



Message from the Chair



ARD UPDATES

Dear Colleagues:

During the summer meeting of the ARD, which was held in Arlington, Virginia, it was determined that the funding for the development of an 1890 consortium would be for the proposal entitled “Prevention of Microbial Foodborne Outbreaks.” This Food Safety team developed a strong proposal with comments from external reviewers that included “The researchers are well qualified and bring a variety of disciplines to the collaboration, including food science, food microbiology, food chemistry, food processing, nutrition, veterinary science, agricultural engineering, chemical engineering, molecular biology, nanotechnology, economics, and statistics. This should allow for inter-disciplinary research projects and sharing of knowledge across the disciplines. The logic model provides a good overview of the situation, inputs, activities, outputs and outcomes of the project. The project is integrated and includes extension activities, where extension officers will disseminate information obtained from the research activities. The project includes students in these activities. Mentoring of students will be of value to society and supports USDA goals of increasing the number of students entering careers in agriculture.” Obviously, such strong evaluative comments greatly influenced our decision to fund this collaboration. Participation will come from almost all of the campuses. The ARD looks forward to having this team initiate their activities as soon as possible, recognizing that this initiative will teach us how to continue such funding for our campuses, hopefully on a continuing basis.

The second strongest proposal was entitled “Dynamic Integrated Systems Approach to Small Farm Production and Profitability.” This team will receive ARD funding for planning and to strengthen their proposal using the guidance provided from the external reviews. The other three proposals were recognized by ARD as being strong and important initiatives for the 1890 family as well. The research directors on the campuses have agreed that they will support continued efforts of these teams to strengthen their proposals and the building of focused partnerships.

Although there were many highlights that we can all acknowledge from our summer meeting, one to appreciate is the re-establishment of the 1890 Deans’s Council under the leadership of Dr. Walter Hill, Tuskegee University. We welcome the return of this AHS-ARD-AES partnership!

(Go to website portal to review drafts of the Council’s Bylaws and Constitution.)

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.

LEAD21

A maximum of seventy-five participants will be accepted into the LEAD21 program this year, divided into three cohorts for on-site sessions and other group activities. Each participant's application must be supported by their dean, director (academic programs, extension or research), or administrator. Deadline to apply is November 31, 2012.

Registration fee: \$9,500. (includes materials, meals and lodging for all three sessions)
 Scholarships are available - information found in application.

<http://lead-21.org/apply.html>

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Moving toward ARD-Brazilian Partnerships

With assistance from Drs. Zachary Senwo and Conrad Bonsi, the foundation has been laid to have 1890 Universities partner with Embrapa researchers in Brazil. The Alabama 1890s have already initiated Brazilian partnerships. Embrapa is the largest component of the Brazilian Agricultural Research System and is the largest agricultural R&D agency in Latin America in terms of both staff numbers and expenditure. Embrapa is headquartered in the capital, Brasilia, and operates [47 research centers](#) throughout the country. Discussions about next steps will begin at the upcoming ARD meeting in Portsmouth, NH.

“Science Without Borders” - Partnering with Brazil

The U.S. Brazil Global Partnership Dialogue and the resulting Education Joint Action Plan outline a strategy to realize U.S. President Obama’s and Brazilian President Rouseff’s goals to expand academic and research exchanges between our two countries. To achieve these objectives, Brazilian President Rouseff and the Government of Brazil have launched a new initiative to send 75,000 Brazilian students abroad over the next four years to study and conduct research, with half coming to the United States.

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State with the State Department-supported Education USA network, the Fulbright Commission in Brazil, and the U.S. Embassy in Brasilia, are working closely with CAPES (Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education) and CNPq (National Council for Scientific and Technological Development) to connect the U.S. and Brazilian higher education communities to create university networks; encourage the placement of Brazilian students at U.S. universities, colleges, and community colleges; and promote the expansion of U.S. student and research exchanges to Brazil.

The Government of Brazil’s “Science Without Borders” Program, through CNPq and CAPES, is expanding to support this initiative and will work with U.S. and Brazilian universities to support a broad spectrum of short- and longer-term academic and research opportunities at all levels. These include undergraduate and graduate study abroad; undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degree exchange programs; post-doctoral, scholar, and scientific exchanges; and professional training. These opportunities are currently focused on science, technology, and innovation fields and related disciplines.

Contact Information

CAPES - Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education <http://www.capes.gov.br>
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CNPq - National Council for Scientific and Technological Development <http://www.cnpq.br/english/cnpq/index.htm>

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For Information about Brazilian Undergraduate U.S. Study Abroad for Spring 2012

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Dates to Remember:

ESS/SAES/ARD Annual Meeting in Plymouth, NH
September 24- 27, 2012

Symposium Committee Meeting in Jacksonville, FL
October 8-10, 2012

Annual APLU meeting in Denver, CO
November 11-14, 2012

PAWC—Tuskegee University, December 2-4, 2012