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Message from the Chair

Dr. Moses Kairo

Farm Bill and CBP Updates

2018 Farm Bill Update

The Committee on Legislative and Policy (CLP) has not met since the APLU Annual Meeting last November, but a meeting is expected to be scheduled in the very near future. Vernie Hubert, Cornerstone Governmental Affairs, continues to develop language for the 2018 Farm Bill based on recommendations that were developed by the Committee. The recommendations for 1890 Research and Extension were accepted by the CLP and AEA has been working with Hubert on the legislative language to change the carryover for 1890 Extension from 20 percent to a level that would be consistent with the carryover for Smith Lever funds. There will be several upcoming hearings on the Farm Bill and Congress would like to complete the bill by early spring or summer in 2018.



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The political and fiscal climate in Washington, D.C. has made for some very unusual circumstances. To paraphrase an “analysis of variance” term, the between and within group [party] variations are at an all-time high. Normally, the President’s FY 2018 budget is submitted in February, and we would have already visited the Hill to advocate for increases in our capacity and competitive grants budget lines. Instead, the FY 2017 omnibus appropriation bill was just passed by the House and the Senate last week, sending the legislation to the White House for President Trump’s signature.

The FY 2017 omnibus bill includes wins for NIFA, receiving \$849.518 million in funding for research and education activities and \$477.391 million for Cooperative Extension activities, a \$29.8 million and \$1.5 million increase over FY 2016, respectively. In total, funding levels increased by \$36.433 million compared to last year. The funding for Smith-Lever, Hatch Act, 1890 Extension, McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry, 1994 Research & Extension and the Evans-Allen Program remained at the FY 2016 levels, while AFRI received a \$25 million increase above the FY 2016 appropriation. Crop Protection/Pest Management, the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program and SARE received, respectively, \$2.8 million, \$1.5 million and \$2.356 million increases in funding over the FY 2016 appropriations.

In addition, it is important to note that: (1) ARS was funded at \$1.17 billion in FY 2017, an increase from \$1.144 billion in FY 2016; (2) ERS was funded at \$86.757 million, up from \$85.373 million in FY 2016; and (3) NASS was funded at \$171.239 million, an increase from \$168.443 in FY 2016. The FY 2017 omnibus appropriation bill again, includes a 30 percent cap on indirect costs charged against research, education or extension grant awards issued by NIFA.

Finally, our ARD Summer Business meeting will be held in Dayton, Ohio in July. As soon as the plans are finalized, an email will be distributed to the membership.

Capacity Building Program

The 1890 Capacity Building Program is intended to strengthen teaching, research and Cooperative Extension programs in the food and agricultural sciences by building the institutional capacities of the 1890 land-grant institutions. The CBG also supports integrated project grants. Applications submitted to CBG must address at least one of the following NIFA strategic goals: sustainable bioenergy; food security; childhood obesity prevention; or food safety.

Use the following links to apply for CBP grants:
[Request for Applications](#) and [Apply for Grant](#)

Posted Date: Thursday, April 6, 2017

Closing Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017

Funding Opportunity Number: USDA-NIFA-CBGP-006347

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$18,000,000



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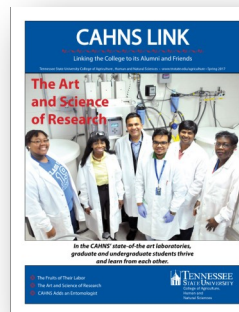
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Applications accepted for FSLI 2017

Applications are now being accepted for the Food Systems Leadership Institute Cohort of 2017. The FSLI offers leadership development to upper-level leaders in higher education, government, and industry and provides Fellows with strategies to handle the leadership challenges and opportunities for the future. The FSLI experience develops or reinforces a series of core leadership competencies identified by a team of top-level leaders including university presidents and chancellors and leaders from industry and the non-profit sector who understand the requirements of food systems leadership. These professionals offer a wealth of understanding about leadership and the food system to help the Fellows gain a better understanding of their leadership potential.

To apply, click here: <http://www.fsl.org/apply.html>



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY—Assistant/Associate Professor in Entomology and Plant Pathology. Posted May 8, 2017, will close May 31, 2017. Position is scheduled to begin on Aug. 1, 2017.



ARD CALENDAR



TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY GLOBAL CENTER FOR POST-HARVEST TRAINING & RESEARCH: HANDLING, FOOD PROCESSING & FOOD SAFETY

"Small Scale Postharvest Vegetable Training Workshop & Study Tour"

June 19-23, 2017, Tuskegee University Postharvest Center

Participants: Farmers, students, Extension educators, researchers and community educators. For additional information, please contact: [Desmond Mortley](mailto:Desmond.Mortley@tuskegee.edu) (334-727-8404) or [Lucy Asare-Baah](mailto:Lucy.Asare-Baah@tuskegee.edu) (334-724-4901).



2017 JOINT COPs SUMMER MEETING

July 15—19, 2017, Delta Kananaski, 1 Centennial Dr., Kananaskis Village, Alberta, CA

Meet with North American colleagues on agricultural issues, hear from USDA officials, and engage in

discussion with other Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) leaders on issues of importance to the BAA. To register, [click here](#).

TELEPHONE: (403) 591-7711 Group Code: AJA. If you plan to extend your stay beyond the contracted meeting dates, please call the hotel directly to make your reservations, and inform the reservationist you're calling from the U.S.

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