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Message from the Chair



Colleagues, my message for this issue of the *ARD Updates* is simple to say but impossible to sufficiently express, **THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

The 15th Biennial Research Symposium was a great success, but only because of the outstanding support provided by each of the 1890 campuses. The support came, not only from our ARD membership, but also from our Presidents and their administrations, from the Association of Extension Administrators, the Deans, the Research and Extension Faculty, Family and Consumer Science professionals, Directors of International Programs, Library Administrators and Liaison Officers. Our Federal and 1862 Partners supported us, not only with their attendance but with financial support as well. The universities sent many from their staff to assist with registration and help with fine tuning of the events. The outstanding

technology professionals made the core of the conference, the presentations, flow just perfectly, and the pictorial presentation of the conference at the banquet was an enjoyable addition to the program. The FVSU jazz band provided exceptional entertainment. The judges, moderators, and award nomination panel were invaluable. The speakers at the plenary sessions, the luncheon, break-out sessions, and the banquet were terrific and the presentations by the scientists made it quite clear that the research and outreach programs at our campuses demonstrate why the 1890s are an indispensable investment for the nation. The Symposium Committee members gave hours and hours of their time for months to ensure the success of this conference and the ARD is greatly indebted to all of them for their commitment and service. Finally, the ARD is committed to "Development

of society-ready graduates who are uniquely trained and in demand to tackle the diverse issues impacting the nation and the world" and our students certainly demonstrated that this commitment is being met. Our students made us extremely proud and we honor them for their conscientious academic achievements. Finally, we congratulate those who received awards for their presentations, research accomplishments and exemplary leadership. On behalf of the Association of Research Directors, Inc. thank you all for the contributions you made in making this, our 15th Research Symposium another ARD success.

Sincerely,

Orlando F. McMeans

Preliminary (Unofficial) Symposium Data

Conference Registrants

743

Alabama A&M Univ. — 60
 Alcorn State Univ. — 41
 Delaware State Univ.— 26
 Florida A&M Univ. — 66
 Fort Valley State Univ.— 58

Kentucky State Univ. — 25
 Langston Univ. — 9
 Lincoln Univ. — 39
 North Carolina A&T — 52
 Prairie View A&M Univ.— 45
 South Carolina State — 46
 Southern Univ. — 47
 Tennessee State Univ. — 24
 Tuskegee Univ. — 77

Univ. of Arkansas Pine Bluff — 41
 Univ. of MD Eastern Shore — 36
 Virginia State Univ. — 23
 West Virginia State — 28
 Graduate Students — 171
 Undergraduate Students — 104
 Total # of Students — 275

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Award Recipients

The 2009 recipient of the Morrison—Evans Outstanding Scientist Award is Dr. Young W. Park, of Fort Valley State University (FVSU).

Dr. Park received his B.S. degree in animal and dairy science from Kon Kuk University, the M.S. degree in physiology and nutrition from the University of Minnesota, the Ph.D. in food chemistry and nutrition from Utah State University, and divinity degrees from Houston Theological Seminary and from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has authored/co-authored more than 230 publications, including seventy-five peer reviewed articles, three books, and 23 book chapters. He is recognized internationally and has been an invited speaker to Finland, France, Brazil, South Africa, Spain, Mexico, Italy and Argentina. His accolades are extensive and consequently he has significantly enhanced research and graduate programs at FVSU. Dr. Park's major research interests are dairy products development and their quality evaluation, especially in goat milk and its products.

The 2009 recipient of the B.D. Mayberry Young Scientist Award is Dr. Dahlia Jackson-O'Brien of Delaware State University (DSU).

Dr. Jackson-O'Brien received her B.S. degree in biology from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), the M.S. in food and agricultural sciences focusing on meat goat reproductive physiology from UMES, and the

Ph.D. in food science and technology from UMES focusing on lamb carcass traits and meat quality. Dr. Jackson was employed by DSU in 2007 and has employment responsibilities in teaching, research and extension. Already she is author/co-author of five refereed publications, numerous extension publications, conducts extension workshops, and teaches two undergraduate courses and a graduate course. She serves as a role model and advisors for secondary school students and undergraduate and graduate students. Dr. Jackson-O'Brien focuses her research on characterizing levels of anthelmintic resistance in gastrointestinal nematodes of small ruminants.

