



Message from the Chair



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Dear Colleagues:

Well, we're back. I sincerely hope you got some rest and if not, I hope your energy was spent on having a festive holiday season. As we continue to hone in on our goals and priorities for 2013, I am sure there is much that we will be doing together that will bring us both professional and personal fulfillment. I ask again for your input and ideas as we continue to move ARD forward. Certainly our current top priority is the 2013 symposium which will engage a record number of participants. We are still investigating the possibilities of initiating research and educational partnerships with Brazilian institutions. But I am also reminded that we have not updated our strategic plan since the last five year cycle. Additionally, with the 125th year anniversary of the founding of 1890 land grant institutions, we must begin to showcase our impactful initiatives and execute a celebration to show the nation that we have been and continue to be one of its indispensable investments. We are moving along nicely on our consortium initiatives and as we begin to reflect on our accomplishments and engage in the development of our next five year strategic plan, there will indeed be new avenues, road-maps and priorities that we will formulate and successfully follow together.

So I start my role as the new ARD Chair with a great deal of optimism and enthusiasm—looking forward to working with each of you as we assist in continuing the greatness of our association and our beloved 1890 land grant universities.

Sincerely,



Shirley Hymon-Parker, Chair

The 2013 Symposium Update: (see www.umes.edu/1890Symposium)

This will be the largest symposium ever. More than 600 oral and poster presentations will be made compared to 523 in 2011. Accordingly, student posters will be showcased Sunday—Monday and faculty posters will be showcased Monday through Tuesday. Campuses should make room reservations at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, however Hyatt rooms for Saturday, April 6th are in very limited supply, even though rooms are still available on other nights. Therefore, the overflow hotel is the Omni Jacksonville Hotel which is the closest hotel, but still ~2 blocks away. The Omni has blocked overflow rooms for the symposium participants. See website for more information.

The Scheduled Program of Events is updated periodically and can be found at the website. Nominations for judges and moderators will be requested from campuses.

The 2013 Symposium Deadlines

Regular Registration: \$500.00 until 2/22/2013

Late Registration: \$550.00 begins 2/23/2013

Exhibit Registration (including 1890 exhibits) Deadline: February 15, 2013.

**Applications (one per campus for each award) for the Morrison-Evans Outstanding Scientist Award and the B.D. Mayberry Young Scientist Award are due to Carolyn B. Brooks—
cbbrooks@umes.edu or by mail at 3003 Hazel Hall, UMES, Princess Anne, MD 21853 on or before January 20, 2013.**

Campuses wishing to participate in making recruitment presentations to students for their graduate programs must notify Carolyn Brooks at cbbrooks@umes.edu by January 11, 2012.

Please visit the ARD website-
www.umes.edu/ard
or contact us using
cbbrooks@umes.edu

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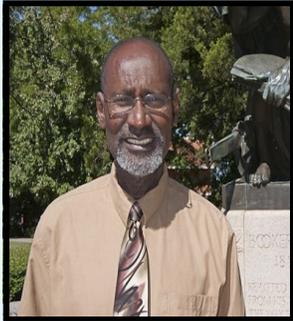
Don't Miss This Funding Opportunity



Homeland Security

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is offering faculty and students at Minority Serving Institutions an opportunity to participate in a **ten-week summer research team experience at university-based DHS Centers of Excellence**. At the end of the summer, faculty participants are encouraged to apply for **up to \$50,000 in follow-on funding to continue the research collaboration at their home academic institutions** during the following academic year. Faculty from all science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines are encouraged to apply, **including faculty in agricultural sciences, biological/life sciences**, computer and information sciences, engineering, mathematics, physical sciences, psychology, and social sciences. Details about the program, including eligibility guidelines and application forms, can be found at <http://www.orau.gov/dhseducation/faculty>.

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Congratulations Are in Order!!!!!!!

Dr. Gilbert Rochon, President of Tuskegee University announced the appointment of Walter A. Hill as vice provost and dean of the College of Agriculture, Environment and Nutrition Sciences, effective December 1, 2012. "Dean Hill has shown remarkable leadership at Tuskegee University, at the regional level with his engagement with the Alabama Agricultural and Land Grant Alliance, the Professional Agricultural Workers Conference, and nationally with the 1890 Council of Deans," Rochon said.

Hill received his doctorate in agronomy and environmental chemistry from the University of Illinois, master's degrees from both the University of Arizona and the University of Chicago and his undergraduate degree from Lake Forest College in Illinois. Hill currently serves as director of the George Washington Carver Agricultural Experiment Station and the 1890 Research and Extension Programs at Tuskegee.

Senate Passes One Year Farm Bill Extension

Unfortunately four National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) programs with mandatory funding (not subject to annual appropriations) in FY 2012, would not receive such funding in the current fiscal year (FY 2013). These four programs are Organic Ag Research & Extension Initiative, Specialty Crops Research Initiative, Beginning Farmer & Rancher Development, and Biomass Research & Development (R&D). The next action is that the House will take on this Senate action. The House has essentially three choices: reject the bill, pass it as adopted by the Senate, or amend the bill and quickly return it to the Senate. As the New York Times accurately states: "*Any failure to pass the measure before the 112th Congress ends would require the process to start over in the new 113th Congress, meaning the Senate would have to vote again with a changed membership due to the departure of several veteran lawmakers and the arrival of newcomers from both parties as a result of victories in the November elections.*"

AFRI NIFA Fellowships Program

The FY 2013 AFRI NIFA Fellowships Program RFA has recently been posted on the NIFA website. This program invites proposals from individual graduate students for two years of pre-doctoral studies and post-doctoral researchers for 2 year appointments. Applicants must be the student/post-doc themselves; mentors or faculty are not eligible to apply. Applicants must secure the support of at least one mentor and must meet additional eligibility requirements, including limits on time until/since obtaining doctoral degree. All applicants must be Citizens, National, or Permanent Residents of the United States. Proposed projects must address at least one of the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative's (AFRI) six foundational areas or five challenge areas.

Letters of Intent are REQUIRED for this program (see RFA for specific formatting and content requirements) and are **due January 3rd, 2013** by email to NIFAFellows@nifa.usda.gov. Full applications from those with accepted Letters of Intent are due March 7th, 2013 via Grants.gov.