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Holding the Heartland Together

South Dakota State University

Announcements . . .

The South Dakota World Affairs Council offers the campus community the opportunity to participate in a **symposium on “BRAZIL – A RISING POWER IN THE GLOBAL ORDER”** on Friday, January 30, 2009, 1:00-5:00 p.m., Volstorff Ballroom, SSU.

The **Spring Faculty Development Conference of the Collaboration for the Advancement of College Teaching and Learning** is scheduled for February 13-14, 2009, at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, Bloomington, MN. The theme is “The Learning Educator: Fostering Our Own Development for Better Practice and Results.” The conference and registration information is available on the Internet at: www.collab.org. Provost and Vice President Peterson has again agreed to provide funding to cover registration fees and transportation costs for 10 faculty members who wish to attend (Jan 28 deadline).

You are encouraged to be watching developments during the current legislative session regarding issues relative to SDSU and its employees. **You may contact your legislators by logging on to the legislative website:** <http://legis.state.sd.us/who/index.aspx>.

USDA-CSREES has released the RFA for the Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative at: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/PAS_OREI_RFA.pdf

Soybean Breeding Research Interviews . . .

Feb. 02 – Dr. Md Safiullah Pathan, U. Missouri Delta Ctr
Feb. 04 – Dr. Guo-Liang Jiang, United Genetics Seeds Co
Feb. 06 – Dr. Pawan Singh, CIMMYT, Mexico

Accounting Reminders . . .

- (1) When an item ordered on a purchase order is received, the packing slip needs to be sent to Denise Pike or she needs to be notified by email when a shipment is received.
- (2) Please turn in all receipts with the correct account number indicated on each.

Call for Student Papers . . .

The 17th S.D.S.U. American Indian History and Culture Conference will be held March 31-April 1, 2009. Students are invited to present papers on any aspect of Indian history or culture. Students interested in

presenting a paper are encouraged to send an abstract either by post or E-mail by March 15, 2009, to Delmer Lonowski, delmer.lonowski@sdstate.edu, 306 SSB.

Quantitative Genetics Position Interviews . . .

Feb. 16-18 - Dr. Baohong Guo, Iowa State Univ.
Feb. 18-20 – Dr. Jixiang Wu, Mississippi State
(Contact Sharon Clay for more information.)

USDA-ARS (NCARL) Seminar Series 2009

Jan 14:	1) Kurt Rosentrater	10:00-10:30 a.m.
	2) Shannon Osborne	10:30-11:00 a.m.
Jan 28:	3) Walt Riedell	10:00–10:30a.m.
	4) Louis Hesler	10:30–11:00 a.m.
Feb 11:	5) Randy Anderson	10:00–10:30 a.m.
	6) Jonathan Lundgren	10:30–11:00 a.m.
Feb 25:	7) Joe Pikul	10:00–10:30 a.m.
	8) Mike Lehman	10:30-11:00 a.m.

Seminar Titles:

1. ‘Improving the Value and Utilization of Distillers Grains’
2. ‘Sustainable Feedstock Production: Maintaining Soil and Crop Quality’
3. ‘Cover Crops: Agronomic Uses and Benefits’
4. ‘Effects of Cover Crops on Insects in Corn and Soybean’
5. ‘Reducing Herbicide Need in Soybean and Corn’
6. ‘Pest Management Benefits of Biodiversity in Cropland’
7. ‘Soil/Crop Management: Tools to Improve Soil Quality?’
8. ‘The Benefits of Biologically-Healthy Soil’

Project Leaders and Employee Supervisors . . .

Please remember to always email Anita Wells and Denise Pike whenever student positions have ended or when student employees resign.

AD-421 CRIS Reports - Due February 1, 2009 . . .

All project leaders need to submit their CRIS reports (AD-421) electronically using the web-based system on the Internet. The system can be accessed through the campus network or through dialup Internet access. The browser requirements are Netscape 2.02 or higher or MS Internet Explorer 3.0 or higher. **Please refer to the 11/20/08 memorandum from Janean Caugherty for appropriate reporting guidelines.**

Plant Science/NCARL Spring 2009 Seminars . . .

