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CWMI Update – February 2015

<http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/updates.htm>

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Call for Papers

- [5th International Symposium](#) on **Managing Animal Mortalities, Products, Byproducts & Associated Health Risks: Connecting Research, Regulations & Responses**, Lancaster, PA. **Call for papers/posters now open** (deadline March 31): <http://animalmortmgmt.org/symposium/papers-and-posters/>. Conference date is September 28-October 1, 2015.

Educational events

- March 5, 2015 – 1st Annual **NYS Summit on Organics Management: Community-Based Composting: Lessons Learned Across New York State**, Poughkeepsie, NY. <http://www.nysar3.org/page/nys-summit-on-organics-management-100.html>
- March 9-10, 2015 – NYS Association for Solid Waste Management's **2015 Leachate Management Seminar & Tour**, Syracuse, NY. <https://www.nysaswm.org/pdf/2015SpringConferenceBrochure.pdf>
- March 14, 2015 – 34th Annual **Making Brooklyn Bloom**, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn, NY. The *Healthy Soils, Healthy Communities* project team will contribute to a presentation on soil contamination in urban gardens. <http://www.bbg.org/greenbridge/mbb>
- March 21, 2015 – 31st Annual **GreenThumb GrowTogether Conference**, Hostos Community College, Bronx, NY. A workshop, "What can we learn from soil and vegetable test results?" will be presented by the *Healthy Soils, Healthy Communities* project team. <http://www.greenthumbnyc.org>
- March 30-April 3, 2015 – **Waste to Worth**, Seattle, WA. <https://etouches.com/ehome/85805>
- April 13-16, 2015 – **BioCycle West Coast Conference**, Portland, OR. <http://www.biocyclewestcoast.com/>
- May 3-6, 2015 – **Strive for Sustainability – Solid Waste and Recycling Conference with Trade Show**, The Sagamore Resort, Bolton Landing, NY. <http://nyfederation.org/>
- August 19-21, 2015 – The Second **Agricultural Plastic Recycling Conference & Trade Show**, San Diego, CA. **Abstracts due March 31st**. <http://agplasticconference.com/agenda/>

New Program Work Team (PWT) created for Recycling Agricultural Plastics (RAPP) -

<http://www.recycleagplastics.css.cals.cornell.edu/>

A Program Work Team (PWT), or as we at CWMI like to call them, People Working Together, is just that. Cornell faculty, staff and extension educators connect with stakeholders in identifying issues, studying needs, creating educational materials, and designing learning experiences that address these issues and needs within specific content areas. CWMI has a PWT concerning issues surrounding managing wastes as resources, with a specific focus on organic residuals. Many of you attend our meetings. As we take on the Recycling Agricultural Plastics Program, it is important for us to hear from our stakeholders in the same way we do for other residuals. Therefore, we have created a RAPP PWT. We plan to hold our first meeting in the spring and invite those with an interest to contact us with suggestions, ideas, comments, or just to let us know you are interested in being part of people working together. Email: agplasticsrecycling@cornell.edu

NYSAR³'s Organics Council – <http://www.nysar3.org/page/organics-council-20.html>

The Organics Recycling and Composting Council is a group of New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling (NYSAR³) members who share a common interest to promote an understanding of the importance of recovering food waste and other organics from the waste stream through policies and programs for a more sustainable use. If you are interested in joining the council and/or joining NYSAR³ please visit the website.

Jean Bonhotal Receives US Composting Council Award

Jean Bonhotal was awarded the distinguished Rufus Chaney Award by the US Composting Council at the USCC Annual Conference and Trade Show in January 2015 in Austin, TX. The award goes to recipients who excel in research and education over a period of many years. Jean has dedicated her career at the Cornell Waste Management Institute to research and technical assistance to a range of audiences, including youth, college students, farmers and solid waste managers. If you see Jean, please congratulate her!



CWMI team:

Jean, Mary, Nate, Hannah, and Lauri

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