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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Plans for the annual SAEA meetings Feb. 3-6 in Mobile, Alabama are well underway and we hope that you are planning to participate. The Executive Committee recently approved a number of changes in this year's agenda that we hope will make the meetings even more valuable to you for professional development. First, Wednesday morning sessions are being eliminated as they have been poorly attended. Note that we still expect people to stay around for the social Tuesday evening, which has historically been a terrific networking opportunity, as we plan to feature Lifetime Achievement Award winners more prominently at this event. A second change is that papers will be scheduled at 20 minute intervals to allow participants to focus on topics of interest and shift rooms if necessary to catch a specific paper. Selected paper sessions will begin first thing on Monday morning. The Presidential Address will be delivered at a group luncheon that day and the first Invited Paper Sessions will follow it. The day will conclude with the Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony as in the past. Tuesday sessions will begin with a Breakfast and Keynote Speaker, followed by an Invited Paper session, with concurrent Selected Paper and Symposia sessions to fill out the schedule Tuesday afternoon. So, please come to Mobile on Sunday (or Saturday if you are involved in the Quiz Bowl) and catch an early flight out on Wednesday....

Calls for Selected Papers, Organized Symposia and Posters. Thanks to Sayed Saghian and Carl Dillon, University of Kentucky, for agreeing to serve as co-chairs of the Selected Paper process this year. President-elect H.L. Goodwin, University of Arkansas, will be coordinating reviews of Organized Symposia and Andrew Muhammad, Mississippi State University, is this year's Poster Committee chair. Proposals for Selected Papers, Organized Symposia and Posters will be submitted electronically through Conference Maker, the system that was pilot-tested last year for Selected Papers. The Calls are included later in this newsletter and may also be found on the SAEA website: www.saea.org. The deadline for submissions is September 15. If you have an idea for meeting content that does not fit the traditional format (for instance, a pre- or post- conference or workshop), please forward a proposal to me (damona.doye@okstate.edu) for the Executive Committee consideration by September 15.

Calls for Awards. This is also the time to begin thinking about nominations for awards. Past-President Kim Jensen is coordinating the Awards Program. Nomination materials for Lifetime Achievement Awards and Awards for Distinguished Professional Contributions (Teaching and Extension) plus Outstanding Master's Thesis and Doctoral Dissertation nominations should be sent to her. Guidelines for submission are provided later in the newsletter

Nominations sought. If you are interested in serving on the SAEA Executive Committee either as President-elect or as a Director or have a colleague who would be a good candidate, please submit names and contact information to the SAEA Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee consists of SAEA President Damona Doye, Past-President Kim Jensen, plus two SAEA members, Eduardo Segarra and Steve Turner: The President-Elect becomes President then continues to serve on the SAEA Executive Committee as Past-President. The Director also serves a three-year term. Our constitution and by-laws suggest that director membership should contribute to the geographical, functional, and organizational representation on the Executive Committee (see front page of newsletter for the current list). Please send nominations for either position to one of the committee members by July 31:

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Online Journal Submission. The JAAE has moved to on-line submissions. Prior to sending, please place the title page and manuscript in separate files and save as a .pdf file. Submit these files along with the cover letter (as .pdf file) to the electronic editorial management system at <http://gemini.econ.umd.edu/jaae>. Additional information on the Journal, abstracts for recent issues, and submission guidelines may be found at <http://www.aces.edu/%7Ehkinnuca/JAAE/>

If you have ideas to improve SAEA or its activities, please e-mail or call me or one of the other Executive Committee members. We want to continue to build a strong professional association and your ideas are valued.

Sincerely,

Damona Doye
SAEA President

Academic Quiz Bowl Competition at the SAEA Annual Meeting in Mobile!!!

Undergraduates and Student Advisors!

