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*Advocating for progressive integrated pest management to improve environmental, social and economic conditions through the application of scientific principles.*

## **Add your Voice to the New Push for Progressive IPM!**

Wouldn't it be great to have an organization working full time to advance progressive IPM, educating policy makers and the public about the need for IPM and the benefits it can deliver? The time is now and IPM Voice is ready for your participation!

IPM Voice was formed by a group of 40 professionals from universities, private and public organizations, and government agencies, following up on a proposal made at the Sixth International IPM Symposium. IPM professionals are represented by several professional societies providing professional development, publication, recognition and other opportunities. Until now, though, no single organization had been focused on advocating for IPM.

The mission of IPM Voice is to advocate for IPM that is genuinely progressive and seeks continuous improvement of environmental, social and economic conditions through application of accepted scientific principles. We embrace a membership representing diverse philosophies and approaches united to support a broad foundation upon which IPM will be strengthened and improved, dedicated to increasing public and policy maker awareness of IPM and its benefits to agriculture and communities.

In its short life as a brand new organization, IPM Voice has already had an important impact helping to coordinate a response to proposed federal budgets that eliminated funding for programs important to you, including the IPM Centers. Thanks to the efforts of IPM Voice and others, funding has been partially restored. (See update below).

We will only be successful with your active support and participation. Everyone is invited to join IPM Voice. If your organization prohibits you from lobbying, your contribution to IPM Voice will be used for activities other than lobbying.

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**[Join IPM Voice today](#), and support active advocacy for progressive IPM.**

Members receive regular communications about IPM Voice activities and timely IPM developments, as well as invitations to meetings and other events. Members can also participate on committees including development and advocacy. Annual membership for individuals is \$100 minimum, \$250 for organizations.

Visit the [IPM Voice website](#) for more information!

Please forward this email to colleagues and ask for their support and participation.

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### UPDATE ON SECTION 406 FEDERAL IPM FUNDING

- Regional Pest Management Centers will be funded at \$2,994,000 (down from \$4,096,000 in FY 2010). Current understanding is that a competition is required for distribution of the one year of Regional IPM Centers funds, and that successful applicants will probably budget to maintain operations (with the single year of funding and a potential one year no-cost extension) through August of 2013.
- Methyl Bromide Transition Program funding reduced from \$3,054,000 to \$1,996,000.
- Organic Transition Program funding reduced from \$5,000,000 to \$3,992,000.
- Crops at Risk (CAR) program eliminated. [View abstracts for previously funded CAR projects.](#)
- FQPA Risk Mitigation and Avoidance Program (RAMP) eliminated. [View abstracts for previously funded RAMP projects.](#)
- Critical Issues Programs eliminated. [View abstracts for previously funded Critical Issues projects.](#)

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