



Message from the Chair



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Dear Colleagues:

On February 25, 2013 ESCOP held one of its face-to-face meetings during the CARET/AHS meeting in Alexandria, VA. Before I share with you some of the highlights from the ESCOP meeting I wanted to encourage you to appoint and support a CARET representative. We have slipped in 1890 CARET participation over the last few years and they are invaluable to us if we utilize them strategically. One of our CARET reps even suggested sending them to our symposia this time or in the future since this is an excellent opportunity for them to learn about 1890 university programs and accomplishments. To orient yourselves to CARET, please utilize the video clip at <http://www.aplu.org/page.aspx?pid=1837>.

Some brief highlights from the ESCOP meeting are as follows:

- You will soon be asked to participate in a survey sent to all Experiment Station Directors about research priorities for NIFA 2015 funding.
- The Science Roadmap for Food and Agriculture has been condensed for easy reading and identifies research priorities over the next decade. They are grouped into three areas: Food Security and Human Health, Economic Growth and Job Creation, and Sustainable Environmental and Natural Resources.
- The annual ESS/SAES/ARD will be September 24-26, 2013 in Columbus, Ohio. We are asked to submit topic areas you would like to have discussed at this meeting, particularly for the 'Best Practices' session. Much of the scientific areas covered will relate to water quality.

A very informal meeting of the ARD was held and the main topics of discussion were updates on the symposium and the planning of 1890-Embrapa collaborations. The jest of the discussions will be relayed to you frequently through emails and some information is within this newsletter. I am pleased and proud to say that things on both fronts are progressing very nicely and offer my sincerest thanks to all who are getting things done. The symposium committee meets March 11-13th and I ask that you please watch for emails thereafter .

Sincerely,
Shirley Hymon-Parker, Chair



Funding Opportunity

Childhood Obesity Prevention

This Challenge Area Focuses on the societal challenge to end obesity among children. The program is designed to achieve the long-term outcome of reducing the prevalence of overweight and obesity among children and adolescents 2-19 years. The Childhood Obesity Prevention Program supports Multi-function Integrated Research, Education, and/or Extension Projects and [**Food and Agricultural Science Enhancement \(FASE\) Grants**](#).

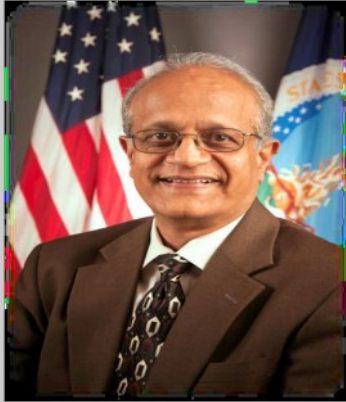
Due Date: April 11, 2013. Letter of intent is not required. For more information see NIFA website. The Funding Opportunity Number is USDA-NIFA-AFRI-004156 and the contact is [Deirdra Chester](mailto:dchester@nifa.usda.usda.gov)—dchester@nifa.usda.usda.gov

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Director of NIFA Visits the University of Maryland Eastern Shore



Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, spoke to a group of UMES faculty, staff and students on January 30, 2013 on “The Role of Land-Grant Universities” and how the institute is addressing global challenges. His talk was sponsored by the School of Agricultural and Natural Sciences. “As a key agency that supports agricultural research, education and extension, NIFA is a critical partner for UMES. Dr. Ramaswamy provided a sobering view of the global challenges we face, but he was also clear that as a land-grant university, UMES has a critical role to play in the development and implementation of knowledge solutions to meet these challenges,” said Dr. Moses Kairo, dean, UMES School of Agricultural and Natural Sciences. Dr. Ramaswamy will be the keynote speaker at the upcoming ARD Research Symposium in Jacksonville, Florida and will address the attendees on Tuesday, April 9th.

Information Below Helps Students to Plan. See all Events at <http://www.umes.edu/ARD/1890Symposium/>

Saturday, April 6, 2013	Early poster set up for students only	1 PM – 7 PM
Sunday, April 7, 2013		
	Poster set up for students only	8 AM – 2:45 PM
	Student Competitive Paper Session (Oral)	8:30 AM – 5 PM
	Student Competitive Poster Judging (location is closed to all at this time but the judges and the student presenters)	2:45 PM – 6 PM
Monday, April 8, 2012		
	Opening Session	8:30 AM – 10 AM
	Posters with Authors	10:15 AM – 11:45 AM
	Student Awards Luncheon followed by photo session	12 PM – 2:00 PM
	Student posters removed and faculty's posters put up	2 PM – 5 PM
	Graduate School presentations for students	4 PM – 5:30 PM
	Student Social	9:00 PM – midnight
Tuesday, April 9, 2012		
	Plenary Session	8:30 AM – 10:30 AM
	Student professional development sessions (Career Counseling for USDA Employment)	10:30 AM – noon
	Professional Development Workshop for students	1:30 PM – 3:30 PM