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# Bulletin Board

## Agronomy

### CONGRATULATIONS GEBISA!

June 12, 2009

Yesterday I had the distinct pleasure to travel to Washington DC to attend the announcement by Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, that Gebisa had been selected as the 2009 recipient of the World Food Prize. It was a special moment to stand in the State Department among a crowd of 200+ individuals from all over the world and to hear the words that one of our esteemed colleagues in our department had been selected for the most prestigious recognition in agriculture. The WFP was developed by Dr. Norman Borlaug, Nobel Laureate, to serve as the equivalent of the Nobel Prize in Agriculture. The list of past recipients is truly impressive. Gebisa is the 27<sup>th</sup> recipient of this award and I have attached the list of Laureates at the end of this email. By the way, Purdue is the only university that has been honored with two World Food Prize recipients. In 2007, Phil Nelson, past professor and Head of Food Science at Purdue, received this award for his work on aseptic food processing.

This is a remarkable accomplishment for Gebisa and a source of pride for Agronomy and Purdue. Gebisa's work in sorghum breeding has saved millions of lives in sub Saharan Africa and his commitment to education has developed considerable intellectual capacity in that region of the world. As you recall, one of our grand challenges is international research and education and Gebisa has certainly been a strong advocate in that regard. This is an excellent time for the department to seek ways to build on our international expertise and to enhance our international involvement in developing countries. I know that Gebisa would value that and help assist with this effort.

Gebisa will be officially recognized with the World food Prize during the 2009 Borlaug Dialogue in Des Moines, Iowa Monday, October 12 through Saturday, October 17. He will present the Borlaug Lecture on Monday, October 12 and will receive the WFP Thursday, October 16. Prior to and after that time, I suspect Gebisa will be very busy attending to requests from individuals and organizations from around the world. We will have a reception for Gebisa in the coming weeks to congratulate him. Until then, please offer your personal congratulations.

Regards,

Craig

### ACRE Safety Thought #23

With 35 buildings and barns at the ACRE, cleaning is a challenge.

During the summer many projects decide to clean up their assigned space in barns or bins.

If chemical or biological hazards are present, then extra precautions must be used.

Since regular cleaning many be neglected or deferred to the summer, the amount of dirt, dust, and build-up may increase exposure load.

Barn dust and grain dust can present special hazards due to molds, toxins, or the hanta virus, especially if it is a rodent contaminated area.

Ventilation, bleach solution sprays, and personal protective equipment are all recommended when cleaning these dirty areas.

You might not want to use a "shop vacuum" in these areas since the vacuum may actually pass infected particles into the air more than simple sweeping and mopping.

If farm chemicals are found during clean-up they must be handled and disposed of properly.

Don't hesitate to ask REM for advice and safe procedures for cleaning these areas.

Think, plan, and work safely at ACRE.

Jim

**OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH**—Thursday, June 18  
11:30 at El Rodeo, 140 Howard Ave West Lafayette.  
Please call Sheila Koller at 743-1458 if you would like to attend.

**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.

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

June 12, 2009	Last day for a plan of study to be received by the Graduate School to graduate in August.
June 26, 2009	Last day to declare candidacy for degree for August graduation.
July 10, 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.)
July 24, 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 August. (Final examination reports are not required for non-thesis master’s students).
July 31, 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 <a href="mailto:grad-info@purdue.edu">grad-info@purdue.edu</a> .
August 7, 2009	Doctoral students must have taken preliminary examinations by this date to be eligible for August 2010 graduation (assuming student registered Fall 2009 and Spring 2010).
August 21, 2009	Last day for a plan of study to be received by the Graduate School to graduate in December.
September 23, 2009	Last day to declare candidacy for degree for December graduation.
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 <a href="mailto:gradinfo@purdue.edu">gradinfo@purdue.edu</a> .
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).

**SPECIAL STAFF MEETING—THURSDAY, JULY 9, 8:30 am** in large conference room. This will be Dr. Beyrouthy’s last day in the department. Please plan to attend the staff meeting and reception that will follow.

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