4 over a year-long incubation. Biochar addition initially suppressed CO2 production, but after 3 - 4 months, respiration increased in accordance with biochar addition rate. In all soils, N2O emissions were suppressed, although the response to addition rate varied from 20% to 94% reduction in emissions.

Herbicide sorption in a biochar-amended coastal plain soil under conventional and conservation tillage management

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Commercial cropping systems worldwide depend on herbicides for weed control. Sorption of active ingredients in these products by soil colloids impacts both weed control and soil persistence. Soil organic matter is typically the principal sorption site. Biochar addition to soil increases soil organic matter and will likely increase soil residual herbicide adsorption. There is potential for positive and negative consequences. We investigated biochar impact on soil sorption of three soil residual herbicides, metolachlor, fomesafen, and pendimethalin in a loamy sand soil widely used in the Southeastern USA for cotton (Gossypium hirsutum) production. Koc’s ranged from 50 to 16000 mL g⁻¹. The biochar, produced by pine wood chip pyrolysis at 500°C, was added at rates designed to double the soil organic carbon content. Biochar increased sorption of all compounds by about 50%. Implications for biochar use on herbicide fate in this soil will be discussed.
Biochars from sugarcane trash and sugarcane bagasse as soil amendments

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In recent years there has been a reduction in the burning of postharvest sugarcane trash in the field due to urban encroachment and air quality concerns. The trash left on the soil surface reduces yields of ratoon crops due to lower soil temperatures and higher soil moisture. Sugarcane mills occasionally produce excess bagasse during the grinding season. These two organic feed stocks (sugarcane trash and sugarcane bagasse) can be thermochemically converted into biochars that can be brought back to the field to be used as a soil amendment to enhance soil health and water holding capacity and to improve sugarcane yields. This is the first study in a multiple-year study where biochars from sugarcane leaf residue (variety HoCP 96-540), whole plant (variety L79-1002), and sugarcane bagasse are produced, characterized, and applied back to the soil. These feed stocks were chemically characterized for their nutrient content and several physico-chemical and adsorptive properties. Some of them were used in greenhouse experiments with untreated and commercial fertilizer controls included; plant heights are reported. In subsequent years, theoretical recoverable sugar sucrose and ratoon cane yields will also be determined. Possible benefits of biochar include an increase in soil carbon content, improvement of soil drainage and aeration, and addition of nutrients to the growing sugarcane crop. Benefits are expected to both sugarcane growers and processors through the production of valued by-products from pyrolysis of sugarcane trash and bagasse as well as enhancing the sugarcane industry’s role in renewable energy markets.

Biochar-mediated reductive transformation of nitro herbicides

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We evaluated biochar as an electron transfer mediator to accelerate the abiotic reduction of nitroaromatic herbicides. We hypothesized that biochar could enhance the reduction of nitroaromatic herbicides because of the adsorptive and conductive graphene moieties. Biochar was produced from poultry litter through pyrolysis at 400°C. We assessed the ability of biochar to catalyze the reduction of two nitro herbicides trifluralin and pendimethaline, using dithiothreitol or H2S as reductant. 2,4-Dinitrotoluene was included as a model compound for comparison with our previous study (Oh and Chiu, 2009). Similar to the results with graphite and soot from our previous work, reduction of the nitroaromatic herbicides was enhanced by biochar. However, due to the low degree of carbonization, the rate enhancement was less pronounced than that with other black carbon. These results suggest that biochar may be a sorbent and redox catalyst that influences the fate of nitro herbicides in reducing environments.

Biochar production for use as low-cost adsorbents: Applications in drinking water treatment serving developing communities

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Biochar, known traditionally as charcoal, has been used in drinking water treatment for more than 4,000 years. Here we examine applicability of this ancient practice for removal of modern synthetic organic compounds (SOCs), in particular pesticides. We demonstrate the relative influence of feedstock (biochar precursor) and pyrolysis intensity (peak temperature, duration) on herbicide (propanil, 2,4-D) uptake under equilibrium and dynamic steady-state conditions in the presence of dissolved NOM by biochars produced using traditional kiln systems. Three prevalent representative feed stocks (eucalyptus, bamboo, longan wood) are employed for biochar generation at field-scale using a 200-L steel drum kiln and at lab-scale using a programmable laboratory pyrolyzer to simulate typical observed range of pyrolysis intensities. Our findings are relevant to biochar kiln design and operation optimization for production of filter-carbon and implementation of low-cost drinking water treatment systems serving developing communities, as well as to...
Biochar field trials in Zambia, Africa: Doubling growth and understanding why

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Biochar amendment was combined with conservation farming, where soil is not completely tilled but instead fertilizer/biochar addition and planting occur in hoe basins. The six soils strongly varied in CEC (3 to 28 cmol/kg), pH (3.8 to 7) and TOC (0.3 to 1.8%). Biochars were from waste materials: corn cobs and charcoal dust from the charcoal industry. Testing consisted of chemical screening of soil-biochar combinations as well as pot + field tests with various amounts of biochar. In the first growth season, soils with lowest CEC and pH showed very good effects of biochar on reduction of acid saturation (from 70 to 0%) and maize growth (doubled), already at 4 tons/ha application. Other testing parameters included root-available nutrients measured by in-situ samplers with ion-exchange resin, water holding capacity, pesticide sorption, and total and bioavailable polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), all aiding in understanding biochar effects in tropical soils.

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Nutrient, metals, and organic matter retention in Indonesian and Zambian soils amended with biochar: Batch and column leaching tests

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1 All Indonesian soil values are approximations and will be refined later on.
Biochar characteristics and function as a heavy metal sorbent in soil: Role of surface ligands

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Heavy metal stabilization is an important target function of biochars for both environmental remediation and soil fertilization purposes. Oxygen-containing functional groups of biochars play a vital role in improving CEC and heavy metal retention capacity of soils. In this study, a series of agricultural waste-derived biochars were first characterized for the yield, moisture, ash, volatile matter, and fixed carbon contents, elemental composition (CHNSO), BET surface area, pH, pH_{hzo}, and total acidity, and by ATR-FTIR and 1H NMR. Selected biochars were activated to introduce carboxyl, hydroxyl, and phosphate groups on increased surface area. Biochars were then screened for their ability to stabilize heavy metals in soils representing a range of CEC, pH, and TOC contents. The results indicate that the biochars can be engineered to improve stability in soil as well as the heavy metal stabilization ability which directly correlates with the amount of metal ion-coordinating surface functional groups.