Please mark your calendars and start your plans for Mobile! Once again, the Student Section of the SAEA will be coordinating the Academic Quiz Bowl competition, and we are hoping for a record turn-out of schools and student participants. Plans are also in the works to host a graduate program recruitment fair which would provide graduate program coordinators an opportunity to meet, greet and recruit quiz bowl participants for their respective departments. If you have any questions about these plans, please contact James Sterns, Student Section faculty advisor, P.O. Box 110240, 1183 McCarty Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611-0240, Ph. 352.392.1826 ext. 222, FAX 352.846.0988, E-mail jasterns@ufl.ed. Travel grants are available for students participating in Quiz Bowl. Details will be provided in the September Newsletter.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

A. Purpose of the Award: To recognize significant and enduring contributions in scholarship or public service to southern agricultural economics. Scholarship would entail teaching and research, while public service would embrace not only extension but all other outreach activities in government and agribusiness. This award recognizes individual distinguished contributions to the profession over a career.

B. Nature of the Award: The award shall be called "Southern Agricultural Economics Association Lifetime Achievement Award." The winners of the award shall be announced annually with the awards presented at the annual meetings of the SAEA. Each recipient will receive a framed certificate and a free membership to the Southern Agricultural Economics Association for the remainder of his or her life.

c. Eligibility Requirements: Nominees must have completed at least 25 years of professional service and must have made significant contributions to the profession. This award is in recognition of one's contribution to southern agricultural economics throughout a professional career. The award may be given posthumously. The recipient need not live (or have lived) in the southern region, but must have been a member of the Southern Agricultural Economics Association at some time in his or her career.

II. NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations must be made by SAEA members and/or agricultural economics and related departments.

Nominations will consist of the following:

1. A statement, not longer than two double-spaced pages, summarizing the contributions in scholarship (teaching and/or research) and/or public service (extension and other outreach activities including such activities in government or agribusiness) to southern agricultural economics throughout the nominee's professional career.
2. A detailed resume of the nominee.
3. Copies of not more than three published works which exemplify research contributions of the nominee and a brief summary of other works which provide tangible evidence of the nominee's contributions to southern agricultural economics; and/or summaries of courses taught, topics covered, formal evaluations of teaching, and not more than three tangible examples of teaching aids or other tangible examples of extension or outreach program materials exemplifying the nominee's contributions in public service to southern agricultural economics.
4. Letters indicating contributions the nominee has made to southern agricultural economics (maximum of 3).
5. A synopsis of the candidate's career suitable for publication in the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*. See examples in the August issue of the *JAAE*.
6. The Selection Committee for the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Lifetime Achievement Award shall be composed of the Past-President of the SAEA and three members of the SAEA, not on the executive committee, to be appointed to staggered three-year terms by the President. The Past-President will chair the selection committee and will be the liaison between the selection committee and the SAEA executive committee.

III. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

Mail **four copies** of nominations for **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** by **September 15, 2006** (postmarked, 1st class mail, no faxed nominations will be accepted) to:

Kimberly L. Jensen
University of Tennessee
Agricultural Economics
2621 Morgan Circle
Knoxville, TN 37996-4518

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

A. Purpose of the Awards: To recognize significant contributions of individuals to the profession of agricultural economics, to bring such contributions to the attention of the profession, and to facilitate firsthand sharing of such contributions through the annual SAEA meetings.

B. Nature of the Awards: The "Southern Agricultural Economics Association Awards for Distinguished Professional Contributions" are made annually and recipients share their award-winning contributions with the membership at SAEA annual meetings. More than one award may be made each year in each category based on the judgment of evaluation committees concerning the significance of nominated works. Committees shall not be obligated to make awards if no nominee is judged deserving. Each winner will receive a certificate of recognition.

C. Award Categories: Awards are considered for distinguished contributions to the profession in the following categories:

- L Outstanding *JAAE* Article
- L Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award
- L Distinguished Extension Program Award
- L Outstanding Master's Thesis Award
- L Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award

D. Eligibility Requirements: Nominees must be SAEA members and actively involved in the area for which the work is nominated. The contribution nominated may be the work of a single individual or group of individuals. In the case of group awards, one-half or more of the contributing individuals must be SAEA members actively involved in the area of the nominated work. Graduate students must be student members of the SAEA.

E. Selection Criteria: Selection of award winners will be made by committees appointed by the SAEA President except for the Outstanding *JAAE* Article where the selection committee is composed of the *JAAE* Editor, Associate Editors, and the Editorial Council. Criteria used in the selection process include:

1. Relevance and importance of topic, problem, or issue addressed;
2. Application of appropriate economic principles, methods, and concepts;
3. Appropriate use of logic, scientific approach, method, or process;
4. Contribution of results and/or process to advancing the agricultural economics profession; and
5. Transferability of achievement to professional development of other economists.

