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Agronomy

Agriculture Faculty and Staff,

September 18, 2009

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.

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 website :

http://www.ag.purdue.edu/Documents/strategicplan/AgricultureStrategicPlan_2009.pdf

ACRE Safety Thought # 36

Harvest time has arrived at ACRE for 2009
Wheat planting time is here as well.

That means lots of activity in fields, on roads, and around buildings.

One of my biggest concerns is safe driving at ACRE.

Please drive cautiously and pay attention at the corners and along field edges.

Be especially careful around the building area.

Speed on the main entrance lane should be reduced with the extra traffic added by Beck building activities.

Plan, think, and work safely at ACRE.

Jim Beaty

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

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

“Colorado River Water Supply Risk and Mitigation Under Changing Climate”,
Balaji Rajagopalan, Colorado University—
Boulder
Monday, September 21, 3:30 pm
Lily 2-425

ENTOMOLOGY

The Ants of Indiana,
Tabatha Carroll, Dept. of Entomology
September 24, 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 Pfendler Hall

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

“Cellular heterogeneity: differences that
make a difference in cell polarity and
cancer”,
Steve Altschuler, Dept. of Pharmacology,
University of Texas
September 23, 3:40 pm
MJIS 1001

HORTICULTURE & LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Urban Agriculture: a Vehicle for Social Change,
Lynn Peemoeller, Food Systems Planning
Consultant
Thursday, September 24, 3:30 pm
Room 117 Horticulture Building
Receptions at 3:10 in HORT 217

BOTANY & PLANT PATHOLOGY

“Mind mapping and group writing/editing: A couple of
ideas for reducing the pain of writing”
Dr. Scott Senseman, Dept. Soil & Crop Sciences, Texas
A & M University
Wednesday, September 23, 2009
3:30 pm **PFEN DEANS Auditorium**

BIOCHEMISTRY

Challenges and Opportunities for Computational
Docking in Structure based Drug Design,
Art Olson, Scripps Research Institute
September 22, 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

BIOFORMATICS SEMINAR SERIES

No Seminar
HORT 117;
September 22, 2009, 4:30pm

EAS SEMINAR SCHEDULE

“Modern Era Retrospective-analysis for Re-
search and Applications (MERRA) Global
Water and Energy Budgets”,
Dr. Mike Bosilovich, NASA
September 24, 3:30 pm
1252 CIVL Bldg.

PULSe Student Seminar

Modulating P-Glycoprotein at the Blood-Brain-
Barrier to Enhance the Brain Penetration of CNS
Therapies for Mental and Nervous System Disorders,
Dana Emmert, Membrane Biology
Tuesday, September 22nd
PFEN 120 12:00—1:00, drinks will be provided

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://>

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