Regular Monday seminars will be held 3:00-4:00 p.m. in SAG room 100B. Speaker schedule is as follows:

- Jan 26 – David Clay, SDSU Plant Science**
- Feb 02 – Gray Tappan, USGS/EROS Data Center**
- Feb 09 – Jeff Stein, SDSU Plant Science**
- Feb 16 – Holiday – NO SEMINAR**
- Feb 23 – Brent Hulke, USDA-ARS NCSL (Fargo)**
- Mar 02 – Kurt Reitsma, SDSU Plant Science**
- Mar 09 – R. Jay Goos, NDSU**
- Mar 16 – Michael Lehman, USDA-ARS NCARL**
- *Mar 23 – Tom Caspar, USDA-ARS NSTRL (Ames)**
- Mar 30 – Susan Moser, Iowa State University**
- Apr 06 – Matt Liebman, Iowa State University**
- Apr 13 – Easter Monday – NO SEMINAR**
- Apr 20 – George Heimpel, University of Minnesota**
- Apr 27 – Zuhair Masri, ICARDA**

**Dybing Lecture*

Ms. **Janet Moriles** received a graduate student travel grant from the WSSA society to attend the WSSA meetings that will be held in Feb., 2009 in Orlando, FL.

Staff Changes . . .

New MS graduate assistant **Tabitha Christner** has joined the Weed Science/Precision Farming project. She will be examining Rangeland Ecology using fire management with Dr. S. Clay, Dr. D. Clay, and Dr. A. Smart (Animal and Range Science).

Jiuhuan Feng of the USDA Northern Crop Science Laboratory in Fargo, ND, has assumed the new position of Lab Manager for the seed molecular biology laboratory. Ms. Feng began her new duties on 1/22/09.

Visiting Research Scholar **Andres Patrignani** of Argentina arrived 01/22/09 to work with Drs. Howard Woodard and Ron Gelderman in soil fertility and spring wheat research.

Dr. Gary Lemme has returned to a research position in Plant Science and his new office number is SAG 220, telephone 4597.

Zeno Wicks, III has moved his office from SNP to SAG 114. His telephone contact will remain 5542.

We welcome **Richard (Kyle) Heimerl** as a new MS graduate research assistant working with Tom Schumacher. Kyle received his undergraduate degree in soil science from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Larry Osborne is advising new PhD graduate assistant **Yuba Raj Kandel** who arrived 01/05/09. Yuba is a native of Kathmandu, Nepal, and obtained his BS and MS degrees from Tribhuvan University.

Brad Carsrud assumed a graduate research assistantship appointment in crop breeding research effective 01/12/09; Brad will be advised by Bill Berzonsky.

Former hourly employee with the soil and water project, **Hye-Jin Park**, has assumed an assistantship appointment for Spring Semester to work on a PhD degree program.

Staff Concerns . . .

Kurtis Reitsma had the misfortune to fall on the ice last week and he is now recovering from a broken leg. It will be 2-3 weeks before Kurt will be able to return to the office. Get well wishes may be sent to 601 S. Mary Drive, Tea, SD 57064.

QUOTE OF THE DAY . . .

'Don't let the fear of the time it will take to accomplish something stand in the way of your doing it. The time will pass anyway; we might as well put that passing time to the best possible use.'

-- Earl Nightingale (1921-89)--

Job Listings . . . (posted at each building)

USDA-ARS (Brkgs) – Ag Science Res Tech, NCARL 01/29/09
SDSU CES (Bennett Co) – Farm Bus Mgmt Educator, BS/MS, 02/06/09

SDSU Plant Science – Research Associate II, Wheat Pathology
SDSU Plant Science – Grad Res Asst-Entomology/Agron, BS/MS, Spring 09

Calendar Dates . . .

- Feb. 01 AD-421 CRIS Reports Due
- Feb. 03 Dakota Lakes Annual Mtg, 1 pm
- Feb 06 Last day to submit Spring 09 grad applications
- Feb. 09 Banner Training – 10 am, SAG 150
- Feb. 16 President's Day Holiday
- Feb. 18 NE Farm Advisory Board Mtg, 10 am
- Feb. 26 Pres. Chicoine mtg w/ABS faculty, 3 pm, DM100
- Mar 06 Farming Systems Forum – SSU Volstorff
- Mar 09-13 SPRING BREAK