F. Award Winner Responsibilities: Acceptance of an award carries a commitment on the part of the award winner(s) to attend and share this work, in person, with other members of the profession at the SAEA annual meeting when the award is given. Award recipients are expected to summarize and highlight their accomplishments in a poster presentation at the annual meeting. Poster session guidelines will be made available to award recipients.

G. Notification: Award winners will be notified at least 30 days before the annual meetings.

II. NOMINATION PROCESS

A. Outstanding *JAAE* Article

1. *JAAE* articles appearing in the December 2005 through August 2006 issues will routinely be considered by the selection committee composed of the *JAAE* Editor, Associate Editors, and the Editorial Council. No nominations are required.

B. Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award

1. Statements, no longer than two double-spaced pages, should be submitted by the nominator to the SAEA Past-President. These statements should summarize the contribution of nominated works with respect to the evaluation criteria listed above as they relate to the teaching of a course of instruction.
2. A brief resume of economist(s) nominated and a brief summary of course covered by nomination.
3. A copy of formal evaluations and description of teaching aids or materials supporting nomination (e.g., VHS videotape sample of nominee's teaching would be helpful).
4. Letters supporting contribution of nominated work with respect to the evaluation criteria listed above (maximum of 3).

C. Outstanding Extension Program Award

1. Statements, no longer than two double-spaced pages, should be submitted by the nominator to the SAEA Past-President. These statements should summarize the contribution of nominated works with respect to the evaluation criteria listed above as they relate to the extension program nominated.
2. A brief resume of extension economist(s) nominated and a brief summary of the extension program nominated.
3. A copy of formal evaluations and extension program materials supporting nomination.

4. Letters supporting contribution of nominated work with respect to the evaluation criteria listed above (maximum of 3).

D. Outstanding Master's Thesis Award

1. A thesis must be submitted by the head or chair of the department where the thesis was presented in partial fulfillment of requirements for the Master's degree during the 2005-2006 academic year which started in August. The letter of nomination should include the author's name, thesis advisor(s), thesis title and institution granting the degree.
2. A department may submit one nomination for each fifteen Master's theses or fraction thereof presented to a graduate school faculty in the 2005-2006 academic year which started in August. In determining the number of eligible theses, departments must limit consideration to theses in the areas of agricultural economics, natural resource economics, rural economics, or agribusiness.
3. Selection will be made from documentation approved in final form by the student's advisory committee.
4. A cash supplement of \$200 accompanies the award.
5. Four copies of a thesis must be submitted.

E. Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award

1. A dissertation must be submitted by the head or chair of the department where the dissertation was presented in partial fulfillment of requirements for the Ph.D. during the 2005-2006 academic year which started in August. The letter of nomination should include the author's name, dissertation advisor(s), dissertation title and institution granting the degree.
2. A department may submit one nomination for each twelve doctoral dissertations or fraction thereof presented to a graduate school faculty in the 2005-2006 academic year which started in August. In determining the number of eligible nominations, departments must limit consideration to dissertations in the areas of agricultural economics, natural resource economics, rural economics, or agribusiness.
3. Selection will be made from documentation approved in final form by the student's advisory committee.
4. A cash supplement of \$300 accompanies the award.
5. Four copies of a dissertation must be submitted.

III. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

Mail **four copies** of nominations for the Southern Agricultural Economics Association **Distinguished Professional Contributions Awards** by **September 15, 2006** (postmarked, 1st class mail, no faxed nominations will be accepted) to:

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SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

February 3-6, 2007

Mobile, Alabama

CALL FOR SYMPOSIUM PROPOSALS

Eligibility Guidelines: The purpose of an organized symposium is to stimulate discussion of a single theme or problem related to agricultural economics. Interdisciplinary proposals are welcomed and encouraged. The emphasis on audience discussion and participation distinguishes a symposium from a selected papers session. **Proposals in the areas of Extension/Outreach and Teaching/Learning are strongly encouraged.** At least one participant must be a SAEA member. If not, a check for \$30 for a regular membership for one year (\$35 for international) should be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer of SAEA.

