

ESS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Marikis Alvarez, Chair

*Fall ESS Business Meeting
Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge, Charlotte, NC
September 30, 2015*

PREVIOUS ESS EXCELLENCE IN MULTISTATE RESEARCH AWARD WINNERS

2008: *NC229 - Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Disease: Methods for the Integrated Control, Prevention and Elimination of PRRS in United States Swine Herds*

2009: *S1039 - Biology, Impact and Management of Soybean Insect Pests in Soybean Production Systems*

2010: *NE1033 - Biological Improvement of Chestnut through Technologies that Address Management of the Species, its Pathogens and Pests*

2011: *S1032 - Improving the Sustainability of Livestock and Poultry Production in the United States*

PREVIOUS ESS EXCELLENCE IN MULTISTATE RESEARCH AWARD WINNERS

2012: *NCERA208 - Response to Emerging Threat: Soybean Rust*

2013: *SERA005 - Sweet Potato Collaborators Conference*

2014: *W2128 - Microirrigation for Sustainable Water Use*

2015 ESS EXCELLENCE IN MULTISTATE RESEARCH AWARD NOMINEES

NC140: Improving Economic and Environmental Sustainability in Tree-Fruit Production Through Changes in Rootstock Use

NE1201: Mycobacterial Diseases of Animals

S1049: Integrated Management of Pecan Arthropod Pests in the Southern U.S.

W3122: Beneficial and Adverse Effects of Natural, Bioactive Dietary Chemicals on Human Health and Food Safety

2015 ESS EXCELLENCE IN MULTISTATE RESEARCH AWARD

National Winner

*NC140: Improving Economic
and Environmental
Sustainability in Tree-Fruit
Production Through Changes
in Rootstock Use*



ESS EXCELLENCE IN MULTISTATE RESEARCH AWARD FUNDING

- *Use of \$15,000 of off-the-top MRF as award to national winner*
- *Up to \$5000 for travel to award ceremony*
- *Balance of funds to support activities which enhance & contribute to research and/or outreach objectives of project*

ESS EXCELLENCE IN MULTISTATE RESEARCH AWARD GUIDELINES FOR 2016

- *National Award submissions now limited to 3 pages, plus a 1-page appendix listing participating stations. Regional awards, however, may utilize additional documents to select their nominee.*
- *Regional associations may review, edit and finalize their nomination prior to the final submission*
- *May 30 – Regional associations submit final regional nominations to ESCOP Science & Technology Committee*

ESS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: PATH FORWARD FOR 2016

- *Face-to-face meeting on October 1, monthly/quarterly calls thereafter*
- *Formalized S&T committee guidelines*
- *Open access to publications and data*
- *Continued discussion on various Federal agency, foundation, and related entities reports (Riley Foundation, AGree, NRC Reports and NIFA Updates, NIFA Centers of Excellence, Commodity Boards, etc.) with recommendations to ESCOP*
- *Other topics*
 - *Signature Programs (e.g. breeding)*
 - *Water Security and related issues*
 - *Listening Sessions*
 - *Development of Crosscutting programs (Biomedical, Vet, Eng)*
 - *Other*