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Bulletin Board

Agronomy

September 11, 2009

Congratulations ! Please join me in welcoming our new graduate student representatives: **Kristin Chandler, Eric Miller, Michael Muenich, Samantha Shoaf, Mirayda Torres, and Anna Verseman**. All of us appreciate your willingness to provide leadership and represent the interests of the students and the Department.

We also want to thank **Kristen Rinehart, Ryan Edwards, Mary-Jane Orr** and **Laurel Royer** for their excellent leadership, time and efforts serving in these capacities in the recent years.

Sincerely,
Herb Ohm

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH—will be going to Szechuan Gardens 945 Saga more Parkway West Lafayette, IN on September 17 at 11:30. For reservations, please call Sheila Koller at 743-1458

IN SYMPATHY—Gregory Lee Mullins 53 of Las Cruces, NM passed away July 18, 2009. He received his Ph.D in Soil/Chemistry/Soil Fertility from Purdue several years ago. He recently served as Department Head of Plant and Environmental Sciences at New Mexico State University.

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.

ACRE Safety Thought # 35

Recently we experienced at “911” emergency at ACRE. We discovered that calling “911” on a hard line telephone may be better than relying on a cell phone. From a hard line telephone the call automatically goes to the correct dispatcher and our address is automatically recorded and displayed for the dispatcher. A cell phone call during the previous emergency was “dropped” and dispatch was unable to respond appropriately until we called back on a hard line. We have a telephone available 24 hours a day in the Research Building for emergency use. If you do use a cell phone it is important to know our address, which is “4540 US Hwy 52 West “ and our city, county, and township. We are at West Lafayette, Indiana, Tippecanoe County, and in Wabash Township.

And, by the way, our sick person felt better by the time the ambulance arrived so the story ended well.

Think, plan, and work safely at ACRE.

Jim

2009 Spirit of the Land-Grant Mission Award—

Presented to Dr. William Field, department of Agricultural & Biological Engineering
3:00 pm Thursday, October 1
Dean’s Auditorium at Pfendler Hall

Don’t forget, the **Harvest Reunion** is coming up on October 3rd and tickets are on sale now. The meal ticket deadline is September 15th. Below is a link to the registration.

<http://www.ag.purdue.edu/agry/Documents/registration.pdf>

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

AGRONOMY

“Agronomic Challenges of turning Miscanthus into a Leading Bioenergy Crop in the US”
Damien Allen, Agronomy Manager
Mendel BioEnergy Seeds
Monday, September 14, 3:30 pm
Lily 2-425

ENTOMOLOGY

Association Mapping of Vector Competence in the Lyme Disease Tick *Ixodes Scapularis*,
Catherine Silva, Dept. of Entomology
September 17, 3:45 pm
Whistler Hall, Room 116

NATIONAL SOIL EROSION RESEARCH LABORATORY SEMINAR SCHEDULE

TBA
Ms. Sara Peel, Coordinator of Watershed Projects,
Wabash River Enhancement Corporation
September 30, 10:30 am in NSERL Conference Room

FORESTRY & NATURAL RESOURCES

Ecology of Harmful Algal Blooms,
Dr. Allen E. Wilson, Dept. of Fisheries &
Allied Aquacultures, Auburn University
September 22, 2009 3:30 pm
Deans Auditorium Pfindler Hall

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

“Regulation of Protease-activated receptor signaling: A trafficking solution to a signaling problem”,
Jo Ann Trejo, University of California
September 16, 3:40 pm
MJIS 1001

BOTANY & PLANT PATHOLOGY

“Introducing grafting to modern agriculture: The Israeli experience”,
Dr. Ron Cohen
Wednesday, September 16, 2009
3:30pm WSLR 116

BIOCHEMISTRY

Pseudouridine Synthases: Revisiting a Reaction Mechanism that Seemed Settled,
Eugene Mueller, Dept. of Chemistry, University of Louisville
September 8, WSLR 116 4:00—5:00 pm

PLANT BIOLOGY STUDENT/POSTDOC SEMINAR SERIES

“The role of serine acetyltransferase (SAT) in nickel tolerance and selenium assimilation in plant”,
Gun-Nam Na(Salt Lab)
September 30, Wednesday Noon (bi-weekly)
Whistler room 116

PULSe Faculty Seminar Series

Olfactory Receptors and Regulation of Tissue Repair in Skeletal Muscle,
Grace Pavlath, Dept. of Pharmacology
School of Medicine Emory University
Monday, September 14th, 2009
PFEN 241 3:00 pm

BIOFORMATICS SEMINAR SERIES

"Dealing with duplicated genes in plant genomes"
Scott Jackson, Dept of Agronomy, Purdue University
HORT 117; September 15, 2009, 4:30pm

EAS SEMINAR SCHEDULE

“Of Elephants, Earthquakes, Caves and Hot Rock-Recent Geological Adventures,”
Dr. Edmund Medley, 2008 Jahns Lecturer
September 17, 3:30 pm
1252 CIVL Bldg.

Summer and Fall Examination/Graduation Deadlines for Graduate Students

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 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).

NSF Graduate Research Fellowships

\$30,000/year for 3 years

<https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/grfp/>

Register: [http://](http://www.gradschool.purdue.edu/workshops)

www.gradschool.purdue.edu/workshops

Contact: The Graduate School Fellowship

Office at fellowships@purdue.edu or 4-

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Graduate School Travel Grants

<http://www.gradschool.purdue.edu/funding/>

A. H. Ismail Interdisciplinary Travel Award

A complete grant announcement can be found at our website along with the submission guidelines



Wabash Sampling Blitz

Volunteer to help sample 200+ sites on tributaries draining to the Wabash River from 3-5 pm on Friday, September 18th.

No training and no equipment!
Simply volunteer and receive a free water bottle!

To volunteer visit <http://tiny.cc/WabashBlitz> or contact Sara Peel at (765) 337-9100 or speel@lafayette.in.gov

The flyer features three small photographs showing volunteers in white shirts and hats working in a stream, likely collecting water samples. The background of the flyer is a scenic view of a river flowing through a lush green forest.