Submission Guidelines: Proposals must be posted at <http://zeus.econ.umd.edu/conference/SAEA2007/> no later than Friday, September 15, 2006. The website will be open for submissions after July 9, 2006. The proposal must include the following items: name, affiliation, address, phone number, and email address of the organizer and the symposium title. Proposals are limited to three pages in length, including the cover page (single or double spaced, 12 point font). Questions regarding submission format for organized symposia should be addressed to **Dr. H. L. Goodwin, University of Arkansas, Ag Economics & Agribusiness, AGRI 217, Fayetteville, AR 72701, Phone 479/575-2283, Fax 479/575-5306, E-mail haroldg@uark.edu**

Selection, Presentation, and Publication: Acceptance decisions, based on evaluations by a committee from among the SAEA membership, will be communicated to the symposium organizer. All proposed participants must agree to be at the meetings, **prior** to submitting symposium proposals. The time allotted to selected symposia will be one hour and 45 minutes, of which at least 45 minutes should include open discussion with the audience. Abstracts of selected symposia will be published in the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*.

Proposal Submission Format:

Page 1:

Organizer: (please include address, phone number, and E-mail address).

Title: Tentative Symposium title.

Abstract: Summary of "Justification and Description" from pages 2 and 3; 100 words maximum.

Moderator and Participants: Names, affiliations, titles, and viewpoints to be represented, for **all** participants. Addresses, phone numbers, and E-mail addresses must also be included for **all** participants.

Format: Specify time allocated to formal statements by presenters, discussion among presenters, and audience participation.

Pages 2 and 3:

Justification and Description: Why is this topic timely and appropriate? What is the purpose to be served? What are the unique dimensions offered by the proposal?

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

February 3-6, 2007

Mobile, Alabama

CALL FOR SELECTED PAPER PROPOSALS

Eligibility Guidelines: Proposals on any aspect of agricultural economics are welcomed (more papers on the subject areas of teaching and extension are especially welcome). Papers presented or published previously are not eligible. To submit a paper proposal, at least one author must be an SAEA member. If not, a check for \$30.00 for a regular membership for one year (\$35 for international) should be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer of the SAEA. No member may submit more than one proposal as senior or sole author.

Submission Guidelines: Proposals must be posted at <http://zeus.econ.umd.edu/conference/SAEA2007/> no later than Friday, **September 15, 2006**. The website will be open for submissions after July 9, 2006. The proposal must include the name, affiliation, address, phone number, and E-mail address of all authors, the title of the paper, and the subject area(s). Proposals are limited to two pages in total length (in addition to the cover page) and should be single-spaced, using a 12 pitch font.

Selection, Presentation, and Publication: Acceptance decisions, based on evaluations by reviewers from among the SAEA membership, will be communicated to authors. If you would like to volunteer to be a Topic Leader or a Reviewer for one of the subject areas, please contact Dr. Carl Dillon or Dr. Sayed Saghaian.

SAEA requires the author of an accepted paper to post an electronic version of the final paper in the *AgEcon Search* website by **Friday, January 12, 2007**. Final manuscripts should not exceed 20 pages in total length (including figures, tables, and references) and must be double spaced on 8.5" x 11" paper. Please see the back cover of a recent issue of the *J. of Agric. and Appl. Econ. (JAAE)* for other format guidelines. Final versions of abstracts (50 words or less) must be submitted by **Friday, January 12, 2007**. Abstracts of selected papers will be published in the *JAAE*. Authors failing to meet the above January 12th deadline will not have their abstract published in the *JAAE* and will be pulled from the program. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Carl Dillon (859-257-3267; cdillon@uky.edu) or Dr. Sayad Saghaian (ssaghaian@uky.edu).

Submission Format:

I. Proposal format (No authors' names in proposal)

a) Objectives

b) Background

c) Data and Methods

d) Results/Expected Results

e) Discussion

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

February 3 - 6, 2007

Mobile, Alabama

CALL FOR SELECTED POSTERS

The Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) is soliciting proposals for posters to be presented at the 2007 annual meeting to be held February 3-6, 2007 in Mobile, Alabama.

