



## Message from the Chair



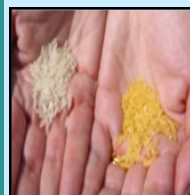
# ARD UPDATES

### Dear Colleagues:

As we near the 2015 celebration year of the 125th anniversary of the August 30, 1890 signing of the Second Morrill Act, we will call on many within the 1890 community to help design and implement a series of events, activities, and programs to showcase, highlight and market the accomplishments and impacts of our institutions. For more than a century now the food, agricultural and related sciences research, teaching and extension programs at the 1890s have been evolving into complex, specialized and impressive offerings of advanced science and technology. We have taken advantage of the rich diversity of society and tackled the challenges of a technologically advanced world, while still greatly contributing to the common good of all people, especially those with limited resources. We have done this in spite of always being greatly underfunded—"Doing so much with so little" - because of the work of a continuum of visionary and dedicated leaders. Beginning with the 125th Anniversary, we will honor our past leaders and current leaders in a variety of ways. On our website we will begin to archive the resumes of leaders, past and current. Some of these leaders will be selected for leadership awards through an ARD process that is still in development. Therefore, please start collecting resumes of those from your campus who have contributed to the growth and enhancement of our institutions in the food and agricultural sciences. A more distinct format will be determined and guidelines and qualifications are also to be developed, but we will be moving forward on this and so, by beginning the collections and reviewing what is submitted, the process, details and guidelines can move along more smoothly. The collections will give us an idea of the variety of recognitions needed to be made. Please remember some of our stewards are deceased or retired and hopefully you can include their resumes as leaders from your campuses. I look forward to your discussions about this *recognition of leadership then, now and in the future* at our meeting in Columbus, Ohio on September 25th.

Sincerely,

Shirley Hymon-Parker



### **Scientist at Tuskegee Condemns Destruction of Golden Rice Field Trial**

Golden petition: Researchers have launched a petition protesting the destruction of research plots of golden rice in the Philippines.

Scientists are striking back at activists who destroyed genetically modified (GM) "golden rice" plants in a test field in the Philippines. Golden rice carries two foreign genes that together produce beta carotene, a precursor of vitamin A. Scientists and public health advocates see golden rice helping to alleviate vitamin A deficiency, a scourge of the poor in developing countries that can lead to blindness and other health problems. But critics argue that GM food crops pose poorly understood health and environmental risks, and some have tried to halt research by destroying test plots, such as those in Philippines. Scientists must respond to such attacks, petition organizers say. "It is important that the community come together and explain there is a scientific consensus on the safety of GM crops," says geneticist Channapatna Prakash of Tuskegee University, who initiated the petition. He says when they reach 5000 signatures they will send the statement to policymakers and politicians in the Philippines and other countries to convince them that "they must move forward with this research."

### **Reminder:**

SAES/ESS/ARD Annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio, September 24—26, 2013. The ARD section meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 25th. The following link provides all information: <http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/ess2013>

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## FY2014 "Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases" Interagency Program

- Jointly managed with ~\$11 million to be contributed by: USDA-NIFA + NSF + NIH;
- Additional funding (~2 million British pounds) from United Kingdom's Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council for US/UK collaborative proposals;
- **Request for Applications:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf13577&org=NSF](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf13577&org=NSF)

### SUMMARY

- Maximum award size:
  - US awards: \$2.5 million (including indirect costs)
  - US/UK collaborative awards: \$2.5 million (including indirect costs) from US + additional UK funds for work done by UK scientists
- **Full proposal deadline: Wednesday, November 20, 2013** (No letter of intent);
- Research on ecological, evolutionary, and socio-ecological principles and processes that regulate transmission dynamics of infectious diseases;
- Develop mathematical, computational, and/or statistical models of infectious disease dynamics;
- Most competitive proposals tend to advance broad, conceptual knowledge that reaches beyond the specific pathogen system under study and that may be useful for understanding public, agricultural or ecosystem health, natural resource use and wildlife management, and/or economic development;
- Proposals typically interdisciplinary in approach and/or the nature of the question(s) being addressed;
- Combination of lab and field studies often feed into model development and validation;



For questions after consulting the RFA, applicants may contact :

- Peter Johnson, National Program Leader, USDA/NIFA, telephone: (202) 401-1896, email: [pjohnson@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:pjohnson@nifa.usda.gov)



### **New Book Published:**

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### **APLU Annual Meeting:**

**Marriott Wardman Park |  
Washington, DC  
November 10 – 12 (Sunday – Tuesday), 2013**

<http://www.aplu.org/page.aspx?pid=146>

**Don't Forget to Register for the  
2013 National Goat Conference**

<http://www.ncat.edu/academics/schools-colleges/1/saes/cooperative-extension/goatconf.html>

Sept. 15-18, 2013, Joseph S. Koury  
Convention Center, Greensboro,  
North Carolina