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The organizers of the 9th International IPM Symposium are seeking nominations for the IPM Achievement Awards. These awards recognize practitioners who have made outstanding achievements in IPM adoption, implementation, and program maintenance. In 2002, the USDA, along with its stakeholders, developed a [national roadmap for IPM](#), which was revised in 2013. This roadmap has provided direction for practitioners who specialize in IPM for research, implementation of new technology, and measurement of success in management of all types of pests, including but not limited to agricultural, structural, veterinary, ornamental, forest and public health pests. The success of an IPM program depends on how well it follows the [USDA NIFA IPM Roadmap](#), engenders stakeholder support, and increases IPM adoption and implementation. IPM practitioners who have achieved excellence fully support the IPM roadmap and garner stakeholders to help with program implementation and team building.

There are four award categories:

- Lifetime Achievement
- IPM Practitioner
- IPM Team/Group
- Graduate Student (New this year!)

For each award category, the Awards Committee reviews each nomination package on:

- improving economic returns by reducing input costs and/or improving product or service quality;
- reducing human health risks;
- minimizing adverse environmental effects from pests or pest management activities;
- documenting outcomes in pesticide use and hazard reduction, improved economic returns, environmental impacts, etc. vs. outputs items like fact sheets published and distributed, meetings convened and attendance, number of producers in the study, etc.
- developing/implementing innovative strategies.
- working with a team to pull people together. The Award Committee wants each applicant to illustrate how the nominees—both individuals and groups—have used a team approach in the IPM process.

This year, winners will have the opportunity to submit an article at no cost to the [Journal of Integrated Pest Management](#) for a special 9th International IPM Symposium edition. At the same time, winners will be invited to present their award-winning story during one of the many symposia sessions. Winners will receive their award recognition at the opening session Monday evening.

Consider nominating someone today! **Nominations will be accepted through June 5, 2017.** Winners will be notified in August 2017.

Want to learn more about the application process? [Click here](#) to watch the 50-minute video on how to develop

an award-winning application packet.

To apply or learn about the specific criteria for each award, visit our webpage at <https://ipmsymposium.org/2018/awards.html>

Contact Michelle Marquart, Symposium Coordinator, at mmarquar2@illinois.edu to learn more about attending, exhibiting at or contributing to the Symposium.
<https://ipmsymposium.org/2018/index.html>

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Mark your calendar for the 9th International Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Symposium
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