Biochar for soil remediation on abandoned mine lands: San Juan Mountains, CO

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We sought to determine the suitability of biochar as a soil remediation tool for revegetating abandoned mine lands in San Juan County, Colorado. Our study assessed the effects of biochar and straw compost amendments on the mobility, bioavailability, and toxicity of inorganic and organic contaminants in soils at abandoned mine sites. To examine biochar as a soil amendment, we conducted field trials to test for restoration potential, and container trials to examine specific physical and chemical properties of biochar treatments. The biochar field sites were located at elevations between 2,800 and 3,700 meters; site soils conditions ranged from pure waste rock to partially reclaimed forest soils. The field trial segment utilized a randomized block design of three blocks consisting of 2 x 1 meter plots with one seed-only control and three treatments: (1) biochar (30% by volume); (2) biochar and straw mulch; and, (3) straw mulch. The container trials, which were conducted at the Mountain Studies Institute field station, consisted of a seed emergence test, a vegetation biomass accumulation test, and a soil leachate test. Preliminary results indicate that relative to seeding only, the addition of a 30% by volume biochar soil amendment increased vegetation cover on mining affected and acid soils by 57% - 240%. Biochar treatments increased water holding capacity in all soils by 100% - 180%. Above ground biomass was positively affected by biochar additions, with both mine and acid sites respectively showing an increase of 85% - 100%. The results for the effect of biochar on soil leachate chemistry are mixed, with some analytes showing a decrease in leachate concentration at 40 days (Al, Fe, Ni), some showing an increase in concentration (Cu) and most showing very small or no differences (Cd, As, Mn, Pb, Zn).

Heavy metal adsorption capacity of biomass and animal-manure derived biochars

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The ability of either plant or manure-based biochars to adsorb heavy metal compounds is highly dependent on the type of feedstock used as well as whether biochars are used as-is or activated. In this study both plant and manure-based biochars were produced and characterized for their capability of removing copper ions from solution. These biochars were further activated either via steam or phosphoric acid and then characterized for various important physico-chemical properties. The objective of this study was to investigate the influence of the feedstock source, pyrolysis temperature, and activation strategy on the adsorption capacity for copper ion. Copper ion adsorption was of particular interest because copper is one of the metals of environmental concern. It is toxic to many animal species and is an environmentally ubiquitous metal found in both drinking water and wastewater. Biochar samples were made by pyrolyzing wood shavings and chicken litter at 250 and 500°C for three minutes and further activating with either steam or phosphoric acid. For the adsorption experiments, a 1% w/v sample was added to 0.01, 0.1, 1, 5, 10 and 20 mM solutions of copper ion for 24 hr. All samples were characterized for their pH, surface area, surface charge, and proximate and ultimate analyses, as well as elemental composition. Adsorption capacity for copper ion was lowest for the biochars and highest for the phosphoric acid activated biochars. Both the biochar and the steam-activated biochar from chicken litter performed significantly better than the corresponding biochar and steam-activated biochar made from wood shavings.

Biochar reference materials

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Formation conditions and feedstock composition can significantly alter many physical and chemical properties of biochar. To develop analytical procedures to characterize biochars for research and production control, reference material has been prepared from a mixed pine wood by two representative processes. Biochar Engineering Corporation used a two-stage slow pyrolysis process while the National Renewable Energy Laboratory produced a char by high temperature gasification in a fluidized bed reactor. Each material was homogenized using manual blending techniques followed by cross flow V-blender. The homogenized material was then split into subsamples using
a spinning riffle followed by a Jones Riffle splitter. Random sub-samples of each material were characterized by elemental analysis (ultimate and proximate analysis), surface area and porosity, infrared reflectance. Water extracts were also characterized. These analyses were used to assess the effectiveness of the homogenization and spitting techniques. The reference materials will be available in small quantities to researchers by contacting the authors.

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Carbon isotopic fractionation as a function of charring temperature during the production of biochar

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\(^{13}\)C/\(^{12}\)C isotopic fractionation provides a means to study the mechanism of formation of biochar. Chars were prepared from switchgrass and pine wood at different temperatures. \(^{12}\)C concentration decreases in both switchgrass and pine wood biochars as formation temperature increases from 200 to 600 °C. The \(^{13}\)C concentration then increases as charring temperature increases from 700 to 900 °C. These changes are most likely due to the kinetic isotope effect. From 200 to 600 °C, carbon atoms in the original cellulose, hemicellulose, and lignin structural components react to form graphene structures. Under these conditions, the \(^{13}\)C atoms will react slightly more slowly than the \(^{12}\)C atoms and therefore, there will be a depletion of \(^{13}\)C in the resulting graphene structures. At the higher temperatures, increases in \(^{13}\)C concentrations in the chars indicate that the reverse is taking place and that the graphene structures are being degraded to volatile compounds that are depleted in \(^{13}\)C.

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Effects of biochar amendment in soil on bioenergy crop yield and biomass composition

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The goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and decreasing the usage and dependence on fossil fuels drives research of biofuels and renewable energies. This research investigates the use of biochar, a co-product of biomass pyrolysis, to sequester carbon by incorporating the biochar into agricultural soil. This approach shows great potential to mitigate atmospheric CO\(_2\), facilitate the production of renewable energy, and increase crop yield. A greenhouse experiment was conducted to study the effect of biochar as a soil amendment on the growth of two bioenergy feedstock crops, switchgrass and sorghum. Biomass yield and chemical composition will be reported for plants grown using biochars with different properties and two application rates. The goal is to correlate the physical and chemical characteristics and application rate of biochar with the yield and chemical composition of the plants grown in the biochar amended soil.

