Ms. Janet Hurley was one of the very first (and still few) IPM educators in the nation focused on school IPM, and started her work in 2001. Since then, she has worked tirelessly to develop a statewide program aligned with the Texas school IPM laws that mandate IPM in Texas schools. She is a strong advocate of hands-on training, including field trips and demonstrations, and continues this approach in all educational events she organizes even today, such as the interactive Rodent Academy for schools and pest management professionals.

Through her successful program, Ms. Hurley has maintained regular training courses for school IPM coordinators and staff, hosted a nationally recognized school IPM website, served on national and regional school IPM committees, established strong working relationships with a variety of organizations that have supported her school IPM efforts. She was instrumental in the formation of the Texas IPM Affiliates for Public Schools (TIPMAPS), the first statewide association of school IPM professionals in the U.S. She has been active in the International IPM Symposium Committees, the national School IPM Network, and continues to promote IPM and safer pesticide practices. Ms. Hurley has a Bachelor’s Degree in Community Health from Texas Woman’s University and Master’s in Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Dallas.

Ms. Hurley will receive the International IPM Award of Excellence (IPM Practitioner – Academic) at the 10th International IPM Symposium to be held March, 2022, for her outstanding work in school IPM.