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# Bulletin Board

## Agronomy

**October 2, 2009**

### **Special Strategic Planning Staff Meeting with Dean and Associate Deans**

**Thursday, October 8, 2009**

**10:30-11:00 am**

**LILY 2-425**

Meeting scheduled to meet with Dean Akridge and Associate Deans to discuss and review the Strategic Plan. All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend.

To give faculty and staff a chance to review the Plan before the meeting, please check the following web-site :

[http://www.ag.purdue.edu/Documents/strategicplan/AgricultureStrategicPlan\\_2009.pdf](http://www.ag.purdue.edu/Documents/strategicplan/AgricultureStrategicPlan_2009.pdf)

### **Agriculture Faculty and Staff,**

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on **Thursday, October 22** to honor and celebrate **Dr. Gebisa Ejeta, winner of the 2009 World Food Prize.**

The World Food Prize is the foremost international award recognizing the achievements of individuals who have advanced human development by improving the quality, quantity or availability of food in the world. Dr. Ejeta was awarded the prize for his work on sorghum germplasm that has improved the food supply for more than half a billion people in several African countries. His work has enhanced the quality of seeds and has greatly improved yields, and he worked to lay the foundation for a commercial seed industry in the Sudan and Niger.

Our celebration on October 22 will begin with a special lecture by Dr. Ejeta at 2:00 p.m. in Fowler Hall, Stewart Center, followed by a reception in the Purdue Memorial Union South Ballroom. Both events are open to the public.

Gebisa Ejeta is truly one of Purdue University's points of pride. We look forward to celebrating his achievements on October 22 and we hope you will be able to join us.

### **ACRE Safety Thought #38**

For many ACRE researchers and workers the fall harvest means the use of harvesters, sellers, and threshers. These powered mechanical devices can be hazardous. The use of shields over moving and rotating pulleys, belts, chains, and shafts can greatly reduce the chance of entanglement. Additionally operators should keep hands and feet away from the input throat when feeding plant material into the device.

Avoid wearing loose clothing, sweatshirt draw strings, dangling jewelry, and other entanglement objects.

Also remember to turn off the power or engine to the device when cleaning or repairing it. Stay away from engaged PTO shafts (Power Take-off Shafts) and never step over an operating PTO.

Plan, think, and work safely at ACRE.

Jim

**UNITED WAY**—Please return your pledge cards to the main office. Remember United starts with U.

**MISSION STATEMENT** - The Agronomy Department at Purdue University provides progressive and relevant undergraduate, graduate and extension education programs; conducts high impact fundamental and applied research at multiple scales to ensure that our science addresses immediate problems and anticipates future challenges; actively engages partners in the public and private sectors; and contributes to the development of the national and international agenda for research and education.

# CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

## AGRONOMY

“Genomics of the Triticeae-Fusarium Graminearum Interaction”,  
Gary Muhlbauer, University of Minnesota  
Monday, October 5, 3:30 pm  
Lily 2-425

## ENTOMOLOGY

Developing recombinant inbred lines between Glycine Max and Glycine soja cultivars, to map agronomically important traits,  
Trulie Thorley, Dept. of Entomology  
Oct 8, 3:45 pm Whistler Room 116

## NATIONAL SOIL EROSION RESEARCH LABORATORY SEMINAR SCHEDULE

“Solute Transport in Eroded and Rehabilitated Prairie Landforms”,  
Dr. Sharon Papiernik, North Central Soil Lab, Morris, MN  
October 21, 10:30 am in NSERL Conference

## FORESTRY & NATURAL RESOURCES

Forest products laboratory and forest conservation topics, Dr. Alex Wiedenhoef, Madison, Wisconsin  
October 6, 2009 3:30 pm  
Deans Auditorium Pfindler Hall

## BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

“Genetics & functional genomics of complex developmental life history strategies in salmonid fishes,  
Krista Nichols, Purdue University  
October 7 3:40 pm  
MJIS 1001

## HORTICULTURE & LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

MscS-Like Channels in Plants: Conserved and Novel Functions,  
Elizabeth Haswell  
Thursday, October 8, 3:30 pm  
Room 117 Horticulture Building  
Receptions at 3:10 in HORT 217

## BOTANY & PLANT PATHOLOGY

“Beyond the genome sequence: Unraveling the complex biology of rice blast disease”,  
Dr. Ralph Dean, North Carolina State University  
Wednesday, October 7, 2009  
3:30 pm Whistler Room 116

## BIOCHEMISTRY

New Technologies for Monitoring Phosphorylation Signaling in Cells  
Laurie Parker  
Joe Garner, Purdue University  
October 6, WSLR 116 4:00—5:00 pm

## PLANT BIOLOGY STUDENT/POSTDOC SEMINAR SERIES

“heartwood Formation in Juglans nigra”,  
Keith Woeste Hardwood Tree Improvement & Regeneration Center  
October 14, Wednesday Noon (bi-weekly)  
Whistler Room 116

## BIOFORMATICS SEMINAR SERIES

“Bibliomics, Literature Mining, and Biomarker Discovery”  
Matthew Palakal, the School of Informatics and Computer Science in the School of Science at Indiana University Purdue University, Indianapolis  
HORT 117;  
September 29, 2009, 4:30pm

## EAS SEMINAR SCHEDULE

TBA,  
Prof. An Yin, UCLA  
Prof. Francisca October 8, 3:30 pm  
1252 CIVL Bldg.

## PULSe Student Seminar

Redox Sensitivity of F-Acton Dynamics in Neuronal Growth Cones,  
Vidhya Munnamalai, Integrative Neuroscience  
Tuesday, October 6  
PFEN 120 12:00—1:00, drinks will be provided

## **Summer and Fall Examination/Graduation Deadlines for Graduate Students**

- October 16, 2009 Last day for “exam/degree only” registrants to submit the appropriate Report of Final Examination and the Thesis Receipt forms. If these two forms are not received in the Graduate School, the registration will be revised to research credits (Does not apply to non-thesis master’s candidates.)
- December 4, 2009 Last day for students to pass the final examination. Signed candidate/certification forms and final examination reports must be returned to the Graduate School, Room 170, Young Hall (YONG). Students for whom a final report is not received will not be able to graduate in December. (Final examination reports are not required for non-thesis master’s students).
- December 11, 2009 All master’s and Ph.D. candidates must submit their dissertation via Electronic Thesis Deposit (ETD), at least 24 hours prior to their scheduled appointment. All required forms must be deposited at their mandatory, scheduled, final deposit appointment in the Thesis/Dissertation Office, Room 170, Young Hall (YONG). Deposit appointments can be made by calling 765-494-2600 or e-mail [gradinfo@purdue.edu](mailto:gradinfo@purdue.edu).
- December 19, 2009 Doctoral students must have taken preliminary examinations by this date to be eligible for December 2010 graduation (assuming student registered Spring 2010 and Summer 2010).

## **Winter 2009 Graduation Fair**

Wednesday, October 21

Thursday, October 22

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Dick and Sandy Dauch Alumni Center

Each candidate will have the opportunity to indicate participation in the ceremony, rent a cap and gown, etc. Please bring your student identification card with you.