

Message from the Chair



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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for your excellent participation in our recent Spring meeting in Las Vegas. I would like to recap or summarize a few of the agenda items for the record through this newsletter:

1. As the ESCOP Science Roadmap is being developed, the ideas from the seven challenge areas are paraphrased in the ARD revised strategic plan. The ESCOP grand challenges are as follows:

- We must enhance sustainability, competitiveness, and profitability of U.S. food and agricultural systems.
- We must adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change on food, feed, fiber and fuel systems in the U.S.
- We must support energy security and the development of the bio-economy from renewable natural resources in the U.S.
- We must play a global leadership role to ensure a safe, secure and abundant food supply for the U.S. and the world.
- We must improve human health, nutrition and wellness of the U.S. population.
- We must heighten environmental stewardship through the development of sustainable management practices.
- We must strengthen individual, family and community development and resilience.

2. We will have 1890 campus representatives to attend a meeting in Atlanta in July to discuss the results of the last round of Capacity Building Grant Submissions. Additionally a forum will allow visioning and discussions on changing the CBG program's goals, objectives, funding structure etc so that it fits the current and future needs of the 1890s.

3. In planning for the 2012 Farm Bill, all of the 1890 stakeholders should provide input on recommended changes, additions, deletions and new authorizations desired. This initial input is due by July 15th. Send recommendations to Steve Meredith (Meredith@lincolnu.edu) and Carolyn Brooks (cbbrooks@umes.edu).

Save the dates:

2011 ESS/SAES/ARD Meeting and Workshop—September 26–29th in Nashville, TN
The ARD is the hosting region this year so we are requesting 100% ARD participation.

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

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

I must say in closing that with so much going on, the ARD is fortunate and proud to have such an engaged and reliable membership!

President Obama has indicated his intent to nominate Dr. Catherine E. Woteki as the next Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics at the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This position has been vacant since Dr. Rajiv Shah became the Administrator of USAID. Dr. Woteki currently serves as Global Director of Scientific Affairs for Mars, Incorporated, where she manages the company's scientific policy and research on matters of health, nutrition, and food safety.

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Congratulations Award Winners!

Dr. Shirley Hymon-Parker,
Recipient of the Distinguished
Service Award of the American
Assoc. of Family & Consumer
Sciences



Proudly nominated by
AAFCS members of the Coa-
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in Family and Consumer Sci-
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Dr. Shirley Hymon-Parker's credentials exemplify the dynamic and inspirational pace-setter for the profession that she's been during her career as an instructor, professor, chair, and research director at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and now, as the current associate dean for research at the School of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences at North Carolina A&T State University. Throughout, she has created, transformed, and advanced knowledge for family and consumer sciences in the areas of teaching, scholarly research and outreach, and higher education administration. Her visionary leadership has generated more than \$6.2 million dollars of funding to support new and existing programs, and she has worked tirelessly in support of faculty efforts to acquire external funds for research. In service to the profession, Shirley has held many elected and appointed positions in both the Maryland AFCS and nationally. An AAFCS member of more than 20 years, Shirley is currently serving on the national Annual Conference Planning Committee. Among other organizations, Shirley is actively involved with the Council of Administrators in Family & Consumer Sciences and Kappa Omicron Nu, and is the vice-president of the National Coalition for Black Development in Family and Consumer Sciences. Shirley has been recognized numerous times for her excellence in teaching, advising, and for her work in distance education.

Florida Biological Control Team Receives Regional Award during 10th Anniversary Symposium

With university and political leaders cheering them on at the 10th Anniversary Symposium on April 9, the Center for Biological Control (CBC) received the Southern Region IPM Center's Friends of IPM Pulling Together Award. Comprised of experts from Florida A&M University's College of Engineering Sciences, Technology and Agriculture (CESTA); USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), the team received the award during its 10-year Symposium and Open House on April 9.

The CBC has analyzed and implemented ecologically-sound pest management solutions for several exotic invasive insects and weeds, including cactus moth, varroa mite and cogongrass. CBC researchers not only investigate invasive pests in the US, but they also are studying pests in The Caribbean and South America that are considered high risk for entry into the US.

In addition to publishing their research in journal articles and presentations, they also share their knowledge with students. The CBC is at the core of the cooperative Ph.D. program in entomology which is managed jointly by Florida A&M University and the University of Florida. CBC researchers and graduate students have developed several IPM tactics to manage western flower thrips, a pest devastating to Florida's tomato industry. Both conventional and organic vegetable growers in Florida are now using the tactics.



Reminder: Please use sites below about AFRI funding initiatives:

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