

W4185 Annual Meeting, 2017

Borrego Springs Resort, CA, October 3-5

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October 3th

Registration will be in the De Anza Room from 5-7 pm. Checks and cash accepted. Registration fee: \$150

Dinner: Individual Arrangements

October 4th

Breakfast: Individual Arrangements, hot drinks and buns provided in meeting room.

Registration: 8am-5pm, De Anza Room

Speakers please upload presentations prior to the start of your session

Wednesday Morning		
08:00	Welcome to Borrego Springs Resort; Introductions	
08:20	W-4185 update from Dave Thompson	
08:40	Robert Nowierski – USDA NIFA	NIFA funding opportunities
09:00	Bob Pfannenstiel- USDA APHIS	Updates on permitting and the regulation of biological control
09:20	Andrew Norton, Colorado State University	Release of the Online Biological Control Agents of Insect Pests Database
09:40	Jim Nechols – Kansas State University	Biological Control in the Western U.S. – A new edition?
10:00	Break	
10:20	Mike Pitcairn – Cal. Dept. Food & Ag.	CDFA Biological Control Program
10:40	Gadi Reddy – Montana State University	Biological Control Update – Montana
11:00	Christopher Hedstrom – Or. Dept. Ag.	Biological Control Update – Oregon
11:20	Lincoln Smith – USDA ARS-EBCL	Biological Control Update – EBCL
11:40	Francesca Marini – BBCA, Rome	Biological Control Update – BBCA
12:00	Ross Miller – University of Guam	Biological Control Update – Guam
12:20	Lunch Provided	

Wednesday Afternoon		
13:20	Ivan Milosavljevic – UC Riverside	Biocontrol options for Asian citrus psyllid in southern California
13:40	Ruth Henderson – Citrus Research Board	Mass-production of the biological control agent <i>Tamarixia radiata</i> in large field cage insectaries.
14:00	Raju Pandey – Citrus Research Board	Some aspects of rearing <i>Tamarixia radiata</i> in the greenhouses for the biological control of Asian citrus psyllid
14:20	Marco Gebiola – UC Riverside	RADseq reveals low genetic variation among commercially reared <i>Aphytis melinus</i> : A cautionary tale for insectaries
14:40	Kelsey Schall – UC Riverside	Developments in Argentine Ant Control for Southern California Citrus
15:00 Break		
15:20	Charlie Pickett – Cal. Dept. Food & Ag.	Imaging Sentinel Stink Bug Egg Masses: New Insights into Predation & Parasitism
15:40	Nick Mills – UC Berkeley	Integrating biological control into walnut IPM
16:00	Steven Naranjo – USDA ARS ALARC	Integrating biological control into IPM systems
16:20	David Haviland – UC Davis Extension	IPM in California Almonds: predatory thrips claim role as dominant mite predator
16:40	Molly Hunter – University of Arizona	Defensive symbionts of arthropods: what do we know?
17:00	Richard Stouthamer – UC Riverside	Unisexual wasps in biocontrol
17:20	Discussion of new targets and new agents	

DINNER	
18:00 - 21:00	At the beautiful and nearby Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center Taco Buffet followed by a talk on Desert Bighorn sheep by author Mark Jorgensen Transport to Research Center available. Or you can walk (2.5 miles)!

October 5th

Breakfast: Individual arrangements, hot drinks and buns provided in meeting room.

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Thursday Morning		
08:00	W-3185 Business Meeting	
08:20	Gadi Reddy – Montana State University	Updates on the 2018 meeting
08:40	Mike Pitcairn – Cal. Dept. Food & Ag.	Review of Weed Biocontrol Activities in California from 1940 to 2015
09:00	Jeff Littlefield – Montana State Univ.	Clonal nature and biological control of Russian knapweed in Montana
09:20	Ellyn Bitume – USDA ARS PWA	Arundo Biocontrol in California
09:40	Stephen Novak – Boise State University	Genetic analysis of native and invasive populations of <i>Ventenata dubia</i> (Poaceae): implications for biological control
10:00 Break		
10:20	Marianna Szucs – Colorado State Univ.	The effects of agent hybridization on the efficacy of biological control of tansy ragwort at high elevations
10:40	Scott Portman – Montana State Univ.	Cape ivy in California
11:00	Nicole Norelli – UC Santa Barbara	Past, present, and future: saltcedar (<i>Tamarix</i> spp.) and biological control in California
11:20	Amanda Stahlke – University of Idaho	Genomic study of tamarisk leaf beetle
11:40	Nic Venter – Univ. Witwatersrand, ZA	New agents for control of tamarisk in Africa
12:00	Iain Paterson – Rhodes University, ZA	Use of cochineal insects for the biological control of <i>Opuntia engelmannii</i> in Africa
12:20 Discussion, concluding remarks and announcements		