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Elderberry work recognized by NACAA



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The National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA), which is the professional society for agriculture extension workers, sent out the call for noteworthy extension and outreach efforts. Any activity over the past three years could be submitted.

Patrick Byers, the Regional Horticulture Specialist at the Greene County Extension office, saw firsthand the extension work done with elderberry in Missouri, and submitted work in the category of crop production. He summarized the work as the “Missouri Elderberry Development Program” and highlighted the Comprehensive Elderberry Workshop organized by the MU Center for Agroforestry and Riverhills

Harvest, the Farmers’ Forum at the 2013 International Elderberry Symposium, the Elderberry Festivals hosted by Terry Durham and publications such as “Growing and Marketing Elderberries in Missouri” and “Elderberry Market Research Report,” among other activities.

The elderberry work is now a state and national winner of the NACAA Search for Excellence in the category of crop production. This award recognizes the quality of service all involved provide to the elderberry industry. A stipend went with the award, and will be used to support Patrick Byers’ travel to the national NACAA meeting over the summer. Byers will accept the award on behalf of those involved with Missouri elderberry production.

CAFNR research incentive fund award

Dr. Chung-Ho Lin received a \$3,750 CAFNR research incentive fund award to support an ongoing international exchange program between MU and Costa Rica. The project is entitled “Development of the Knowledge Exchange Platform between MU and UCR for Enhancing Education and Research Capacity on Bioanalytical Chemistry Research.” The objective is to support Drs. Chung-Ho Lin, MU Center for Agroforestry, Teng Teeh Lim, MU Department of Biological Engineering, and Nathan Leigh, MU Department of Chemistry for their one-week visit at the University of Costa Rica (UCR).

Activities

The MU team will work with Professor Omar Rojas at UCR to: 1) develop MU-UCR inter-institutional multidisciplinary learning and knowledge exchange in the areas of analytical chemistry, biofuel/bioenergy, air quality monitoring/forecasting, pollution remediation and agrochemical analysis; 2) identify the research/educational opportunities, knowledge gaps, and institutional cooperation in the area of analytical science to strengthen the collaborative partnerships; 3) enhance the transfer of knowledge developed at MU related to modern chromatography, mass spectrometry, signal processing and spectroscopic analytical techniques; and 4) develop a strategic plan to secure extramural funding to build critical analytical infrastructures at UCR and to sustain the established collaborative programs.

Visiting professors to MU for seminars



From far left:
Dr. P.K.R. Nair,
Dr. Vimala Nair,
Dr. Eduardo
Somarriba

Dr. P.K.R. Nair (Distinguished Professor and Director of the Center for Subtropical Agroforestry) and Dr. Vimala Nair (Prof. of Soil and Water Science) from the University of Florida visited MU on April 25, 2014. Dr. P.K.R. Nair presented a seminar entitled, “Ecology–Economy Conflict and Ecosystem Sustainability” and Dr. V. Nair presented a roundtable discussion on “Challenges in Soil Phosphorus Assessing and Monitoring”.

Dr. Eduardo Somarriba, head of the Agroforestry and Sustainable Agriculture Program at CATIE (Turrialba, Costa Rica) for nearly three decades and currently the coordinator of the CGIAR global program on “Forests, Tree, and Agroforestry”, visited MU on May 1, 2014. He conducted a roundtable discussion with UMCA faculty and staff and presented a seminar entitled “CGIAR Research Program on Forests, Trees and Agroforestry.”

Upcoming Events

End of May 2014 —
New issue of Green Horizons heads to mailboxes and inboxes alike by the end of the month. To get the e-version sent to you, email: goldm@missouri.edu

June 1, 2014 —
TRIM grants due
More information on Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance cost-share grant applications can be found at: mdc.mo.gov/node/11123

June 4, 2014 —
Alternative Agriculture Field Day, 1 - 7 p.m., Alan T. Busby Farm; Jefferson City, Mo. Register for \$5 (includes dinner) by May 30 at: (573) 681-5967 or DeOrnellisC@LincolnU.edu

June 8 - 11, 2014 —
Walnut Council Annual Meeting; Manhattan, Kansas
More information online at: www.walnutcouncil.org



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