



Message from the Chair



Dear Colleagues:

In my last *ARD Updates* Message, my last statement was “With your help, I have no doubt we will have an outstanding 2011 Biennial Research Symposium” and you gave that help magnificently. Consequently, this symposium exceeded all expectations in a variety of ways. The *Final Report of the 2011 Biennial Research Symposium*” will be available to you very soon, and you will be as proud as I am about this ARD endeavor. Of course we are extremely grateful to the Symposium Steering Committee, the subcommittees, the sponsors, financial contributors and the presenters, judges and moderators, and I hope they all realize the magnitude of our appreciation. But it is also just as important to acknowledge that it is because of the strong commitment, responsiveness, and financial assistance from all of you, that we can hold the symposium biennially. I am humbled to be able to serve as your chair, and extremely proud to be a member of this exceptional association that is like ‘Family.’

Sincerely,



Dyremple Marsh, Chair



Members of the ARD

Selected Symposium data: 785 registered participants; 523 oral and poster presentations; 254 oral presentations; 269 poster presentations; 126 student oral presentations; 128 scientist oral presentations; 153 student poster presentations; 116 scientist poster presentations. Presentation numbers by category: *Sustainable Plant and Animal Production Systems* - 178, *Renewable Resources, Bioenergy and Environmental Stewardship* -120, *Food Safety and Global Food Security* - 102, *Human Health, Nutrition and Obesity Prevention* -72, *Family, Youth, Community and Economic Development* -51. Number of student awards: AAMU- 2, ASU-1, DSU-4, FAMU-3, FVSU-5, KSU-2; LINCOLN-3, NCAT-5, PVAMU-5, SCSU-3, SU-1, TSU-4, TU-5, UAPB-1, UMES-2, VSU-3, WVSU-2.

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Dr. Gulnihal Ozbay

Dr. Gulnihal Ozbay, recipient of the 2011 Morrison-Evans Outstanding Scientist Award

The 2011 Morrison-Evans Outstanding Scientist Award was presented to Dr. Gulnihal Ozbay, a Research Associate Professor at Delaware State University. Dr. Ozbay received her BS degree in fisheries and aquaculture from the University of Ondokuzmayis (an-doe-kuz-mayis), in Turkey, her MS from the University of Maine in bio-resource engineering, and her PhD from Auburn University in fisheries and aquaculture. She has secured 43 research and teaching grants totaling ~\$8.5 million. Most of her projects relate to shellfish-algal dynamics as they relate to aquaculture systems, toxicity in harmful algae, and nutrient management. She has presented at 12 international conferences more than 30 national/regional conferences, and has been an invited guest speaker on 30 occasions. She has received numerous awards for excellence, has served on numerous government agency panels and served as a manuscript reviewer or on editorial boards for journals, book chapters and proposals. Through a global seminar program she addresses water quality, aquaculture and environmental issues with 10 international institutions. She has been an Embassy Fellow and a Borlaug Fellow.

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