Dairy PDG conference call notes.  9/16/2011  10:00 AM CDT

Attendees were asked to send email to Dave Blomquist confirming attendance on call. 
Attending were:
Bob Hagberg, Dawn Terrell, Yan Zhinohg, Linda Leake, Jeff Bloom, Terri Huffman

(Perhaps the low attendance was due to the short notice. We apologize for this but felt the call should be done as quickly as possible to allow time for organizers to more fully develop their proposals. We would welcome comments from the members that did not make it on hope to increase participation on the next call.)

Discussions:
• Program collaboration between PDG’s. Committee/submitter has final say on the collaboration.
• The attendees were asked to comment on proposals from the list sent out from IAFP. Linda Leake offered a memo on tips for a successful symposium. It is attached to this email.
• Symposium developers are asked to look at the list of possible collaborators from the attached spreadsheet and make contact with the interested PDG if desired.
• Workshop and Symposium Proposals due to Program Committee by October 17.
• Terri Huffman indicated that IAFP updating proposal process and software. Due out soon.
• Annual meeting instructions on IAFP website. Link to workshop proposal forms.

Remember, workshop and symposium proposals due to Program Committee by October 17. It would be appreciated if you sent copies of your proposal (or a summary since it has been difficult in the past to send a copy using the software for submissions). This allows us to track and communicate what is happening to the rest of the committee members.

We did not set a date for the next conference call. Please reply to the chair with your thoughts. Would you like one after the submissions to discuss possible collaboration efforts or should we wait until after the program committee has made final approvals (approx Feb 1) and then discuss possible proposals for the 2013 conference based on what was successful and what was not?

Thanks for your help in the Dairy PDG!

Dave Blomquist
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