Eligibility: Posters on all topics of agricultural and applied economics are welcome. Previously presented or published posters are ineligible. Only one submission per sole or senior author will be considered. At least one author must be an SAEA member. Otherwise, include a check made out to SAEA for an annual membership (\$30 regular or \$35 international).

Selection, Presentation, and Publication: Submissions will be judged on the following criteria:

- (a) relevance to members of the Association;
- (b) importance of the work;
- (c) quality of the work;
- (d) clarity of communication.

Authors of selected posters will be given information on poster preparation for presentation at the SAEA meeting. Presented posters will be judged and winners will be announced at the SAEA awards ceremony. Abstracts of selected posters will be published in the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*.

Submission information:

Poster proposal should be posted at <http://zeus.econ.umd.edu/conference/SAEA2007/> . The website will be open for submissions after July 9, 2006. Questions can be directed to Selected Poster Session Chair:

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Dept. of Agricultural Economics
Mississippi State University
P.O. Box 5187
Mississippi State, MS 39762
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muhammad@agecon.msstate.edu

A poster submission should include the following:

1. The title of the poster; the name and affiliation of each author along with the address, phone number, and E-mail of the corresponding author; an abstract of no more than 50 words; and the subject matter and primary audience that most closely relate to the poster content.
2. A proposal of no more than two, single-spaced pages and a font size of at least 12 points. In narrative form, include (a) the problem statement and importance of work, (b) data and methods, (c) major results and implications, and (d) references.

Submissions must be posted no later than Friday, September 15, 2006.

**Submissions must be posted
by Friday, September 15,**

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

**Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics
College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
University of Georgia**

Position/Title: Extension Economist (Public Service Faculty track) specializing in conservation economics, production economics, and policy; Full-time, 12 month, non-tenure track.

Available: Immediately

Location: University of Georgia- Tifton Campus, Tifton, Georgia

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. The position is partially funded (approximately 25%) through grants from the Georgia Commodity Commissions for Corn, Cotton, and Peanuts which are annually renewable.

Description and Responsibilities: This position will provide critical applied research and Extension programming support for commodity economists and multi-disciplinary teams. Specific duties include but are not limited to the development and revision of crop enterprise and conservation budgets, economic analysis of production practices and new/emerging technologies, and whole-farm budgeting for policy analysis. The successful candidate is required to collect data and conduct analyses in collaboration with commodity economists, specialists/researchers in other disciplines, county Extension agents, and producers. The position is expected to provide leadership and support in the development of Extension programs for the benefit of the state's cotton, peanut, and corn producers through timely applied research and education to improve efficiency, profitability, and resource conservation. Results will be disseminated in relevant outlets.

Qualifications: An M.S. in Agricultural Economics or closely related field is preferred, B.S. required. Experience or working knowledge of production agriculture preferred. The candidate must possess the ability to successfully apply economic principles and quantitative techniques to solve real-world problems. The position requires excellent computer skills including use of spreadsheets (MS Excel) and MS Powerpoint. Experience in web page design and management is also desired. The candidate must possess excellent written and oral communication skills and the personal attributes to successfully lead and participate cooperatively with others. Some travel is required.

General Information: The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Georgia serves the state, region, and nation through the Land Grant missions of teaching, research, and service. The Department has a strong Extension component serving agricultural production and marketing, agribusiness, and rural communities. Extension faculty and staff are located in Athens, Tifton, and Statesboro. Tifton is located in the heart of the state's major agricultural row crop production. The University of Georgia's Tifton Campus includes Cooperative Extension Service, Experiment Station, and USDA faculty and staff totaling approximately 400. There are 8 Agricultural and Applied Economics faculty and staff located at Tifton. More information can be found through the Internet at the following web sites: <http://www.agecon.uga.edu> , <http://www.tifton.uga.edu> , and <http://www.caes.uga.edu>

Application Deadline: July 14, 2006 or until suitable candidate is found. Applications received by July 14, 2006 are assured full consideration.

