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The function of the Washington State Pest Management Resource Service (WSPRS) is to serve as a bridge between those who have pest management information at the local, state, regional and national levels and those who need this information. Outcomes are listed following outputs.

Extension/Outreach

- Maintained the WSPRS web page, a reference service for all WSU pest management related activities and publications. The web site (<http://wsprs.wsu.edu>), received an average of 5,754 unique visitors/month who accessed the WSPRS page roughly once per week throughout the year (2008). One indirect indicator of value is the continued high use of this resource.
- WSPRS personnel gave 10 presentations in 2008 to Oregon applicators on pesticide related topics generating 834 stakeholder credit hours. A direct indicator of value is continuing requests for us to educate pesticide applicators on PICOL, PNN and other web-based sources of pesticide information.
- As part of WSPRS' seven-state Regional Comment Coordinator responsibilities (<http://wsprs.wsu.edu/USDAEPAInfo.html>), we finished one special project in 2008-2009 which involved reviewing the status of all critical needs listed in 38 separate Pest Management Strategic Plan (PMSP) documents published by the Western IPM Center as well as composing three information packets submitted to either EPA or USDA. A direct indicator of this project's value was that EPA said ... *the Chlorsulfuron Response sent by the PNW Comment Coordinator, in addition to that sent by Oklahoma State, was key in their decision to drop the proposed 350 foot aerial buffer requirement (in wheat).*
- Brought Washington State interests to the PNW Agricultural IPM Workgroup. This workgroup represents six states (AK, WA, ID, OR, UT, MT) and is a grant-funded entity of which I'm the coordinator. Our purpose is to develop regional IPM projects of benefit to members. We made a presentation at the 2009 International IPM Symposium and have a peer-reviewed article in press at the *Journal of Extension* about our workgroup successes.

Pesticide Tracking/Reporting

- Continued active daily maintenance of the PICOL label and tolerance databases (<http://picol.cahe.wsu.edu/LabelTolerance.html>). Kept over 14,000 pesticide label and 9,000 tolerance entries up to date in the label and tolerance databases.

- Completed 6 special projects in 2008 for the PICOL label database, involving review of several hundred labels, thus decreasing the error rate of the database and increasing utility.
- Maintained the Pesticide Notification Network (PNN). More than 41,000 contacts/year were made via PNN emails with clientele in 2008. The searchable web page (<http://ext.wsu.edu/pnn>) continues to allow public access to all PNN information (>88,000 hits/year in 2008). A survey is currently underway to assess PNN subscriber satisfaction and outcomes of using the system.

Funding Procurement

- Successfully obtained \$157,978 in annual grant and contract funds for 2009, primarily to support salaries of WSPRS staff members.

Internal (WSU) Activities

- Published online training module in 2008: Rules and Policies Related to testing Experimental Pesticides.
- Participated in a 2008 videostream presentation on Extension Engaged to promote the training module listed above.
- Reviewed 1,827 pages of materials for conformance to WSU Pesticide Policy (extension bulletins, handbooks, web sites, newsletters, fact sheets and misc pubs)
- Supervisor, Professional Support Center, WSU Puyallup- 3 FTEs.

Service Activities

- 2008 Panel manager for Methyl Bromide Transitions grant program
- 2009 panelist on USDA-CSREES grant program
- Chair, Committee on Committees, American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE).
- Assistant Editor, Journal of Pesticide Safety Education.
- WSU representative to the WSDA Pesticide Advisory Board.
- Member, Web Distributed Labeling Workgroup of the Pesticide Program Dialog Committee, advisory board to US EPA.