

**City Terrace 7 - “Keys to Increasing Collaboration and Effective Team Building”** Moderator - Shirley Hymon-Parker, North Carolina A&T State University

**Presenter:** David Bauer of David G. Bauer Associates, Inc.

**City Terrace 8 – “Partnering to Develop Multistate Programs on Obesity Prevention”** Moderator – Louis Whitesides, South Carolina State University

**City Terrace 9: “Emotional Intelligence (EQ)- Managing Behavior & Making Personal Decisions for Positive Results”** Moderator – Carolyn B. Brooks, Association of 1890 Research Directors, Inc.

**Presenter:** Arlen Leholm, Executive Director, North Central Regional Association, University of Wisconsin

**City Terrace 10 – “Forging Effective Cooperative Partnerships: The ARD Multistate Food Safety Consortium”** Moderator – Moses Kairo, University of Maryland Eastern Shore

**Presenters:** Robert Holland, Institute of Food Safety and Nutrition, NIFA  
Salam Ibrahim, North Carolina A&T State University  
Jennifer Adsit, Virginia State University  
Fawsey Hashem, University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
Makuba Lihono, University of Arkansas Pine Bluff

**City Terrace 11 – “Workshop to Develop Biofuels/Bioproductions Collaborations”** Moderators - Mike Bomford and Teferi Tsegaye, Kentucky State University

**City Terrace 12 – “Workshop of the ‘Integrating Farming Systems’ Consortium Team”** Moderator - Govind Kannan, Fort Valley State University

**Presenters:** Vince C. Chapman, USDA/APHIS “Animal Traceability Regulation”  
Bharat Singh, Fort Valley State University – “Integrated Agricultural Systems”

### **Student Workshops- “Preparing for Your Future”**

**River Terrace 1 – Resume Development** Moderator – Karla Martin, USDA Office of Advocacy and Outreach

**Presenter:** LaWanda Thomas, USDA/APHIS

**River Terrace 1 – Mock Interviews** Moderator – Larry Hartsfield, USDA Office of Advocacy and Outreach

**Presenter:** Kenneth E. Johnson, USDA/APHIS

## **P L E N A R Y   S E S S I O N**



**TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013**  
**8:30 AM**  
**Hyatt Regency Jacksonville**  
**Riverfront**

**JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA**

## About the Speakers

**Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy** was appointed to serve as director of the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) on May 7, 2012. He oversees NIFA awards funds for a wide range of extramural research, education, and extension projects that address the needs of farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers. Dr. Ramaswamy had previously served as dean of Oregon State University's College of Agricultural Sciences and director of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station, associate dean of the Purdue University College of Agriculture, head of Kansas State University's Department of Entomology where he held the title of Distinguished Professor and was named the Presidential Outstanding Department Head in 2002. He also served on the faculty of Mississippi State University and as a research associate at Michigan State University. As an insect physiologist, he worked on the integrative reproductive biology of insects. Dr. Ramaswamy has published nearly 150 journal articles, book chapters, and a book. He has received a number of awards and honors as a scientist and department head, including being named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; Fellow of the Entomological Society of America; and Distinguished Graduate Alumnus of Cook College, Rutgers University. He received a Bachelor of Science in agriculture and a Master of Science in entomology from the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, India, and his doctorate in entomology from Rutgers University.

**Dr. Gita N. Ramaswamy** is the Office of the USDA Chief Scientist's Senior Advisor for Scientific Integrity and Program Assessment. Prior to this role at USDA, she was at Oregon State University (OSU) where she spent time as both the Director for Academic Programs, Assessment, and Accreditation and the Senior Associate to the Dean of the Graduate School; and before that, she was at Purdue University as an Associate Dean for the Graduate School. At both institutions, she designed and implemented outcomes-based assessments of graduate student learning. At Purdue University, she also collaboratively developed and implemented courses for their Course-Share program and spearheaded an educational initiative on the responsible conduct of research for all graduate students, faculty, and postdoctoral fellows. Dr. Ramaswamy has also been actively involved with the Higher Learning Commission where she was an evaluator in accreditation team visits to several universities.

Before working at Purdue University, she was a Professor and an Interim Department Head for Apparel, Textiles and Interior Design at Kansas State University where her research focused on developing value-added products and fibers for biomedical purposes, and she mentored several successful graduate students. Dr. Ramaswamy received her Ph.D. from Mississippi State University in Toxicology, her M.A. in Textiles from Michigan State University, her M.Sc. in Agricultural Entomology from University of Agricultural Sciences, Hebbal, India, and her B.Sc. (Honors) in Zoology from Bangalore University in India.

## General Session

Walter A. Hill, Presiding  
Vice Provost, Dean and Director - Tuskegee University

Introduction of Speaker ..... Alton Johnson  
Dean and Director  
Prairie View A&M University

### **“Identifying Your Role in Addressing the Global Challenges in the Food and Agricultural Sciences for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”**

**Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy**

Administrator, USDA National Institutes of Food and Agriculture

Introduction of Speaker ..... Teferi Tsegaye  
Dean and Director  
Kentucky State University

### **“Responsible Conduct of Research: Educational Initiative”**

**Dr. Gita N. Ramaswamy**

Senior Advisor for Scientific Integrity and Program Assessment, Office of the USDA Chief Scientist

## Concurrent Workshops

Workshops Begin at 1:30 PM

**City Terrace 4 – “Successful Integration of Extension and Research to Meet the Needs of Clientele”** – Moderator L. Washington Lyons, Association of Extension Administrators

Panel members: Gina E. Eubanks, Southern University Ag Center; Ghebreyesus Yemane, Southern University Ag Center; M. Ray McKinnie, North Carolina A&T State University; Ralph Nobles, North Carolina A&T State University; and Franklin Jackson, Virginia State University

**City Terrace 5 – “SARE Funding Opportunities”** - Moderator – Candace Pollock, University of Georgia

**Presenter:** James Hill, Southern SARE Minority Outreach Specialist, Fort Valley State University

**City Terrace 6 – “Workshop on Partnering to Implement STEAM Programs”** Moderator - Orlando McMeans, West Virginia State University