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Biochar effects on extractable NO\(_3\)\(^{-}\) and NH\(_4\)\(^{+}\)and greenhouse gas flux after biochar and fertilizer application to two temperate soils

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Biochar may increase soil water-holding capacity, cation exchange capacity and surface sorption capacity which could decrease the leaching losses of available nitrate and ammonium, and reduce the NO\(_2\) emissions. Despite these properties, the magnitude of the potential benefits depends on the size and individual characteristics of the biochar and the nutrient status of the amended soil. To determine the contribution of biochar to 1) N retention and 2) soil C mineralization, we added two sizes (>250 and <250 mm) of biochar to two soils (sandy, silty-clay loam) with and without fertilizer addition, and measured gas exchange (CO\(_2\), N\(_2\)O, and CH\(_4\)) and extractable NO\(_3\) and NH\(_4\)\(^{+}\). Our data suggest that decreases in N\(_2\)O after biochar addition to soils can contribute to reducing GHG emissions from soils, but the magnitude of this decrease is determined by the biochar effects on soil CO\(_2\) flux, which can either be suppressed or primed.
Distinct phosphorus leaching behaviors of poultry litter (PL) and PL Char

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Leaching of phosphorus from manure to surface waters contribute significantly to eutrophication. We hypothesized that converting manure into biochar through pyrolysis could reduce the phosphorus leaching potential and thus represent a potential solution to this problem. Water in contact with poultry litter (PL) and PL char for different durations were analyzed for orthophosphate, acid-hydrolyzable phosphorus, and total phosphorus by colorimetric method and ICP-OES. PL rapidly released large amounts of phosphorus and leaching continued for weeks. Almost all the phosphorus released from PL was dissolved orthophosphate. In contrast, PL char slowly released phosphorus at concentrations orders of magnitude lower than that from PL, despite the higher total phosphorus content of the char. Approximately 80% of the phosphorus released by PL char was orthophosphate, with the remaining phosphorus being particulate (0.025–11 µm). These results supports that PL char may potentially serve as a slow-releasing and sustainable source of phosphorus in soil.

Ammonia removal using poultry litter and its biochar mixture

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In the era of climate change, conversion of raw materials such as crop residuals and other waste byproducts into biochar could serve as a sink for carbon sequestration which could help reduce carbon footprint in the atmospheric environment. Biochar could also be used for soil amendment to improve soil conditions as liming agent and provide additional micronutrients for crops. In addition, biochar could be used as absorbent for the removal of heavy metals and other environmental pollutants. In this study, biochar from fast pyrolysis of rice-hull poultry litter was used in biofiltration systems for ammonia removal. Columns were packed with poultry litter, combination of poultry litter and biochar, and biochar alone for filtration of synthetic ammonia. PL char slowly released phosphorus at concentrations orders of magnitude lower than that from PL, despite the higher total phosphorus content of the char. Approximately 80% of the phosphorus released by PL char was orthophosphate, with the remaining phosphorus being particulate (0.025–11 µm). These results supports that PL char may potentially serve as a slow-releasing and sustainable source of phosphorus in soil.

Biochar production is emerging as a potential strategy for mitigating carbon emissions while at the same time increasing soil fertility. However, the effects of combustion conditions and source material on biochar stability in soils are not well understood. We are currently studying the effects of combustion temperature, atmosphere (oxic versus anoxic) and biomass type on the carbon functional groups in biochars. Bulk and surface properties of biochar were characterized using RAMP CP-13C-NMR to assess quantitatively and qualitatively the alteration of the carbon functional groups, while dipolar dephasing (DD)-CP-13C-NMR to study the degree of aromatization and condensation and extent of oxidation. Initial results show that biochars produced at higher temperatures and from grass and hardwood have greater aromaticity and fewer O-containing functional groups. For biochars produced at high temperatures (650 °C), atomic H/C ratios, and the aromatic carbon to hydrogen ratios (Fa/C/FaH) indicate that the average size of the aromatic units are much smaller than the highly condensed aromatic structures commonly thought to occur in biochars.

Biochar for soil pH amelioration and improved crop yields

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Multiple studies have demonstrated that the addition of biochar to low-productivity agricultural soils can boost crop yield, though underlying mechanisms are poorly understood. A greenhouse experiment investigating the effect of biochar on soil pH and the production of winter wheat (Triticum aestivum ‘Hatcher’) was established in the spring of 2011. Three agricultural soils of similar texture and chemical properties but different pH (from 5 to 8) were amended with three biochars produced from different feedstocks (pine, corn stover, and wheat straw) and a pH-equivalent liming treatment. Grain and biomass yields will be evaluated, nitrogen use efficiency determined, and tissue 13C isotope analysis performed to estimate water use efficiency. This work is intended to elucidate the importance of biochar’s liming value relative to its other effects on nitrogen and water dynamics in the given system, as well as investigate the potential benefit of biochar for alkaline agriculture soils.
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**Thermo-chemical conversion of spent coffee to bio-oil and biochar**

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Energy production from waste biomass/material is a more attractive alternative compared to use of feedstocks such as corn and soybean. This study presents total utilization of waste material- spent coffee grounds through a two-step process. In the first step, triglyceride oil was extracted from spent coffee grounds using hexane soxhlet extraction. The extracted oil properties were studied and found suitable for producing biodiesel. In the second step, the defatted spent coffee grounds was converted into bio-oil and biochar using a pyrolysis process at 450 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. It was found that spent coffee grounds produced more bio-oil and less biochar compared to defatted coffee ground. The bio-oils were analyzed for their physical properties, such as viscosity, density, elemental composition, heating value, boiling point and molecular weight distribution. Structural characterization of bio-oils was carried out using advanced spectroscopic and chromatographic techniques, such as NMR, FTIR, TLC-FID, and GC-MS to obtain information on carbon and hydrogen distribution, functional groups, and hydrocarbon class type distribution. Two biochars produced from spent and defatted coffee grounds, and their respective feed stocks were characterized for elemental composition, BET surface area, ash, moisture and volatile content. These four samples were then used as soil amendment in a greenhouse experiment to study their effect on crop yields and to investigate if the use of biochar could help reduce the amount of chemical fertilizer, while at the same time maintaining or increasing crop yields.

