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MONTHLY BUZZ #2
3 April 2025



Items

- **Hot topic**

- Recent vector control responses to dengue cases

- **PacMOSSI team updates**

1. Surveys for online course
2. Annual meeting
3. 2025 practical training
4. Potential regulatory assessment
5. Mentoring program



Hot topic

- **Recent vector control responses to dengue cases**
 - Nelson Ngaiorae, Cook Islands
 - Lesieli Mahe, Tonga



1. Surveys for online course

Overall course

- Thank you to those who responded – 146!
 - 110 from Oceania
 - 12 Program Managers
 - 37 entomology/vector control officers
 - 51 Environmental Health Officers

Specific modules

- Survey ongoing
- Let us know if interested to provide feedback for ongoing modules

How likely are you to recommend this course to a colleague or classmate?

9.11

Average Rating



How would you rate the course overall?

8.88

Average Rating



2. Annual meeting

- **Date:** Tuesday 13 May – Wednesday 14 May
Note: Monday 12 May – Tuesday 13 May for American Samoa, Cook Islands, Niue and French Polynesia
- **Time:** 9 am to 12 midday (Suva time) each day
- **Translation:** Concurrent to French
- Please send suggested topics or presentations to amanda.murphy@jcu.edu.au or pacmossi@jcu.edu.au



3. 2025 practical meeting

- To be held Q3 or Q4 this year
- One participant to be invited per country (co-funded by SPC)
- Location not yet selected (prefer PIC host)
- Criteria:
 - Appropriate accommodation (20-30 participants/facilitators)
 - Easy access to field sites/communities for collections
 - Lab spaces for rearing and testing
- For proposed venues, please contact brian.johnson@qimrb.edu.au or pacmossi@jcu.edu.au



4. Potential regulatory assessment

- Product development partnership - facilitates development of novel and improved public health insecticides and formulations to combat insecticide resistance
- Opportunity for a brief “landscape analysis” for selected PICs for residual sprays and larvicides:
 - Who are the regulatory authorities?
 - What regulatory systems are in place?
 - What are the timelines for availability of products?
 - Any opportunities to harmonise regulatory requirements across PICs?
- Aim to inform improved availability of public health insecticides (eg. for response in outbreaks)
- **Would this be useful?**



5. Mentoring program

- Round 1 ongoing
 - Need active engagement and feedback to optimize program
- Round 2 planned
 - Looking for motivated and interested mentors and mentees
- To nominate, please contact edgar.pollard@jcu.edu.au



Wrap-Up

Please contact us:

- Nominate to review online modules – [Tessa](#)
- Annual meeting topic or presentation suggestions - [Amanda](#)
- Proposed venues for 2025 practical training - [Brian](#)
- Nominate to be a mentor or mentee - [Edgar](#)

All team contact details are on website: <https://pacmossi.org/team/>

- Next “Monthly Buzz” will be after Annual Meeting

