

ESCOP Science & Technology
Call Agenda: 4 pm ET, June 13, 2016
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Committee Members:

<p>Chair: Marikis Alvarez (ARD)</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) John Yang (ARD) Ed Buckner (ARD) Chair Elect ? (tbd WAAESD)</p> <p>Executive Vice-Chair Jeff Jacobsen (NCRA ED) Chris Hamilton (NCRA AD; Recorder)</p>	<p>Liaisons: Terry Nelsen (ERS) TBD (OSTP) Robert Matteri (ARS) Charles Allen (Pest Mgmt Subcom) Edwin Price (ICOP) Dwayne Cartmell (Social Sci Subcom) Parag Chitnis (NIFA) Denise Eblen (NIFA)</p>
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Participants: David Thompson, Nathan McKinney, Denise Eblen, Deb Hamernik, Harald Scherm, Marikis Alvarez, Cameron Faustman, Jeff Jacobsen, Chris Hamilton (recorder)

Action Items:

1. S1060 unanimously approved as the S&T winner recommendation by all voting members on the call.
2. Chris and Jeff will formalize the ranking and comments and send to the ESCOP Executive Committee for final approval via electronic ballot.
3. Cameron Faustman, Dave Thompson, Harald Scherm, and Marikis Alvarez will assist Jeff and Chris in the creation of a revised multistate award nomination form for 2017.

Call Notes:

1. Roll Call, see above.
2. Discussion of 2016 Excellence in Multistate Research Award (see final summary below).
 - a. S1060 and W3122 at 1.9 and 2.0 are very close; is the difference real?
 - b. S1060 and W3122 were both excellent, but perhaps didn't follow the guidelines in the announcement
 - c. S1060 had more quantitative, clear indicators and was more multidisciplinary
 - d. Broader participation with S1060, with Canada, ARS, private sector
 - e. Action Taken: S1060 unanimously approved as the S&T winner recommendation by all voting members on the call.

- f. Committee agreed with all other nomination rankings.
 - g. Moving forward, Chris and Jeff will formalize the ranking and comments and send to the ESCOP Executive Committee for final approval.
- 3. Discuss edits to the 2017 call for nominations
 - a. Jeff suggested that the committee re-evaluate the 2017 call and update the nomination format based on the award criteria to make evaluation more clear and straightforward.
 - b. Cameron Faustman, Dave Thompson, Harald Scherm, and Marikis Alvarez agreed and volunteered to assist in reevaluating the submission requirements and S&T evaluation processes.
- 4. NIFA Update (Denise Eblen): NIFA is starting work on the FY2018 budget, next Farm Bill program updates, and transitioning into a new administration. Parag is chair of the NIFA committee that is working on NIFA concepts for the next Farm Bill.
- 5. Other business, as needed
 - a. Topics for next call, scheduled for Monday, July 25 at 4 pm ET:
 - i. NIFA update, focusing on next FY budget and Farm Bill programs and priorities and how the Experiment Station can best participate in this process.

Call adjourned at 4:30 pm ET.

**2016 National Multistate Research Award
Science and Technology Committee Nominee Rankings and Comment Summary**

Survey Responses Received: 8/12 voting S&T members

Ranking Means (where 1 is the best, based on award criteria)

Reviewer	Project Number			
	NCERA3	W3122	S1060	NE1227
A	3	2	1	4
B	4	2	1	3
C	2	3	4	1
D	4	1	2	3
E	2	3	1	4
F	4	3	1	2
G	4	1	2	3
H	2	1	3	4
Ranking Means	3.12	2.00	1.88	3.00
FINAL RANKING	4	2	1	3

Comment Summary

S1060: Well-written, interdisciplinary project with strong outcomes, impacts, and accomplishments. This project shows good partnerships with the public and private sectors, exhibits excellent evidence of external funding and is strong on outreach and information dissemination.

W3122: Successful, diverse, interdisciplinary project with many substantial accomplishments and broad collaborations. W3122 has strongly leveraged external funding, but more details on funding sources would be useful. Some concern was expressed with the impact list reading more like outcomes. In addition, additional context would help the impact narratives and also go beyond a singular publication count.

NE1227: NE1227 presents a nice summary of accomplishments with clear goals. This project has made excellent contributions to basic and applied dairy science associated with infertility in dairy cattle. Training efforts were impressive. Reviewers felt that more outcomes were presented than impacts. Evidence of value-added from interdependency could be stronger and examples of sources of external funding would be helpful.

NCERA3: NCERA3 this is a long-standing soil survey project with good integrated/Extension linkages and diverse membership. The project exhibits many strong accomplishments has strongly influenced NRCS and other public policies and priorities. S&T members felt however, that the illustration of scientific, measurable impacts and outcomes could be stronger. In addition, there was limited evidence of interdisciplinarity and quantifiable metrics would have enhanced the application. Finally, several reviewers expressed concern over the lack of quantifiable of external funding presented.