

Date: September 17, 2014
To: Investigators Conducting Research on Pierce's Disease and its Vectors
Subject: Call for Reports for the Proceedings of the 2014 Pierce's Disease Research Symposium

The 2014 Pierce's Disease Research Symposium will be held December 15-17, 2014, in Sacramento, California. As in prior years, we are preparing a publication ("Proceedings") that will consist of progress reports for research projects being conducted on Pierce's disease and/or its vectors, especially the glassy-winged sharpshooter. We are planning on posting the Proceedings on the CDFA Pierce's Disease Control Program's website (<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/pdcp/>) at least one week before the Symposium, and may provide printed copies at the Symposium.

Researchers funded by the CDFA PD/GWSS Board should submit reports for the Proceedings on their funded projects. Researchers funded from other sources are invited to submit reports or abstracts on their projects as well. **The deadline for submitting reports and abstracts is October 17, 2014.** This deadline will enable us to meet our production schedule for the Proceedings. Reports and abstracts should be submitted via e-mail to pdsymposium@cdfa.ca.gov as an attachment in Microsoft Word. If possible, please also provide a pdf file of the same report to indicate the intended formatting and content of the MS Word file.

This year, reports will be arranged into the following sections:

- Section 1: Vector Biology & Ecology
- Section 2: Vector Management
- Section 3: Pathogen Biology & Ecology
- Section 4: Pathogen & Disease Management
- Section 5: Crop Biology & Disease Epidemiology

For each report you submit, please identify the section into which it should be placed.

Please use the following formatting:

- Font and Justification: Times New Roman font, 11-point, left justification. Use bold capital letters for the title of the report and the section titles.
- Margins: One-half inch top and bottom; three-quarter inch left and right.
- Tables: Created using MS Word's Table Utility. Please do not use tabs to create a table, or paste a graphic of a table from another document.
- Length: No more than twelve pages total. (If more is needed, please contact CDFA to discuss.)
- Please center tables and figures on the page, and do not wrap text around them. Titles of tables should be placed above the table. Captions for figures should be placed below the figure.
- The information on Principal Investigators, Co-PI's, Cooperators, etc. should be positioned using a three-column table. Please don't use tabs.

The reports should include the following information/sections, in the order indicated:

- Title of report.
- Names, affiliations, and e-mail addresses of the Principal Investigator, Co-Principal Investigator(s), and Cooperator(s). (Please indicate the role of each person listed.)
- Reporting Period. [This section should be constructed to read as follows: "The results reported here are from work conducted (date) to (date)."]
- Abstract.
- Layperson Summary. (Please indicate in the summary how the results from the project will contribute to the management of Pierce's disease.)

- Introduction.
- Objectives.
- Results and Discussion.
- Conclusions. (Please summarize the research findings and describe how they will contribute to the management of Pierce's disease.)
- References Cited.
- Funding Agencies. (Please make sure that funding agencies are properly identified. This section should be constructed to read as follows: "Funding for this project was provided by ...").
- Acknowledgments (optional)

Examples of reports presented in the proper format can be found in the Proceedings of the 2013 Pierce's Disease Research Symposium. It is available online via the following link:
http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/pdcp/Research_Symposium_Index.html.

Questions about the reports or the Symposium can be emailed to pdsymposium@cdfa.ca.gov, or you can call us at 916-900-5024. We look forward to receiving your reports, and thank you for your ongoing activities and contributions to the PD/GWSS research effort!

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