

Message from the Chair



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Dear Colleagues:

The political and fiscal climate in Washington, DC has made for unusual circumstances. Normally the System's Budget and Advocacy Committee would have been visiting the Hill to advocate for increases in budget lines for FY 2012. Instead, the 2011 budget is still being hammered out. Right now the status can be seen below:

NIFA Lines	Enacted in FY2010	House Continuing Resolution (CR)	President's Budget	Senate's CR
<i>Evans Allen</i>	48.5M	51M	48.5M	51M
<i>Hatch</i>	215M	221M	204.25M	253.943M
<i>1890 Extension</i>	42.677M	42.677M	42.677M	42.677M
<i>Smith-Lever</i>	297.5M	267.673M	282.625M	302.209M
<i>Cap. Bldg. Grants</i>	18.25M	20.5M	20.075M	19.1M
<i>1890 Facilities</i>	19.77M	19.77M	19.77M	19.77M
<i>McIntire-Stennis</i>	29M	34.8M	27.55M	32M
<i>AFRI</i>	262.482M	227.8M	324.655M	280M

As you can see above, in a time of "cut, cut, cut," the House's CR was surprisingly favorable to the 1890s and the line most negatively impacted is Smith-Lever, which is Cooperative Extension at the 1862 institutions and the Senate came back to help them. The advocacy efforts will be focused on seeking the highest amount which is seen above in tan. Then the process will be repeated for the FY2012 budget. We will keep you informed.

As for the 2012 Farm Bill, like all other sections of the System, the 1890s will request that the 2012 Farm Bill reauthorize all 1890 lines of the 2008 Farm Bill with no attention to funding amounts so that we do not put ourselves in the way of the budget cutting/program cutting process that is the mindset of the new Congress.

Sincerely,

Dyremple Marsh, Chair

The Symposium Technology Committee is working on the method of how the power point presentations can be sent in advance of the symposium. Emails and the website will update you accordingly.

**Please continue to visit the symposium website for updates:
www.umes.edu/ard/1890Symposium.**

The block of rooms at the Marriott Marquis have sold out, even after we were allowed to add more. The Symposium Steering Committee is awaiting a contract with the adjoining hotel, the Hilton. Once the contact is finalized, announcements will be made by email and on the website. We are sorry for this inconvenience.

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Tentative Program of Events for the 2011 Biennial Research Symposium

Saturday, April 9, 2011

Registration - 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Judges and Moderators' Meeting— 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Sunday, April 10, 2011

Poster/Exhibitor Set-Up— 6:00 AM –3:00 PM

Registration— 8:00 AM—5:00 PM

Student Competitive Paper Sessions-8:30 AM-4:00 PM

Break-10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Lunch (on your own)

Break-2:00 PM-3:00 PM

Student Competitive Poster Judging -3:30PM-6:00 PM

Exhibit Hall Opening (Ribbon Cutting) - 6:45PM-7:00PM

Welcome Reception- 7:00PM-9:00 PM

Monday, April 11, 2011

Continental Breakfast — 7:00AM-8:15 AM

Registration — 8:00AM—5:00 PM

General (Opening Session) - 8:30AM—10:00 AM

Break—10:00AM—10:30 AM

Exhibit Viewing; Posters with Authors—10:00AM—
11:45 AM

Monday, April 11, 2011 continued

Student Awards Luncheon—12:00PM—1:45 PM

Exhibit Viewing—2:00PM—6:00PM

Scientist Oral Presentations—2:00PM—6:00 PM

Break—3:00PM—3:30PM

Natural Resource Faculty Meeting—7:00PM—9:00PM

Dinner (on your own)

Student Social—9:00pm—12:00 AM

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Continental Breakfast—7:00AM—7:45 AM

Registration 8:00AM—4:00PM

Plenary Session - 8:00AM—10:00 AM

Break-10:00 AM—10:30 AM

Exhibit viewing—10:00AM—noon

Lunch (on your own) - 12:00PM—1:00 PM

Concurrent Workshops—1:30 PM—6:00 PM

Poster/Exhibit Breakdown—1:00PM—5:00 PM

Break—3:00PM—3:30PM

Morrison-Evans & B.D. Mayberry Awards Banquet
7:00PM—10:00 PM

Workshops will be concurrent and may be repeated:

1. Trends and Emerging Issues in Soil Microbial Ecology: Challenges and Opportunities: (Drs. Zachary Senwo and Ramble Anku-mah, moderators) – 2 hours 30 minutes
2. 1890 Capacity Building Grants (Dr. Ali Mohamed) – 1 hour 30 minutes twice
3. Southern SARE Funding Opportunities (Dr. Jeff Jordan and Mr. James Hill) – 1 hour 30 minutes twice
4. Impact Writing Workshop (developed by 1890 Extension) – 1 hour 30 minutes twice
5. Funding Programs for Children's Environmental Health Initiatives (EPA) – 1 hour 30 minutes twice
6. FSIS International Opportunities (Cheryle Blakely) – 1 hour 30 minutes twice
7. Higher Education for Development: International Opportunities (Kellee Edmonds) – 1 hour 30 minutes twice
8. **Student workshops** (federal agency presenters) - - Applying for government jobs, resume writing, summer employment/ internship and graduate school interviewing, and presentation on media and social networking – some will be presentations for large audiences, some will be small sessions, and some will be by individual appointments.