

ARD Updates

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Message from the Chair

Dr. Moses Kairo

I will see you in Atlanta in less than three weeks for the 18th Biennial Research Symposium. "1890 Research: Meeting 21st Century Challenges through Innovation" is the theme for this year's meetings and I could not be more excited about what is on tap. Discussions, workshops and paper and poster presentations will focus on research innovations in the food and agricultural sciences and the role of the 1890s in constructing an "innovation agenda" that will provide practical solutions to improve the quality of life of the citizens in the 1890 region and beyond.

We have to maintain an enabling environment by always working to create the very best conditions to support innovation in the academic and research enterprises. That is why this symposium is so important. That is why an "innovation agenda" is such an exciting prospect. Because an ARD that is fully engaged in new knowledge, technology, and transformative science development offers enormous potential in at least three key ways: promoting economic growth, creating jobs and strengthening the American and global food systems.

Special thanks go to the Symposium Steering Committee, as chaired by **DR. DYREMPLE MARSH**, Delaware State University and **DR. ORLANDO MCMEANS**, West Virginia State University, for their consummate leadership in planning and making this symposium a reality and to the tremendous support provided by our Executive Director, **DR. ALTON THOMPSON**.

I look forward to thought-provoking discussions and to the collegial interaction and renewing old acquaintances.



1890 Budget Updates Announced

Currently, we are operating under a Continuing Resolution (CR). The House and Senate committees have recommended level funding for the 1890 programs for FY '17. However, the budgets have not been acted upon. Hopefully, when the budget is approved, 1890 funding will not be less than the federal appropriations for FY '16.

FY 2018 BUDGET REQUEST UPDATE

The January 2017 edition of *ARD Updates* contained an article about the FY '18 budget request advocating for NIFA's budget as proposed by the Budget and Advocacy Committee (BAC) of the Policy Board of Directors (PBD) of the Board on

Agriculture Assembly (BAA). The new approach was a single amount (Single Ask) requested for the FY '18 budget increase of \$200 million to be split

evenly across the six priority lines according to each line's percentage share of the total in FY '16 dollar values. All accounts would receive the same percent increase.

Instead of advocating for the six individual funding levels that correspond to the six priority lines proposed by the BAC, the 1890 Research Directors, and Extension Administrators advocated for the single funding level for NIFA that would include an additional two percent to be allocated for both 1890 Research and Extension because of their low base of



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Schedule for 2017 ARD Symposium

The goal of the ARD Research Symposium is to provide a forum for interactions, share knowledge, expand partnerships through networking, and showcase the talents and achievements of the 1890 community. The 2017 ARD Biennial Research Symposium will be held **April 1-4, 2017** at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Ga. **Below is information that will help students to plan.** See all Program Events, including the area hotels to accommodate the overflow because of record attendance, at <http://www.umes.edu/ARD/1890Symposium/>.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017		
Event	Time	Room Location (Level)
Early Poster set up for students only	1 – 7 p.m.	Regency Ballroom (BL)
SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017		
Breakfast	7 – 8 a.m.	Regency Foyer (BL)
Early Poster set up for students only	8 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Regency Ballroom (BL)
Student Competitive Paper Sessions (Oral)	8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Hanover A – G (EL) Lenox, Kennesaw, Inman (ACL) Learning Center (BL)
Student Competitive Poster Judging (location is closed to all at this time – only student presenters and judges)	2:45 – 6 p.m.	Regency Ballroom (BL)
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	6:45 – 7 p.m.	Regency Corridor (BL)
Welcome Reception	7 – 9 p.m.	Centennial I Ballroom (BL)
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017		
Breakfast	7 – 8:15 a.m.	Regency Foyer (BL)
Opening Session	8:30 – 10 a.m.	Centennial II Ballroom (BL)
Posters with Authors	10:15 – 11:45 a.m.	Regency Ballroom (BL)
Student Awards Luncheon	Noon – 1:45 p.m.	Centennial I-II Ballroom (BL)
Student Photo Session	1:45 – 2 p.m.	Pool Deck (BL)
Student Posters to be removed and Faculty Posters to be put up; Visits with Exhibitors	2 – 5 p.m.	Regency Ballroom (BL)
Graduate School Programs (student session)	3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Grand Hall West (EL)
Student Social (all are welcome)	9 p.m. – Midnight	Grand Hall West (EL)
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017		
Breakfast	7 – 8:15 a.m.	Regency Foyer (BL)
Plenary Session	8:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Centennial II Ballroom (BL)
Student Professional Dev. Session w/USDA Liaisons (Student ONLY Working Lunch)	11 a.m. – Noon	Grand Hall West (EL)
<i>Lunch on your Own</i>		
Student Professional Dev. Session w/USDA Liaisons	1:30 – 3 p.m.	Grand Hall West (EL)
<i>Developing a Research Agenda for Future ARD Symposia – NIFA w/Students</i>	3:30 – 5 p.m.	Grand Hall West (EL)

Room Location Key:

Ballroom Level/LL1 = BL Exhibit Level/LL2 = EL Atlanta Conference Level/LL3 = ACL

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Budget ... (from Page 1)

5.27 percent and 4.44 percent, respectively. However, the BAC and the BAA Policy Board of Directors did not approve the 1890 request.

As proposed, below is the FY 18 budget request for the six priority lines:

Program	FY 2016 Enacted		\$200M Requested Increase	
		% of total	% change	New value
McIntire-Stennis	\$33.961M	3.31%	10%	\$40.572M
1890 Institutions Extension	\$45.620M	4.44%	10%	\$54.500M
Evans-Allen (1890s Research)	\$ 54.185M	5.27%	10%	\$64.732M
Hatch Act	\$243.701M	23.72%	10%	\$291.138M
Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c)	\$300.000M	29.20%	10%	\$358.396M
AFRI	\$350.000M	34.06%	10%	\$418.129M
Total APLU Priorities	\$1,027B		10%	\$1,227B

2018 FARM BILL

ARD and AEA have been involved in various activities of the BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy (CLP) to identify priorities for the 2018 Farm Bill. The 1890 priorities for the next Farm Bill are to reauthorize Evans-Allen Research and 1890 Extension, the 1890 Facilities Program, and the 1890 Institution Teaching, Research and Extension Capacity Grants Program. In addition, 1890 Extension would like to change the percent of carry-over for its Extension funding from 20 percent for one year to 100 percent for one or more years. This change would be consistent with the carry-over provision for other capacity programs managed by NIFA.

Reminder!

The deadline for renewing the 1890 Facilities Program Grants is **Tuesday, March 21, 2017.**

ARD CALENDAR

2017 NATIONAL EXTENSION & RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION OFFICERS CONFERENCE (NERAOC), April 23 – 26, 2017

Grand Hyatt, 400 Courthouse Square, San Antonio, TX, Click here to register: <http://neraoc.tamu.edu/>

