RE: Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jenny Broome, Joe Browde, Lynn Epstein, Gary Obenauf, Steve Quashnick, Joyce Strand, John Steggall, Larry Wilhoit, Minghua Zhang.

Date: October 11, 2002

Place: Rm 220, Veihmeyer Hall

Following the agenda, the group discussed the importance of initiating the workgroup on the PUR and some areas of the PUR that would be of interest to the larger pest management community. Although the focus of the workgroup should be on the data analysis, the group discussed the issues around data accessibility and data quality as well.

The group decided to have a workshop for the PUR using the current funding. The tentative meeting is scheduled on Fed 4 or Feb 6 depending on the availability of the room in Alumni Center, or in DANR's building.

The format of the workshop will be a presentation-discussion. We plan to invite 3 or 4 speakers to give talks on how they have used the PUR for their studies. We also plan to invite a few PUR experts to form a panel for a discussion. We will provide a space for displaying posters for other people who are interested in sharing their work with the group.

Rough ideas for the next round proposal were discussed. Lynn and Minghua will work together to come up with a draft and then to distribute to the group for further inputs.

Although there was much discussion on data quality, we all felt that the PUR is still the best set of information. We should focus on the data analyses to make the best use of the database, especially forinter-disciplinary collaboration research projects.

A possible website of the workgroup can be developed if the workgroup is ratified next year to share the information on data accessibility, data quality and research projects that use the database.

Although this should be a UC workgroup, the group feels that the workgroup should include people from agencies and from outside of the UC. At the same time, the group will try as much as possible to include many ANR people.

Actions from the meeting:
1. Minghua will work with Lynn to write the meeting minutes and then to distribute to the group for further inputs.
2. John Steggall will contact UCB Health Service people to see if they are willing to present their study at the workshop.
3. Everyone will think about the overall objectives of the workgroup and identify some research projects.