The ARD recognized two of our own for distinguished service to the ARD, **Dr. Stephen Kolison, Jr.** who is now employed as an administrator by the University System of Wisconsin and **Robert L. Phillips, Jr.** who is retired from South Carolina State University. Also honored for exemplary leadership and strong dedication to the advancement of the 1890s were **Dr. Mortimer H. Neufville**, who recently retired from NASULGC and **Dr. George Cooper**, who became the 10th President of South Carolina State University on July 16, 2008.

The Association of Research Directors, Inc. takes great pride in having had the opportunity to honor these outstanding individuals and offer warmest congratulations to the honorees.

Student Award Winners— Oral Presentations

Emerging Technologies

1st Place Graduate—N.M. Sims, Tuskegee University
2nd Place Graduate (tie)—K.E. Grant, Tuskegee University
2nd Place Graduate (tie) - S.D. Lucas, Fort Valley State Univ.

1st Place Undergraduate— E.G. Gates, Kentucky State Univ.
2nd Place Undergraduate—C. Thomas, N.C. A&T State Univ.

Renewable Resources and Environmental Stewardship

1st Place Graduate—C. Johnson, Virginia State University
2nd Place Graduate—R.L. Chambers, Southern University
1st Place Undergraduate—M.J. Embry, Kentucky State Univ.
2nd Place Undergraduate—A. Hamidi, S. C. State University

Small Scale Agriculture and Rural Development

1st Place Graduate—C. Pomeroy, West Virginia State Univ.

2nd Place Graduate—T.A. Williams, Tuskegee University

1st Place Undergraduate— T.L. Carter, Lincoln University
2nd Place Undergraduate —A.L. Gray, Lincoln University

Food Safety, Human Nutrition and Health

1st Place Graduate—L. Dukes, Alabama A&M University
2nd Place Graduate—M.S. Fullerton, Alabama A&M University

1st Place Undergraduate—A. Rogers, Virginia State Univ.
2nd Place Undergraduate—K.D. Cephas, Univ. MD. Eastern Shore

Human Sciences

1st Place Graduate— Ganesh Thapa, Univ. of AR Pine Bluff
2nd Place Graduate—Abed Rabbani, Univ. of AR Pine Bluff

1st Place Undergraduate—L.C. Payton, Univ. of MD Eastern Shore

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Student Award Winners—Poster Presentations

Emerging Technologies

1st Place Graduate— T. Payton, Florida A&M University
2nd Place Graduate (tie) —D. Ford, Jr., Tuskegee University
2nd Place Graduate (tie) - R. Gist, West Virginia State Univ.

Renewable Resources and Environmental Stewardship

1st Place Graduate—L.D. Reid, Florida A&M University
2nd Place Graduate—G.A. Nnaji, Florida A&M University

1st Place Undergraduate (tie) — L. Mitchell, Lincoln Univ.
1st Place Undergraduate (tie) - N. Grato, Lincoln University

Small Scale Agriculture and Rural Development

1st Place Undergraduate (tie) -N. Keremy, Alcorn State Univ.
1st Place Undergraduate (tie) - J. Burns, Lincoln University

Food Safety, Human Nutrition and Health

1st Place Graduate—D. Gajula, Alabama A&M University
2nd Place Graduate—V.P. Gourineni, Alabama A&M University

1st Place Undergraduate—J. Brooks, N.C. A&T State University
2nd Place Undergraduate—D. Sutherland, N.C. A&T State Univ.



Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program

The U.S. agricultural population is poised to make a dramatic change - half of all current farmers are likely to retire in the next decade. According to the 2007 Census of Agriculture, the average age of farm operators was 57 years. Farmers over the age of 55 own more than half the farmland in the U.S. But the number of new farmers and ranchers over the age of 35 is increasing, as is the number of smaller farms and ranches nationwide. To address the needs of this changing generation, Section 7410 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub .L. No. 110-234) amended Section 7405 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 and made available in Fiscal Year 2009, \$17.2 million to fund a Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP). According to these legislations, a beginning farm is considered to be one that is operated by one or more operators who have 10 years or less of experience operating a farm or ranch. In 2007, approximately 21 percent of family farms met that definition.

Due Date for Proposals	May 13, 2009
Anticipated Award Date	October 1, 2009
Estimated Total Program Funding	\$17,280,000.00
Range of Awards	\$0.00 to \$300,000.00
Cost Sharing Requirements	At least equal to 25% of federal funds awarded
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