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**Mechanisms of anabolic steroid-stimulated muscle growth**

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Anabolic steroid treatment of yearling steers significantly enhances muscle growth; however, there has been no consensus as to the biological mechanism(s) responsible for the anabolic effects of either estrogenic or androgenic steroids. Muscle satellite cells (MSCs) play a crucial role in postnatal muscle growth by fusing with existing muscle fibers and providing the nuclei required for fiber growth. Muscles of yearling steers implanted with a trenbolone acetate (TBA) and estradiol-17b (E2) contain more MSCs than do muscles of nonimplanted steers suggesting that increased MSC number plays a role in anabolic-steroid-induced muscle growth. Treatment for 7 days with TBA/E2 or with E2 alone increases Insulin-like Growth Factor (IGF)-1 mRNA in longissimus muscle of yearling steers as compared to nonimplanted steers. It is likely that increased muscle IGF-1 helps increase the number of MSCs, increased myofiber nuclei, increased hypertrophy and increased muscle growth observed in anabolic steroid treated livestock and humans. Data show G-protein-coupled receptor 30 (GPR30) involvement in increased IGF-1 mRNA expression by cultured bovine satellite cells (BSC). Treatment of cultured BSC with E2 or TBA increases rates of proliferation and protein synthesis and decreases protein degradation. However, in cultures in which Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR) activity has been blocked by selective tyrosine kinase inhibitors, E2 has no effect on rates of either proliferation or protein synthesis, but continues to decrease protein degradation. Similarly, E2 does not affect proliferation in BSC cultures in which EGFR expression has been silenced using EGFR siRNA. These results suggest an EGFR requirement for E2 to stimulate BSC proliferation and protein synthesis. Based on these in vivo and in vitro studies, we have begun to define a mechanism for anabolic steroid-stimulated bovine muscle growth which involves the interaction of muscle IGF-1 level, IGF-1 receptor, estrogen receptor-α, GPR30, EGFR, androgen receptor and specific intracellular signaling pathways.

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**Interspecies comparison of the mechanisms of toxicity and effects of veterinary pharmaceuticals with estrogenic or androgenic activity: Are we really living in a sea of estrogens?**

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Exposure to veterinary and human pharmaceuticals with estrogenic or androgenic activity can profoundly disrupt development and reproduction in all vertebrate classes ranging from mammals to fish. Effects have been observed in controlled laboratory and in field studies. Field studies demonstrate that exposure to such chemicals individually or as mixtures can disrupt reproductive development and function in aquatic species. Humans also have been severely affected by such chemicals following accidental exposures or with drug usage. Given that these chemicals are present in the environment at levels sufficient to adversely affect fish species and other aquatic species, concern has arisen about their potential to affect humans via exposure through contaminated drinking water. For this reason, the Office of Water, US EPA, has several xenosterogens on the current Critical Contaminants List. This presentation will review the cellular and molecular events of estrogens and androgens in vertebrates and compare the effects of treatment with estrogens and androgens on mammals to those seen in fish. The talk also will present examples from field studies of how environmental estrogens and androgens disrupt aquatic species as well as examples of untoward effects of these chemicals in humans.
Molecular target homology as a basis for species extrapolation to assess the ecological risk of veterinary drugs

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Increased identification of veterinary pharmaceutical contaminants in aquatic environments has raised concerns regarding potential adverse effects of these chemicals on non-target organisms. The purpose of this work was to develop a method for predictive species extrapolation utilizing quantitative molecular homology based approaches for prioritizing pharmaceuticals, including veterinary drugs, based on their potential ecological risk. Because drugs are designed to target specific proteins, similarity of amino acid sequence alignments from molecular targets comparing target species to non-target species may inform predictions of species sensitivity to a pharmaceutical. This strategy was designed to take into account the quality of the alignment and to identify common conserved functional domains. A customized computer tool has been designed that automates the sequence alignments resulting in a quantitative metric that can be used to predict species sensitivity. Case examples of this approach will be presented for veterinary drugs that affect the vertebrate hypothalamic-pituitary-gonadal axis.

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In vitro assays for assessment of androgenic and estrogenic activity of defined mixtures and complex environmental samples

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Effluents from sources such as wastewater treatment plants and animal feeding operations invariably contain complex mixtures of chemicals. Recent research on effluent from cattle feeding operations in the US have linked morphological alterations in fish with in vitro androgenic activity in associated water samples. Identification of the causative agent in the sample through traditional analytical methods can be cost prohibitive. The use of in vitro assays to identify potential hormonal activity, therefore, is attractive since overall hormonal activity of the water sample is indicated and results can generally be obtained more quickly and at lower cost than analytical methods development or in vivo assays. Further, positive results can be used to target chemical analyses toward hormonally active samples thus conserving valuable resources. Our lab has developed several in vitro assays, including transcriptional activation and receptor binding assays, which have been adapted for screening of environmental samples for estrogenic and androgenic activity. These assays have been successfully used to screen many types of samples including effluents from cattle, dairy, swine and poultry operations and also from different matrices including point (effluent) and non-point (agricultural run-off; groundwater and surface water; combustion by-products) sources. With complex mixtures, it is important to understand how compounds with similar or different mechanisms of action would affect assay results. Several defined mixture studies have therefore been conducted. These studies indicate that mixtures of hormones act in a dose additive manner. Our results with defined mixtures and environmental samples support the use of these assays as effective tools for assessing hormonal activity in complex environmental samples.

