



Message from the Chair



ARD UPDATES

Dear Colleagues:

In this, an election year, everything related to the 2012 Farm Bill and the FY2013 Budget seems to be in flux. Even with continuous changes, there appears to be a general feeling that while our 1890 funding lines will be decreased, the amount of the cut would probably be no more than ~2%. We are all aware that Central State University is seeking to become an 1890 land grant institution and that the University of the District of Columbia (UDC), which is already an 1862 land grant institution, is seeking to become eligible for McIntire Stennis funding. We thought our request to limit the 1890 1:1 matching requirement for McIntire Stennis (to be only for funding above \$200,000) would go forward since the Senate committee members had no problem with that request—but the House has not yet approved it. We also learned that members from the House on the Farm Bill Committee want the matching requirements throughout the Farm Bill to be consistent. Also, since the 1:1 match requirement for funding for applied agriculture is prohibitive for both universities and commodity groups who are expected to ‘kick-in’, the House members suggest that federal funds could be used as the match. As you can imagine, that is not a win-win situation either. Thus a small working group is attempting to come up with ideas about the matching requirements in the Farm Bill with input from the land grant community. Please share your thoughts with Carolyn Brooks who will represent us on the committee. The House Committee members will be receptive of our ideas because they have indicated that they want to help the land grant universities, not make the funding too prohibitive to apply for because of the matching requirements.

So, again, new issues are in the hopper and financial clarity is not easy to achieve this year. We will have many discussions with each other, with our partners in NIFA, and with others who can direct us to other potential sources of federal financial support at our upcoming meeting in Arlington, VA. At this meeting we will also make the final decision about funding for our ARD Consortium. The Symposium Website is up and active. We hope you will start to submit your abstracts through the website and that you will make your hotel reservations. The earlier we do things like this, the easier it is to plan well ahead and have a smoothly run conference.

Best wishes for the 2012/13 academic year.

Sincerely,

Dyremples Marsh, Chair



2012 NIFA USDA Project Directors' Conference September 16-19

The Project Directors' Conference for the 1890 Capacity Building Grants Programs (1890 CBGP) hosted by Alabama A&M University for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture will take place on September 16-19, 2012. (Note: Sunday, September 16 is a Travel Date and there will be an evening reception from 6:00 - 9:00 PM CST).

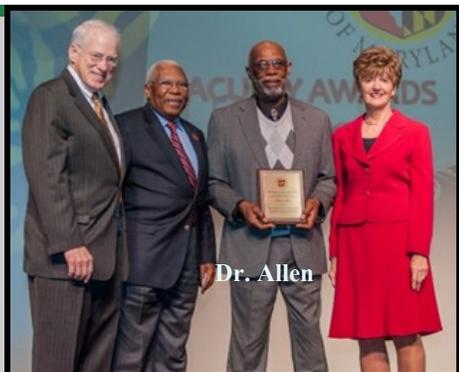
The major objectives of this conference/workshop are:

- Introduce and increase knowledge about USDA and NIFA mission,
- Build and strengthen partnerships among the workshop participants as well as with USDA,
- Share project's updates/results for and garner feedback from colleagues, partners, potential collaborators for project enhancement as a mean to enhance performance, and
- Enhance understanding of workshop participants in awards management, reporting requirements, and strengthening the grantsmanship skills of the participants.

Register at: www.aamu.edu/nifa-pdconference

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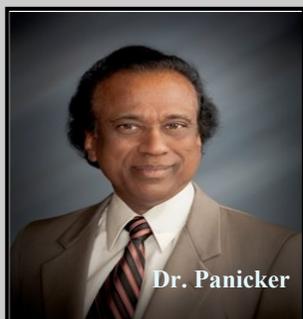


Dr. Allen

Dr. Arthur Allen of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore Wins Award

Dr. Allen is the 2012 recipient of the University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents Faculty Award for Research/Scholarship/Creative Activity. His signature research is to help agriculture on the Delmarva Peninsula to be more environmentally compatible with the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. During his tenure at UMES, Allen has played a critical role in securing more than \$4.3 million in grants for his work. In collaboration with other universities his research focuses on measuring the impact of sub-surface applications of dry poultry litter on crops, nutrient losses and odor

emissions in minimum tillage crop production systems, as well as transferring technology to farmers. The Board of Regents' Award is the highest USM award presented to exemplary faculty, who also receive a \$1,000 cash award.

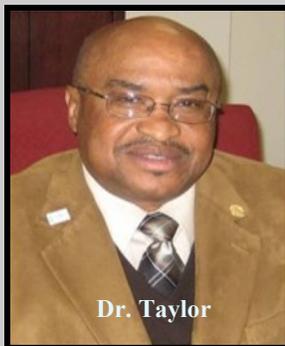


Dr. Panicker

Alcorn Scientist Presents Work at the Smithsonian Festival and at Two International Conferences

At the Smithsonian Festival, Dr. Girish Panicker, the director of the Center for Conservation Research at Alcorn State University presented his research on the Rabbiteye Blueberry, which was in collaboration with other universities and ARS that was funded for \$1.8 million. The work resulted in an increase in total anthocyanin content in the blueberries which were grown organically on a heavy soil with worm casings. Panicker delivered a lecture on 'organic blueberry production with animal and forest waste on a

heavy soil' at the 27th International Congress held in Seoul, South Korea. Dr. Panicker also presented a technology transfer paper on "C-factor research for erosion prediction, nutrient management, and conservation planning" at the international conference on 'Innovative Approaches for Agricultural Knowledge Management: Global Extension Experiences' held in New Delhi, India. According to Panicker, "Alcorn is the only institution that has done C-factor research on more than 30 horticultural crops and it was a great occasion to represent our university, a world leader in C-factor research technology."



Dr. Taylor

CONGRATULATIONS DR. TAYLOR!!!!!!!!!!

Dr. Robert Taylor has accepted the position of Dean/Research Director at Florida A&M University. He had been serving as professor of soil and environmental sciences at Alabama A&M University and had also served as dean of the School of Agricultural and Environmental Science where he led the school through three successful accreditations. During his tenure as dean, he also helped faculty acquire grants either directly or indirectly, which resulted in a significant increase in competitive grants awarded to the school. Taylor has served in various capacities such as the director of NSF/CREST Center for Forest Ecosystems Assessment; professor of Soil and Environmental Chemistry and director of the Center for Environmental Research and Training at Alabama A&M University. He had also served as acting deputy division director for Biological Infrastructure at the National Science Foundation in Arlington, Va. He currently serves on the National Agricultural Research, Education, Extension and Economics Advisory (NAREEE) Board.

We also congratulate *Dr. Moses Kairo* who has accepted the position of Dean and Research Director at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Dr. Kairo will be featured in next month's *ARD Updates*. He previously was serving as Associate Research Director at Florida A&M University.

Dates to Remember:

ESS/SAES/ARD Annual Meeting in Plymouth, NH
September 24- 27, 2012
Annual APLU meeting in Denver, CO
November 11-14, 2012
PAWC—Tuskegee University, December 2-4, 2012