

# National Research Support Project Review Committee Teleconference Notes

August 11, 2010 [11AM-12PM Eastern]

## 1. NRSP\_TEMP161: National Animal Nutrition Program

Revisions suggested by the members are ---

- Mention in the proposal the multistate projects [in NIMSS] that will most likely benefit from the outputs of the proposed project.
- Expand the scope to include other species - sheep, goat, fish, equine
- Clarify in the proposal how publication of standards by NRSP is more feasible/practical/useful than those published by professional societies or universities
- Set clear, realistic budget based on yearly progress. Include anticipated contributions from other government agencies.
- Briefly describe the plan for sustainability/continuity of the project following the initial funding from NRSP.

## 2. NRSP\_TEMP006: the US Potato Genebank: Acquisition, classification, preservation, evaluation and distribution of potato (*Solanum*) germplasm

The NRSP Review Committee passed a motion to recommend approval of the NRSP\_temp6 proposal in the version submitted and reviewed at this meeting. The committee's concerns were sufficiently addressed particularly on the issue of charging user fees. Dr. Ben Brancel explained that the University of Wisconsin is willing to work with NRSP6 on this issue.

## 3. Update on the NRSP Development Committees

- ESCOP is not prepared to support the five areas identified by the committee, as follows:
  - Plant Germplasm
  - Climate Change
  - Bioinformatics
  - Sustainable Lifecycle Analysis
  - Functional Foods
- ESCOP felt that there was not enough information to make a decision and felt overwhelmed to have five new NRSPs at \$75K each. ESCOP suggested choosing one or two areas and develop detailed proposals.
- The area(s) will be selected at the NRSPRC breakfast meeting on Sept. 28 in Tennessee.
- The committee decided to proceed with writing the White Paper [by December 2010] for the area(s) to be selected that will be submitted for the next review cycle. The Science Roadmap will be a useful tool in helping decide the area(s) to be developed.

## 4. Other Business

- Dr. Ralph Cavalieri has been appointed Chair of the NRSP Review Committee for one year, completing the term that Dr. Mike Vayda vacated. Dr. Dan Rossi will continue to serve as the Executive Vice Chair.