

Message from the Chair



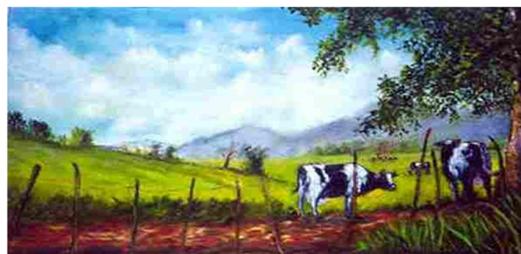
ARD UPDATES

Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for your excellent participation and your contributions in making our summer meeting in Asheville, NC so successful. I hope you enjoyed it and became as enlightened as I did from the excellent presentations from the representatives of the Southern Region Station of the US Forest Service, CSREES, APLU, OASCR, CARET, AEA, NAUFRP, the ISOTNGWC Project and from members of the ARD. If nothing else, the summer meeting woke us all up to the many opportunities and challenges for us that are either here or right around the corner. Therefore, instead of convening for our winter meeting in the traditional format for ARD meetings, we will instead come together to share best practices, engage in strategic planning, take care of “ARD-only business,” and have workshops on issues that impact the success and effectiveness of programs on our individual campuses. Again, our winter meeting will be a workshop, not a “meeting.” Please share your ideas with me and our Executive Director, Carolyn Brooks, as we work with the Executive Committee to plan the workshop program. We will share a draft agenda with you at the ARD meeting session during the APLU annual meeting in Washington, DC November 15-17, 2009. This winter workshop is important as we follow the ARD mission, which is to help: *Provide visionary and enlightened leadership to member institutions as they continuously address issues impacting their ability to accomplish the food and agricultural research challenges facing the state, nation and world-at-large.*”

Sincerely,

Orlando F. McMeans, ARD Chair



Biofuels for Aviation Summit

The 1890 Universities were extremely well represented at the recent *Biofuels for Aviation Summit* which was held in Washington, DC September 1-2, 2009. The 1890 university participants were Kamran Abdollahi (SU), Michael Bomford (KSU) who also served as a panelist, Carolyn Brooks (ARD), Ernst Cebert (AAMU), Annette James (PVAMU), Keesoo Lee (Lincoln U.), and Clifford Louime (FAMU). The summit was an excellent forum to hear from a variety of experts on topics related to scientific-based assessment of the availability of biofuels by 2012 and the technology and other factors that will impact biofuels for aviation consumption.

The 1890 participants, after being engaged in such informative sessions, concurred that the 1890s have a unique and invaluable role to play in developing alternative energy sources, and should come together from time to time to discuss working together or to launch ideas off of each other. Dr. Mike Bomford of KSU has developed an 1890 biofuels website, <http://organic.kysu.edu/BioFuelWeb/BiofuelWeb.shtml> that is excellent. This site will also be identified as a link on the ARD website, <http://www.umes.edu/ard>. The next steps are being developed as 1890 energy scientists are discussing strategies with their campus’ research directors. Stay tuned.

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REMINDERS

Leadership Development for the 21st Century (LEAD21)

The LEAD21 program is accepting applications for the 2009-2010 Class (Class 4). LEAD21 is the primary national-level leadership development program serving the needs of land grant universities' colleges of agriculture, environmental and human sciences and CSREES. The program is intended to meet the needs for leadership development of faculty, scientists, specialists, program and team leaders, research station and center directors, district and regional directors, department heads/chairs, and others. The leadership development experience consists of three on-site sessions, peer coaching, a personal development plan, self-directed learning, and a campus leadership experience. The cost to participate is \$9,000 but there are partial scholarships that are available.

ARD Winter Workshop

Do not forget to make your hotel reservations for the winter ARD workshop to be held at the Marriott Beachside Hotel in Key West, FL. The workshop will begin with a reception on January 10, 2010 and robust engagements will take place on the 11th-12th. We will have a wrap up session if needed on January the 13th.

Please see below for the Marriott link to use to make your reservation or call the hotel at 305.296.8100 under the group name of Association of Research Directors for ARD conference rates. Please do not delay in making your reservations as the group rates will expire in 30 days and the hotel is already fully booked on the 9th. <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/eywmc?groupCode=ardarda&app=resvlink&fromDate=1/10/10&toDate=1/13/10>

Upcoming Grantsmanship Workshops Presented by USDA/CSREES

At CSREES' grantsmanship workshops, agency staff provide overviews of its competitive grants, including program goals and priorities; the grant evaluation process; and past funding statistics. See the CSREES website for further information.

Next workshops:

- [November 10-11, 2009](#), Kansas City, MO (Embassy Suites, Kansas City - International Airport)
- [November 16-17, 2009](#), Arlington, VA (Marriott Crystal Gateway)

[On October 1st CSREES becomes NIFA which stands for the National Institute for Food & Agriculture](#)

2009 ESS/SAES/ARD Meeting and Workshop - September 14, 2009 ARD Chair Elected as ESCOP Chair-Elect

The annual ESS/SAES/ARD meeting was held in Oklahoma City, OK. The most important follow-up to the meeting is for the ARD to come together to support the **ESCOP Chair-elect, our own Dr. Orlando F. McMeans**. As Chair-elect Dr. McMeans, with support from the ARD, will have the leadership for the 2010 meeting. At the 1890 section meeting it was decided that this meeting will take place in September, 2010 in Nashville, TN. Much gratitude is due Tennessee State University, which has accepted the responsibility of being the hosting state campus. In preparing for the 2010 meeting, all of the 1890s will be asked to make contributions in a variety of ways. Details will be forthcoming.

1890 Dean and Director is Invited Speaker at National Meeting

The Graduate Student Workgroup of the American Society of Agronomy (ASA), Crop Science Society of America (CSSA), and Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) invited **Dr. Robert Taylor (AAMU)** to present as a panelist at the Graduate Student Luncheon at the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Annual Meetings in Pittsburgh, PA on Monday, November 2, 2009. The theme of the panel discussion will be: "Opportunities and models for success after graduate school." This year the Graduate Student Workgroup decided that they would like to hear established scientists who are authors, researchers, active in science policy, successful at consulting or active in industry talk about their experiences and provide advice. They expressed an interest in learning more about the models of success that each professional used to approach his/her career, and chose Dr. Taylor to speak because of his professional experiences.