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Application of steroidal implants in the US beef cattle industry

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For over 50 years, beef cattle producers have safely used steroidal implants to enhance productivity and efficiency of beef production. Many different formulations of growth promotants are approved for use in raising cattle, but the most common are anabolic steroid implants administered primarily through small pellets that are placed under the skin on the back of the animal's ear. The active ingredients in these implants belong to one of three major categories of steroid hormones: androgens, estrogens, and progestins. These are the same hormones that are found endogenously (naturally occurring) in all animals. In addition, naturally occurring (zeranol) and synthetic (e.g., trenbolone acetate and melengestrol acetate) analogs of these major classes of hormones have been approved for use in beef cattle production. The active ingredients in the pellets are slowly released to ensure stable hormone delivery during the service life of the implant. The service life can range from 60 to 240 days depending on implant type and drug release technology. Growth promotants such as steroidal implants shift nutrient utilization toward carcass lean tissue deposition at the expense of adipose tissue. These biological effects result in production improvements generally are characterized by an increase in average daily gain ranging from 8% to 28% and improvements in feed conversion efficiency from 5% to 20% in treated cattle compared to non-treated cattle. Steroidal implants have moderate effects of increasing feed intake in ruminants. While responses to implants are relatively consistent within cattle types, factors such as cattle type and growth promotant type, ingredients, and strength of dose affect cattle response to treatment. In conclusion, growth promoting implants have long been used to enhance muscle gain and feed conversion efficiency to provide safe and nutritious beef for consumers at a lower cost while using fewer natural resources.

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Overview of the US Food and Drug Administration Center for Veterinary Medicine environmental risk assessment process for veterinary pharmaceuticals

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The US Food and Drug Administration Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) evaluates the environmental impacts of agency actions under the National Environmental Policy Act,
such as conducting investigations on new animal drugs and approving animal drugs for commercial use. Categorical exclusions (CE) and environmental assessments (EA) are used for evaluating the environmental safety of agency actions. A CE from the requirement to prepare an EA is granted for categories of actions that have been predetermined not to typically result in significant environmental impacts. Whereas, an EA is a science-based risk analysis used to determine if significant environmental impacts are expected as a result of an action. The EA should include fate, exposure, and effects data, as well as a risk analysis that compares the ratio of exposure to effects. If a potential risk to the environment is identified, then risk mitigation measures may be necessary. CVM's scientific perspectives regarding the environmental assessment of veterinary drugs will be discussed.

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Quadrupole time-of-flight LC-MS analysis of veterinary drug residues in aquaculture samples

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Over the past decade, methods for veterinary drug residues in foods have changed significantly. Rather than monitoring for a single drug residue or a specific class of compounds, multi-class screening procedures with large numbers of analytes using LC-MS are now commonly reported. LC-MS with a time-of-flight (TOF) detector is capable of obtaining high resolution data. Virtually an unlimited number of compounds can be simultaneously analyzed with this instrument because full-scan data, rather than preselected ion transitions, are collected. Therefore, in addition to looking for target analytes, additional nontargeted compounds may also be detected. Analytical methods for the analysis of veterinary drug residues in aquaculture samples using quadrupole-TOF LC-MS will be presented. This approach was used to characterize metabolites in catfish dosed with sulphonamides and to detect illegal residues in imported frog legs. Samples were first screened by MS and any drug residues found were confirmed by MS/MS.

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Liquid chromatography mass spectrometry: Analysis of veterinary growth promoters in airborne particulate matter

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Veterinary growth promoters are widely used throughout the United States in livestock production. In beef production, steroid hormones are administered to an estimated 90% of cattle. These include the synthetic steroids trenbolone acetate and melengestrol acetate, as well as 17β-estradiol.

Given the endocrine-modulating activity of steroid growth promoters, a sensitive and reliable analytical method is needed to detect trenbolone, melengestrol acetate, estradiol and related residues in environmental matrices. We have developed a method that incorporates solid phase extraction (SPE) and liquid chromatography–tandem mass spectrometry for the simultaneous determination of trenbolone, trenbolone, melengestrol acetate, estrone, and estradiol in airborne particulate matter samples. Sample preparation involved shaking extraction followed by cleanup on SPE cartridges. Analytes were separated using reversed-phase liquid chromatography. Column effluent underwent atmospheric-pressure chemical ionization (APCI) followed by detection using a triple-quadrupole mass spectrometer in SRM mode. Detection limits, recovery and repeatability will be presented and discussed.

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Analysis of steroids in newborn screening by LC-MS/MS

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Texas Department of State Health Services Newborn Screening has approximately 400,000 samples to screen annually. Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH) is one of the metabolic disorders that is screened that has a high false positive rate (>30%). The Chemical Threat Lab has employed the emergency response LC-MS/MS to develop steroid metabolite screening in support of developing a second tier CAH screen. The use of the ABSciex 4000 for steroid screening will be discussed.

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Deuterium exchange complicates isotope dilution methods for steroid hormones

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Deuterium-hydrogen exchange (D loss) via keto-enol tautomerization from alpha-carbons adjacent to ketone functionalities occurred at one or more labeled positions for androstenedione-d9, dihydrotestosterone-d4, estrone-d4, norethindrone-d6, progesterone-d9, and testosterone-d5 used in our isotope-dilution quantification (IDQ) GC/MSMS method for steroid hormones. Loss occurred in methanol extracts of environmental samples, especially if the extracts were heated during evaporation steps. Deuterium loss even occurred in standard solutions in methanol stored primarily at –15°C. Deuterium-hydrogen exchange for these or structurally similar isotopes might occur in other IDQ methods for hormones (e.g., EPA method 1698 uses norethindrone-d4 and progesterone-d4) or pharmaceuticals, and be causing the “odd” isotope and analyze recovery results noted by other research groups that used estrone-d4 or trenbolone-d1 (or d3). We describe our observations of isotope D loss and highlight changes employed to minimize this problem in our IDQ method for hormones.
Detection of tetracyclines and tetracycline resistant bacteria in soils under long-term swine effluent application

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Every year in the United States more than 11 million pounds of antibiotics are used in the swine industry with approximately 9 million pounds of these antibiotics released into the environment as animal wastes. Limited scientific evidence is available connecting the fate of antibiotics in soils and the development of bacterial resistance. The objective of the presented study is to determine concentrations of four tetracyclines and the persistence of tetracycline resistant bacteria in the soils that have been continuously treated with swine effluent. An analytical protocol based on the ultrasound-assisted extraction and solid phase extraction followed by HPLC/UV quantification method was developed and optimized. Recoveries of four tetracyclines from soils were 69 - 115% (RSD 0.1 - 5.0%) with detection limits of 0.03 - 0.4 µg/g soil. Concentrations of chlortetracycline in 36 soils with different effluent application rates were in the range of 0.04 - 0.26 µg/g soil. The occurrence and degree of bacteria resistance will be presented.

