



Message from the Chair



Dear Colleagues:

I want to sincerely thank you for the contributions responsible for making the ESS/SAES/ARD Meeting and Workshop the ARD hosted in Nashville such a tremendous success. Campus representation was excellent! The registration gifts of **bottles of wine from FAMU**, soy cookies from Alcorn, peanuts from N.C. A&T, mints from UMES, totes from TSU, appetizer mixes from Lincoln were an added expense to these campuses, yet they graciously contributed. The meeting registration work went so well because of the hard work of Beverly Green, Ida Mbye, Shirley Hymon-Parker, Gladys Shelton, Conrad Bonsi and Carolyn Brooks. Of course we offer heartfelt thanks to TSU, especially Chandra Reddy and Carter Catlin for hosting the ARD sectional meeting on their lovely campus, providing transportation on several occasions and a very enjoyable lunch. Finally, the pre-conference work was immense and Beverly Green and Ida Mbye were of great assistance to our Treasurer and our Executive Director. The webmaster, Torrey Brown did a great job as well.

The morning ARD session was also excellent which included welcomes from Drs. Melvin Johnson and Chandra Reddy. My presentation was again the result of your contributions; thank you for responding to the request of providing campus photos and information on your research programs. And...of course we give shouts of thanks to Alton Thompson and Walter Hill who set the whole wonderful tone for the conference with their talks about cooperation and mutually beneficial collaboration. They were indeed exceptional.

Below is a quote from one of the emails Carolyn and I received, which pretty much sums up what we heard verbally from many of those in attendance, "I want to thank you and your colleagues for organizing and hosting a fine meeting. The gathering was both professionally rewarding and personally enjoyable. Please accept my congratulations on a job well done and my thanks for your efforts on our behalf."

Sincerely,

Orlando McMeans, ARD
Chair



2011 Biennial Research Symposium—April 9- 13, 2011 in Atlanta.

<http://www.umes.edu/ard/1890Symposium>

The website is ready! Please use the site to register for the hotel. If your availability for hotel arrival or departure changes, you can always make the reservation changes. However, getting an early indication of the rooms needed will help with the symposium planning.

Please contact our Executive Director, Carolyn Brooks if you need assistance with abstract test runs. Remember the deadline for the actual abstracts is November 19, 2010. The week of October 4th is for trial runs only.

Reminder: Students must arrive on Saturday, April 9th, because presentations will begin at 8:30 AM on April 10th.

ARD UPDATES



Dr. Chandra Reddy

Congratulations!

The Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) will recognize Dr. Chandra Reddy as one of the 2010 SSSA Fellows at a special Awards Ceremony during their Annual Meeting on Oct. 31-Nov. 3 in Long Beach, CA. Members of the Society nominate worthy colleagues based on their professional achievements and meritorious service. Only 0.3% of the Society's active and emeritus members may become an elected Fellow.

Chandra Reddy is the Dean of the School of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences and Director of Research and Extension at Tennessee State University. He received a B.S. and M.S. from India and Ph.D. in agronomy from the University of Florida. His research program focuses on crop production, environmental quality, and international agriculture. He is an active promoter of minority education in agricultural sciences and has been serving on the editorial board of the *Soil Science Society of America Journal*.



Dr. Anugrah Shaw

Congratulations are also in order to Dr. Anugrah Shaw. The ARD and the North Central Regions chose the NC-170 project as their regional nominee for the 2010 ESS Excellence in Multistate Research Award. The title of the project is "*Mediating Exposure to Environmental Hazards through Textile Systems.*" Dr. Shaw is a professor at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and she served as the project's lead on studies relating to the development of standard test methods to measure pesticide penetration and the use of the standardized test method for the development of performance specifications for protective equipment used by pesticide applicators.

In FY 2010, NIFA awarded \$32,514,064 through the 1890 CBG Program and \$18,979,200 through the 1890 Facilities Grants Program to the 1890s. Below is the information they provided on their website:

- Alabama A&M University, Normal, Ala., \$1,471,027 (6 awards)
- Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Ala., \$2,853,067 (8 awards)
- University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff, Ark., \$1,404,751 (5 awards)
- Delaware State University, Dover, Del., \$1,436,438 (7 awards)
- Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, Fla., \$3,100,829 (12 awards)
- Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, Ga., \$589,767 (3 awards)
- Kentucky State University, Frankfort, Ky., \$1,186,239 (4 awards)
- Southern University, Baton Rouge, La., \$2,881,820 (12 awards)
- University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, Md., \$3,498,597 (11 awards)

- Alcorn State University, Lorman, Miss., \$929,901 (5 awards)
- Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., \$1,702,913 (4 awards)
- North Carolina A&T University, Greensboro, N.C., \$2,635,372 (12 awards)
- Langston University, Langston, Okla., \$1,911,560 (6 awards)
- South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, S.C., \$649,921 (2 awards)
- Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tenn., \$2,910,311 (10 awards)
- Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas, \$857,931 (4 awards)
- Virginia State University, Petersburg, Va., \$1,329,697 (4 awards)
- West Virginia State University, Institute, W.V., \$1,163,923 (3 awards)

