The Arizona Pest Management Center (APMC) Takes International IPM Symposium in Baltimore by Storm!

Congratulations to UA-APMC scientists (in bold) for strong showing in Baltimore last week!

**Honors!**

**Dawn Gouge** received an International IPM Award of Excellence and presented her latest work with bed bugs and other wicked problems in public housing: *Integrated Pest Management—A Simple Solution to Wicked Problem Pests in Elderly and Disabled Public Housing* (with co-authors, **Shujuan (Lucy) Li** and **Shaku Nair**). And, she has been invited to develop her address into an article for the Journal of IPM!

**Naomi Pier** received an IPM Inspiration Award for her Honorable Mention in the student poster competition for her Poster, *Adoption of proactive resistance management practices to control Bemisia tabaci in Arizona and California*, with co-authors **Al Fournier**, **John Palumbo**, **Yves Carrière**, **Wayne Dixon**, **Lydia Brown**, **Steven J. Castle**, **Nilima Prabhaker**, **Peter C. Ellsworth**.

**Conference Organization**

**Dawn Gouge**, Community IPM Leadership Team Chair for the APMC, was one of the organizers (Steering Committee Co-Chair) of this major conference that occurs every 3-4 years bringing together IPM scientists from around the world.

**Thought-Provoking Panels Invited Mini-Symposia**

With partners at Oregon State University and UC-Davis, **Al Fournier** helped develop an innovative symposium panel on *Novel Approaches to IPM Extension: Transferring Learning across Contexts*.

With distinguished School IPM scientists, both **Dawn Gouge** and **Shaku Nair** engaged participants in an active panel discussion on *School IPM: Sinking Ship or Soaring Success?*

Economist **George Frisvold** organized and moderated an invited mini-symposium, *Social and Economic Aspects of IPM*.

**Post-Conference Workshop / Professional Development**

Our own IPM evaluation expert **Al Fournier** helped to organize and teach during an optional, sold-out workshop on *Evaluation of IPM Programs*.

Presentations **Nair, S.** Welcome and opening remarks. *School IPM: Sinking Ship or Soaring Success?*
Gouge, D., S. Li, S. Nair. Integrated Pest Management—A Simple Solution to Wicked Problem Pests in Elderly and Disabled Public Housing.

Posters

Green, T., D. Gouge, M. Zastrow. Stop School Pests online integrated pest management training courses for school employees.


IPM on the Hill! As part of an optional post-conference field trip to visit Capitol Hill, Dawn Gouge and Naomi Pier visited with members of Senator Flake’s and Senator McCain’s staff to highlight the benefits of Integrated Pest Management research and Extension! Along with help from Al Fournier and Cara Gibson, they also hand delivered a 2-page impacts statement to Senate staffers.