

## Message from the Chair



### Labor Day



# ARD UPDATES

Dear Colleagues:

Many leadership changes are underway on our campuses. *Dr. Thelma Thompson*, the former President of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and a member of the Council of 1890 Universities retired in August, 2011; *Dr. Hazo Carter*, President of West Virginia State University and Immediate Past Chair of the Council recently announced his upcoming retirement; and *Dr. Joann Haysbert*, President of Langston University and another loyal member of the Council announced her resignation after an Interim President for her position is identified.

We have also welcomed new administrators in the 1890 land grant system in previous *ARD Updates* but it is with great affection that we offer sincerest thanks to our presidents and our beloved former deans and research directors for the dedication and exemplary service they provided to their campuses and thus, all of us. Included along with the appreciation we warmly offer to our former or soon to be former Presidents, we also acknowledge the following individuals who have been stalwarts of our 1890 community—*Dr. Harold Benson*, former dean and director at Kentucky State University and *Dr. Gladys Shelton*, who held similar positions at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Although in positions other than deans or directors on their campuses now, *Dr. Robert Taylor*, *Dr. Donald McDowell*, and *Dr. Zachary Senwo* are still strongly within our ARD family and we will continue to keep them in the fold as they offer to us that same wisdom, loyalty, intellect, experience, and deep commitment to the continuous advancement of the 1890 universities. Their campuses and the ARD benefitted immensely from their endeavors and we gratefully acknowledge their exceptional contributions and know that their efforts will continue to be of tremendous benefit to us all.

We all honor the memory of the recently deceased, *Dr. Richard Morrison*, who was instrumental in getting substantial funding for the 1890s as he served as President of Alabama A&M University for 22 years. All of these 1890 leaders are beams of light for us to follow. I guess that is because, like a quote of James Barrie, “Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it away from themselves.”

Sincerely,

Dyremples Marsh, ARD Chair



### Meeting Reminder

ESS/SAES/ARD Meeting/Workshop

September 26 - 29, 2011

Stanley Hotel, Estes Park, CO

<https://regstg.com/Registration/Introduction.aspx?rid=0aa0b6ed-369b-4ea2-a9f6-2e6999549976>

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## Congratulations Are in Order::



*We welcome **Dr. Jurgen Schwarz** as a new member of the Association of 1890 Research Directors. Dr. Schwarz was appointed to the positions of Acting Dean and Acting Research Director at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore while an active search is underway. He also serves as the Director of the UMES Ph.D. program in Food Science and Technology and oversees the associated Food Science and Technology Center .*

*We also welcome **Dr. Teferi Tsegaye** who, on September 1st, becomes the new Dean of the Kentucky State University College of Agriculture, Food Science and Sustainable Systems and Director of Land Grant Programs. **Dr. Kimberly Holmes** will serve as Associate Dean and Associate Vice President for Inclusion and Innovation in the Division of Academic Affairs.*

### NSF Opportunity

*The National Science Foundation funds a program called Sustainable Research Networks (SRN). The themes included are energy, climate change, food security, coastal systems, fresh water supplies, and altered earth chemistry from nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizer. The Sustainability Research Networks will engage and explore fundamental theoretical issues and empirical questions in sustainability science, engineering, and education that will increase our understanding of the ultimate sustainability challenge - maintaining and improving the quality of life for the nation within a healthy earth system.*

*The goal of the Sustainability Research Networks (SRN) competition is to support the development and coalescence of entities to advance collaborative research that addresses questions and challenges in sustainability science, engineering, and education. SRNs will link scientists, engineers, and educators, at existing institutions, centers, networks, and also develop new research efforts and collaborations.*

*Anticipated Funding Amount: \$36,000,000 pending availability of funds. SRN awards are expected to be 4 to 5 years in duration and budgets must not exceed \$12,000,000 total per award. The budget request must be consistent with the scope of the SRN network proposed. Please see the website at:*

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***Update on the 2013 Biennial Research Symposium:** While we all agree, Atlanta is an ideal location for our symposium because of its proximity to the majority of our campuses. Unfortunately for the weeks of April 6—17, 2013 Atlanta is hosting several very large conferences, conventions and the NCAA Final Four. We have scoured the city and cannot find accommodations for our symposium at any time during that entire two week block. New Orleans only had one hotel that could accommodate our needs, the Marriott New Orleans, and it too is unavailable. Therefore we are visiting hotel properties in Jacksonville, FL, Charlotte, NC, and Greensboro, NC. We will keep you informed.*