Particulate matter emissions from animal feeding operations

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Animal feeding operations (AFOs) can emit various gaseous pollutants and particulate matter, including TSP, PM10, and PM2.5. The nature and amount of air emissions depend on a number of factors including the type and number of animals, design, operation of the confinement facility, and climatic and weather conditions. This presentation will deal with current knowledge concerning particulate emissions from open cattle feedlots and other AFOs. Emission rates and abatement measures for mitigating emissions will be discussed.

Particulate matter sampling strategies for agricultural operations

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Strategies for sampling particulate matter (PM) from agricultural sources vary depending on the type of source, the objective of sampling the particular source, and the PM characteristics. Agricultural point or area sources may require different categories of samplers, stack or ambient, and those categories are may be further segregated based on the particle size of interest: total suspended particulate, PM10, and PM2.5. For ambient PM sampling in particular, sampler array configuration (type, number, and siting) is influenced by the purpose for conducting the sampling. For example, the sampler configuration for evaluating an abatement strategy could differ from that for determining total emissions from a site. The PM size and concentration can impact sampler performance and, thus, influence sampler type and location. This paper presents an overview of the sampler types used for agricultural PM sampling and discusses the factors that influence sampler selection and siting.

Growth promoters, wind, and human/ecological health: Preliminary feedyard PM analysis

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Techniques for determining partial size distribution of particulate matter: Laser diffraction vs. electrical sensing zone

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The study of health impacts, emission estimation of particulate matter (PM), and development of new control technologies require knowledge of PM characteristics. Among these PM characteristics, the particle size distribution (PSD) is perhaps the most important physical parameter governing particle behavior. Various methods and techniques are available for conducting PSD analyses. Advantages and disadvantages associated with each method exist. Unfortunately, there is no single agreed upon method to determine the PSD of PM emitted from difference sources. This paper aims to present full perspectives of PSD measurement techniques through a literature review and a laboratory investigation. In the literature review, different measurement methodologies will be summarized to address their advantages and limitations in application for PSD analysis under different source conditions. The laboratory investigation on PSD measurements was conducted using four PSD analyzers: LS13320 multi-wave length laser diffraction particle size analyzer (Beckman Coulter Inc.), LS230 laser diffraction particle size analyzer (Beckman Coulter Inc.), LA-300 laser scattering particle size analyzer (Horiba Instruments Inc.), and Coulter Counter multizer3 (Beckman Coulter Inc.). PM samples were collected in two
that manganese and iron oxides oxidize most growth promoters over several hours at pH 6, whereas the hydrolysis of zeranol and its metabolites is catalyzed by certain metal oxides at near-neutral pH.

### ENVR 231

**Environmental assessment of the antibiotic florfenicol for use in a variety of aquaculture systems**

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Florfenicol® (Intervet International B.V.) is a broad-spectrum antibiotic shown to be effective at minimizing disease caused by a variety of fish pathogens. The antibiotic is formulated in feed and authorized in a number of countries under the names Florocol, Aquaflo, or Aquafen. Phase II Tier A and Tier B Environmental Assessment procedures following VICH guidance were used to evaluate the environmental risk of the use of florfenicol in ponds rearing catfish as well as raceways and recirculating systems rearing tilapia. The Tier A assessment involved consideration of physicochemical properties, environmental fate studies, and acute environmental effects studies. Information on the use patterns of florfenicol was used to calculate the Predicted Environmental Concentration (PECs). Initial PEC₆₅₀ values were determined based on both worst-case and typical release parameters and compared to Predicted No Effect Concentrations (PNECs) for freshwater species. Where necessary, refined PEC₆₅₀ values were determined after inclusion of several additional factors affecting the concentrations of florfenicol in the environment (e.g., metabolism in fish, environmental partitioning, etc.). Similarly, the PEC₆₅₀ values were determined and compared to PNECs for terrestrial organisms. In Tier B, physicochemical properties and environmental fate were again considered, but here chronic environmental effects were evaluated and compared against PEC₆₅₀, reflecting chronic exposures. These assessments are illustrative of the approaches that can be used to characterize the risks of florfenicol under different use patterns. In addition, these assessments can be used to evaluate potential risks associated with other use patterns, fish species, and various treatment dosing regimes.

### ENVR 230

**Sorption and mineral-promoted transformation pathways of synthetic growth promoters in soil systems**

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This work examines the fate of trenbolone acetate, melengestrol acetate and zeranol, as well as their primary biological metabolites, in soil. We specifically focus on their interactions with soil organic matter and their susceptibility to mineral-promoted oxidation and hydrolysis. Sorption behavior has been explored in batch experiments with several model soils exhibiting a range of organic carbon contents. Generally, growth promoter sorption is initially rapid followed by a slower rate of uptake over several weeks, is largely irreversible, and tends to scale with soil organic matter content. Growth promoters display a range of sorption affinities even within a family of compounds, as exhibited by markedly different behavior of 17β- and 17α-trenbolone. Experiments with synthetic metal oxides suggest...
Chemical Integrative Sampler (POCIS): 1) to characterize periodic pulse discharges of sewage lagoon wastewaters to the watershed, and 2) to delineate levels and post-release fate of human point sources and veterinary non-point source inputs of these chemicals. Trimethoprim was observed upstream of known wastewater outfalls indicating runoff sources. Time-weighted-average POCIS concentrations were consistent with grab samples. Concentrations of antibiotics decreased significantly in laboratory-based microcosms and field-based mesocosms containing submerged macrophytes, demonstrating that phytoremediation is a viable technology for elimination of such micropollutants in north-central North American aquatic ecosystems.