Application Procedure: Submit a letter of application, current vita, academic transcripts, and request that 3 letters of recommendation be sent to:

Dr. W. Don Shurley
Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics
University of Georgia- Tifton Campus
P.O. Box 1209
Tifton, GA 31793

Phone: 229-386-3512
Email: donshur@uga.edu

**The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution.
Women and Minorities are encouraged to apply.**



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION X0613 Professor of Agricultural Economics - Greever Endowed Chair in Agri-business Development (12-month - Tenure Track)

LOCATION Department of Agricultural Economics, Institute of Agriculture, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

EFFECTIVE DATE November 1, 2006. Screening of applicants will begin on September 1, 2006, and continue until the position is filled.

JOB DESCRIPTION

The objective of the Greever Endowed Chair in Agri-business Development is to expand medium and large scale agriculture-related business in Tennessee. The successful candidate will:

- Provide leadership for statewide extension educational programs focused on development of medium and large scale agriculture-related business;
- Analyze existing and potential business opportunities to identify comparative advantage and development potential, including evaluation of market trends, logistics, and site considerations for new business based on existing and potential livestock/crop production in Tennessee;
- Facilitate business development by communicating existing and potential business opportunities to key agribusiness industry groups;
- Expedite development of market alliances, producer cooperatives, and other business structures as appropriate to facilitate business development;
- Work closely with business executives, producer groups, local officials, government agencies, and interested citizens to promote agri-business development;
- Create synergism among other extension, research, and teaching faculty to develop effective programs for agri-business development;
- Remain abreast of current research and other developments in the area of work;
- Conduct applied research to support the agri-business development program as needed;
- Acquire significant extramural funding and fees to support the extension program;
- Employ appropriate educational methods and media including conferences and workshops;
- Participate in the faculty committee and governance structure of the Department, Institute, and University.

QUALIFICATIONS

Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Economics, Business, or a closely related field is preferred. Knowledge of and experience in business management at the executive level, ability to work effectively with business executives and leaders, ability to function effectively in multi-disciplinary teams, excellent communication and organizational skills, and willingness to travel are required.

SALARY AND BENEFITS

Salary is commensurate with qualifications. Benefits include group health and life insurance, retirement program, workers' compensation, annual and sick leave, other UT and State benefits including liberal time for holidays.

TO APPLY

Send a current curriculum vita, a letter detailing your interest in the position, and names of five professional references to:

Charles R. Hall, Professor (865) 974-7271 Voice
Search Committee Chair (865) 974-9492 FAX
Department of Agricultural Economics E-mail: crh@utk.edu
2621 Morgan Circle, University of Tennessee
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The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex or disability in its education programs and activities pursuant to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

Inquiries and charges of violation concerning Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, ADA or the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) or any of the other above referenced policies should be directed to the Office of Equity and Diversity (OED), 1840 Melrose Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37996-3560, telephone (865) 974-2498 (V/TTY available) or 974-2440. Requests for accommodation of a disability should be directed to the ADA Coordinator at the UTK Office of Human Resources, 600 Henley Street, Knoxville, TN 37996-4125.

The University welcomes and honors people of all races, genders, creeds, cultures, and sexual orientations, and values intellectual curiosity, pursuit of knowledge, and academic freedom and integrity.

Food Distribution Research Society - 2006 Annual Conference Call for Research Reports, Updates, and Posters

The society invites submissions of Research Reports and Research Updates for the Annual Conference, to be held October 14-18, 2006, in Quebec City. The conference theme is "Knowledge, A Strategic Input in Food Distribution," will be explored in major sessions that will examine a variety of topics.

Research Reports are scholarly papers focusing on the results of research efforts in any food distribution area from the farm gate through retail. Reports will be evaluated and accepted on the basis of one-page abstracts that describe the research and its relevance to food distribution issues. Presentations of research reports will be limited to 20 minutes each.

Research Updates are synopses of research or educational work (1) recently completed, (2) in progress, or (3) to be undertaken within the next year. To give an update, submit a maximum one page description of the update. Presentations of updates will be limited to 10 minutes each. For more information visit our website, <http://fdrs.ag.utk.edu/>

Direct questions about Research Update and Research Report submissions to:

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Washington, DC 20250
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All materials should be postmarked no later than June 30, 2006. Authors will be notified about the status of their submissions by August 31, 2006.

Posters

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