

Item 6.0

ESCOP Science and Technology Committee Agenda Brief

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For information only

The committee has begun to hold regular conference calls on the fourth Monday of each month. These are scheduled from February through June. Tentatively, we are planning a face-to-face during the July Joint COPS meeting. The current S&T Committee membership is shown below.

<p>Chair: John Russin (SAAESD)</p> <p>Delegates: Larry Curtis (WAAESD) David Thompson (WAAESD) Joe Colletti (NCRA) Deb Hamernik (NCRA) Cameron Faustman (NERA) Adel Shirmohammadi (NERA) Nathan McKinney (SAAESD) Harald Scherm (SAAESD) Teferi Tsegaye (ARD) Marakis Alvarez (ARD)*</p> <p>Executive Vice-Chair Jeff Jacobsen (NCRA)</p>	<p>Liaisons: Terry Nelsen (ERS) Cliff Gabriel (OSTP) Adrianna Hewings (ARS) Frank Zalom (Pest Mgmt Subcom) Edwin Price (ICOP) Scott Loveridge (Social Sci Subcom) Bob Holland (NIFA) Muquarrab Qureshi (NIFA)</p> <p>*Chair elect</p>
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The S&T Committee initial discussion (2/23/15) was focused on the NRC Report on Spurring Innovation in Food and Agriculture: A Review of the USDA AFRI Program and the subsequent webinar with the Committee and the NIFA Response.

HORIZON TOPICS for S&T Committee:

+Future of down-sized signature research programs (e.g. plant breeding)

+Water security

+Participation in NIFA and other stakeholder listening sessions

+Broader engagement with other groups (e.g. Task Force on anti-microbial resistance)

+Open Access Data

+NEW REPORT (12/2014): Pursuing a Unifying Message – Elevating Food, Agricultural and Natural Resources Research as a National Priority (www.rileymemorial.org)

+NEW NRC REPORT (1/2015): Critical Role of Animal Science Research in Food Security and Sustainability (www.nap.edu)