**ENVR 233**

**Role of reduction-oxidation state on the degradation of synthetic growth promoters**

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A range of synthetic growth promoters are commonly used in animal agriculture to improve weight gain. Given their biological potency and observed ability to disrupt endocrine function, the fate of these compounds in the aquatic environment is of concern. The limited number of published studies suggests the particular importance of reduction-oxidation state in controlling degradation rates in aquatic systems. This study evaluates the role of redox state on the degradation of synthetic growth promoters, especially focusing on metabolites of trenbolone acetate, by chemically poising heterogeneous microcosms through a range of representative redox states from -400 to +200 mV. Using a sacrificial batch approach, kinetic rates can be determined by analysis of synthetic growth promoter concentration over a time series in the microcosms, while also quantifying the influence of microbial activity and growth on degradation. Observed kinetics, biotransformation pathways, and environmental factors affecting degradation of synthetic growth promoters will be discussed.

**ENVR 234**

**Bioavailability of antimicrobial compounds in sediments**

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Analytical methods were developed to optimize the detection and quantification of the antibiotic erythromycin in surface water and sediment. Extractable and bound residues were determined from water and sediment, using $^{14}$C-erythromycin and two sandy loam sediments, from Iowa and Oklahoma. The optimal extraction solvent was 0.3 M ammonium acetate at pH 4.2:acetoniitile at a 15:85 ratio. Microcosms used pond water and submerged sediment. Total recoveries from the system ranged from 90% - 48% during the 9-week experiment. The presence of sediment in the systems resulted in reductions of erythromycin concentrations in the surface water by one week into the experiment. The availability of aged erythromycin residues was evaluated by incubating sediment, with and without manure added, 0, 1, 3, or 8 weeks. The manure-amended aged sediments resulted in greater release of the erythromycin from the sediment than did the unamended aged sediments at 1 and 2 weeks.

**ENVR 235**

**Not tonight deer: Determination of an immunocontraceptive peptide in a wildlife vaccine formulation**

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Wildlife populations continue to grow despite the use of traditional management efforts. GonaCon™ is an immunocontraceptive vaccine used to reduce reproduction in mammalian species, including white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*). The vaccine consists of synthetic gonadotropin releasing hormone (GnRH) conjugated to a mollusk hemocyanin (*Concholepas concholepas*) prepared as an emulsion with mineral oil to promote a prolonged immune response. Development of an analytical method for determination of the active ingredient in the vaccine formulation was complicated by the emulsion and conjugation of GnRH to the carrier protein. Breaking the emulsion was achieved chemically by addition of ethyl ether. The aqueous portion containing the GnRH conjugate was cleaved enzymatically with a protease (clostripain) at the arginine-proline site of its peptide sequence. Hydrolysis produced a diagnostic eight amino acid peptide fragment which was unique to GnRH and easily quantified by LC/MS/MS. Typical recoveries of fortified samples at the target concentration exceeded 90%.

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**Risk assessment of steroid hormones in veterinary drugs at the US Food and Drug Administration Center for Veterinary Medicine**

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Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) evaluates the environmental impacts of veterinary drugs containing steroid hormones. Because of the diverse range of hormone compounds, each drug containing hormonally-active compounds is considered on a case-by-case basis to determine whether an Environmental Assessment (EA) will need to be prepared. An EA will generally need to be prepared for many veterinary drugs containing steroid hormones because steroid hormones have been shown to have the potential for serious harm to the environment at low concentrations (ng/L). The EA for steroid hormones should address the risk for environmental impact by comparing the ratio of the cumulative predicted exposure concentration (PEC) in a watershed (i.e., multiple inputs) to the chronic reproductive effects in fish (PNEC). This targeted approach uses appropriate science and mitigations to ensure the safe use of veterinary pharmaceuticals containing steroid hormones.
Evaluation of the safety of crop products produced through biotechnology

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Products produced through biotechnology are the most highly scrutinized food products on the market. The safety assessment of such food crops involves a multi-pronged approach. The newly introduced gene, its source and its product (the protein it encodes) together with the performance of the plant as well as the impact of the plant on the environment are all examined in great detail. Both the intended change and possible unintended effects are examined. In the greater than 15 years that biotech products have been grown commercially no safety issues have been attributed to the newly introduced gene. On the other hand, benefits from the technology included reduced pesticide application; less soil erosion because of the more widespread adoption of no or low-till practices; decreased petroleum costs because of the reduced need to enter the field; increased diversity in the field; reduced mycotoxin levels in grain; among others.

Addressing the safety of crop protection products in a global market

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Feeding an estimated 9 billion people worldwide by 2050 will require a doubling of food production. This will necessitate more sophisticated technologies within modern agriculture. Products that protect America's food crops are subject to 170 health, safety and environmental tests to ensure safety and effectiveness prior to pesticide registration by the EPA. Development, testing and registration of a new pesticide active ingredient typically takes 9 to 10 years and cost the pesticide manufacturer in excess of $250 million. On average, only one in 139,000 chemicals screened for pesticide activity successfully makes it through the regulatory process from the discovery laboratory to the farmer’s field. Additionally, global trade is dominated by the transfer of agricultural products. It follows that the regulatory process for agricultural chemicals, global harmonization efforts and emerging technical challenges faced by this sector of the chemical industry are key drivers to the global challenge to feed the world.

Toxicological safety assessment of biotech crops

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The safety assessment process including toxicology will be reviewed for the commercialization of crops derived from biotechnology, which have been modified to express agronomic (including herbicide resistance and insect tolerance) or nutritional traits. The safety assessment pathway for biotech crops is similar to that for individual food ingredients, however the complexities associated with crops as a food or feed lend more to a qualitative assessment between the biotech crop and its non-biotech comparator. The presentation will focus on the mammalian safety assessment principles and discuss specific toxicology studies conducted to ensure the safety of the transgenic proteins and food and feed products derived from biotech crops.

