



Message from the Chair



ARD UPDATES

Dear Colleagues:

The recent ARD meeting in Jekyll Island as a session during the annual meeting of ESS/SAES/ARD was very productive. One request that I wanted to repeat in this newsletter is that each campus submit your impact statements, not only for the ARD website, but input them into the national impact database. This is extremely useful as the entire land-grant system emphasizes them as our best marketing and branding strategy. Reports made at the meeting reveal that we are making significant progress on developing or implementing our 125th Anniversary celebratory initiatives. We knew going forth that the comprehensiveness of our activities would require the postponement of our next research symposium. Yet we want to acknowledge that the next symposium will take place in April, 2017 and we will begin to determine the best location in the upcoming months. We must continue to share our ideas and assist one another with campus and state activities commemorating our 125th anniversary. The website toolkit will of course be extremely helpful, but idea sharing is just as important. We heard of wonderful examples for the 1890 Day activities that will be in conjunction with the wellness walk that is a scholarship fund raiser. Most notably, the events will not be isolated to just the agricultural schools, but the entire campus will be engaged in both the planning and participation. Community activities will be included and 1890 Day observances will also take place out in the counties where Extension has a presence. Strong efforts will be made to seek political buy-in and the activities will be catalysts to link with previously untapped constituents. I must say, the 1890 campuses are going to make 2015 a truly rewarding year!

As the soon to be outgoing chair of the ARD, that is in the year of ARD taking leadership for ESS, I was to also be the nominee for chair-elect of ESS/ESCOP. I was elected by the members of ESS and so in 2015, the ESS/SAES/ARD will be hosted by the ARD and will take place in Charlotte, NC from September 28—30th at the Ballantyne Hotel. I am humbled to have been elected to be the ESS chair-elect for 2014 –2015 and I will serve with the best of my ability and ask each of you for your invaluable assistance.

Sincerely,

Shirley Hyman-Parker, Chair



A Request of the ARD to Help with Minority Participation

The Diversity in Agronomy, Crops, Soils and Environmental Sciences Committee has submitted a position paper to the ARD, entitled “Augmenting Minority Participation in the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America.” One of the missions of the committee is to enhance participation of underrepresented students and professionals in the Tri-Societies and thereby strengthen and diversify the potential of the workforce in agricultural and environmental sciences. The initial request is that the 1890 deans/research directors provide financial support for at least two scientists, three undergraduate students, and two graduate students to attend ASA-CSSA-SSSA conferences annually, and to pay the associated membership fees. The entire position paper will be sent to the ARD for consideration and discussion at the next ARD meeting, which will be a session of the 2014 APLU annual meeting.



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Announcing:

NOAA's 7th Biennial Education and Science Forum—"2014 NOAA EPP Forum"

www.eppforum2014.com

Where: University of Maryland Eastern Shore

When: October 26—29, 2014



To register go to <https://eppforum.meetingservicesinc.com/registration/>

The **2014 NOAA EPP Forum** will provide a vibrant environment where students, early, mid, and top level researchers and scientists will showcase outcomes of collaborative research and student training in NOAA mission-related Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields. This dynamic Forum will provide opportunities for shared learning, networking, and engagement through a keynote address, career development workshops, focus discussion sessions, panel presentations and technical sessions. The results of collaborative research conducted with NOAA scientists and at NOAA EPP-funded partner academic institutions will be demonstrated. The Forum will seek to inspire engagement and promote career pathways for STEM graduates in the future workforce. The conference includes:

**Developing the future STEM workforce to support environmental sustainability
Education and Engagement in Atmospheric Science, Environmental Science, Marine and Fisheries Science, Remote Sensing Sciences and Technologies, Natural Resource Management**

Congratulations to Dr. Arthur L. Allen!



Arthur L. Allen, a professor, Associate Research Director, and Director-University-Wide Geospatial Technologies Center at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, was recently named a Fellow in the American Society of Agronomy (ASA). Fellow is the highest recognition bestowed by ASA. Members of the Society nominate worthy colleagues based on their professional achievements and meritorious service. Up to 0.3 percent of the Society's active and emeritus members may be elected Fellow. Dr. Allen's research addresses water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and focuses on landscape processes, land use and management effects, phosphorus interactions in soil and water, and drainage ditch management. The award will be conferred in November, 2014.

NIFA Updates:

The Federal Assistance Policy Guide has been posted to the NIFA website at http://www.nifa.usda.gov/business/managing_grant.html. This document is a single, comprehensive guidance document applicable to NIFA competitive and capacity grants. NIFA requests stakeholder input and changes can possibly be made based on input received.

On September 19, 2014, the President signed the Fiscal Year 2015 Continuing Resolution (CR), Public Law 113-164, which provides partial funding for the Federal government until December 11, 2014. Funding for most agencies, including the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), will be at a slightly reduced FY 2014 level.

Time to Plan:

72nd PAWC

**Kellogg Conference Center,
Tuskegee University,
December 7-9, 2014**

To register and get other details go to www.pawc.info

"When you do the common things in life in an uncommon way, you will command the attention of the world" — George Washington Carver