Allergenicity evaluations of proteins introduced into crop products using biotechnology

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The allergenicity potential of proteins introduced through biotechnology is evaluated as part of the safety assessment of transgenic crop products. Since no single specific parameter can be attributed to a food allergen, the assessment is based on a weight of evidence approach. Characteristics that are considered include sequence homology to known allergenic proteins by applying bioinformatics analyses using an allergen database; resistance to pepsin digestion using simulated mammalian gastric fluid; heat stability measuring loss of functional activity; and exposure as determined by expression levels. Impact on the levels of endogenous allergens by the transformation event is also considered. These may be monitored by immunoblotting techniques using sera from patients allergic to the food. Two dimensional gel electrophoresis followed by mass spectral analysis and gel-free quantitative proteomics methods are being developed as alternative approaches to immunoblots. While the use of animal models have been proposed as a screening tool, to date, none has not been successfully developed and validated to support these safety evaluations.
Since the introduction of genetically modified (GM) crops in the early 1990s, there are about 30 commercial events that are currently cultivated around the world. With the increase in the number of commercial GM events, there will be increased demand for testing agricultural commodities for the presence of products derived from modern biotechnology (GMO’s). As major trait providers, biotechnology companies develop, validate, and implement various analytical methodologies in their R&D programs as well as in their stewardship programs. These GMO detection methods are provided to authorities for product registration as part of the regulatory submission. This presentation will provide an overview of analytical methods and applications implemented throughout a product life cycle. The characteristics of both protein- and DNA-based methodologies for analyzing samples from seed/grain and processed food will be discussed. The presentation will also cover regulatory requirements for detection methods and reference materials, and stewardship of Biotechnology products.

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Pesticide residues in food: The role of dietary risk assessment

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The media often highlights pesticide residues found in fruits and vegetables. How do scientists outside the agricultural industry interpret this information? Section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) authorizes EPA to set tolerances for pesticide residues on foods. The agency can set a tolerance only if EPA scientists determine the tolerance is “safe”, i.e. “there is a reasonable certainty that no harm will result from aggregate exposure to the pesticide chemical residue including all anticipated dietary exposure and all other exposures for which there is reliable information” (FFDCA definition). The EPA and industry use U. S. food consumption data and residues measured in field trials and monitoring programs to determine exposure. The exposure for the total population or subpopulation such as children is combined with acute or chronic toxicological endpoints to determine safety levels. This presentation gives a basic overview of dietary risk assessment as performed in the US.

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Secondary standards – barrier or benefit?

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The increasing demands of consumers and the influence of non-governmental organizations have driven food retailers to set their own private standards concerning not only food quality, but also pesticide residues in food, and social and environmental issues along the production chain. These private or commercial standards, known as secondary standards, are generally more restrictive (e.g. requiring lower levels of pesticide residues) than official regulatory or import requirements. Secondary standards based on pesticide residue levels are generally based on emotive or hazard-based criteria and not associated to dietary risk evaluations. Some retailers believe that these standards can help suppliers improve the quality of their products and provide a competitive edge. Other stakeholders believe that the costs of complying with these additional standards create an excessive burden for small-scale producers and developing countries, and thus a trade barrier in the market.

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Remediation of fungicide residues on fresh produce using gaseous ozone

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Ozone fumigation was explored as a means for degrading organic fungicide residues on fresh produce. Fungicides sorbed onto model abiotic glass surfaces or onto grape berries were fumigated separately in a flow-through chamber. The relative degradation of fungicides on berries at gaseous ozone concentrations of 900 ± 12 ppmv (mLL⁻¹) over 2 h was similar to that on glass; reductions were observed for only fenhexamid (~64%), cyprodinil (~38%), and pyrimethanol (~40%). Boscalid and iprodione levels did not change significantly based on a single factor analysis of variance (ANOVA) at the 95% level of confidence (p = 0.05). The kinetics and mechanism of gaseous ozonation, supported by gas chromatography- and liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry product analyses, is discussed in the context of facilitating compliance with maximum residue level (MRL) tolerances.

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Creating and marketing more sustainable food consumer goods

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Most global predictions indicate that there will be at least 9 billion people in the world by year 2050. This will create additional challenges for the food industry on producing consumer goods that are safe, affordable, socially responsible, and without additional burden on the environment and its resources. To address this challenge, consumer goods/brands have to become more sustainable over time in areas such as safety, environmental impact, social aspects, and costs of ownership. We will explain how a set of traceability and sustainability measurements and self-improvement tools - combined with an independent product sustainability standard and certification program - can help food manufacturers and brand owners create and market more sustainable goods. The S.E.T.® toolset also helps brand owners comply with the vertical product sustainability standard ProSustain® currently held by Det Norske Veritas (DNV).
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SkyRide fares and route information

Following is a list of SkyRide fares, travel times, and Park-n-Ride locations. Additional bus stops along the route are noted on the map.

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More information about SkyRide fares

Round-trip ticket books are available for $37, $20, or $24 depending on your boarding location and final destination on your return trip.

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**MAP #**
1. Courtyard Marriott
   - **HOTEL**
   - **ROUTE**
   - **Legend**

2. Crowne Plaza Denver
   - **HOTEL**
   - **ROUTE**
   - **Legend**

3. Curtis Doubletree
   - **HOTEL**
   - **ROUTE**
   - **Legend**

4. Denver Marriott City Center
   - **HOTEL**
   - **ROUTE**
   - **Legend**

5. Embassy Suites Convention Center
   - **HOTEL**
   - **ROUTE**
   - **Legend**

6. Grand Hyatt Downtown
   - **HOTEL**
   - **ROUTE**
   - **Legend**

7. Hilton Garden Inn
   - **HOTEL**
   - **ROUTE**
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8. Hotel Monaco
   - **HOTEL**
   - **ROUTE**
   - **Legend**

9. Hyatt Regency Convention Center
   - **HOTEL**
   - **ROUTE**
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10. Magnolia
    - **HOTEL**
    - **ROUTE**
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11. Ritz-Carlton
    - **HOTEL**
    - **ROUTE**
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12. Sheraton (formerly Adam’s Mark)
    - **HOTEL**
    - **ROUTE**
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13. Westin Tabor Center
    - **HOTEL**
    - **ROUTE**
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**Legend**
- **Route 1**
- **Route 2**
- **Route 3**
- **Walk to Convention Center (CC)**
- **Hotel Boarding Location**
- **CC pick up & drop off Location**

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