



DECEMBER 2015 PLP BULLETIN

December Seminars

- 12/01** The intercellular communication and global regulatory systems of the rice pathogenic bacterium, *Burkholderia glumae*, involved in pathogenesis, competition, and survival. Dr. Jong Hyun Ham, Department of Plant Pathology and Crop Physiology, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center.
- 12/08** Factors that influence seed-to-seedling transmission and host range of *Acidovorax citrulli*, the causal agent of bacterial fruit blotch of cucurbits. Dr. Ron Walcott, Department of Plant Pathology, University of Georgia.

Departmental Coffee Break

December 4th, in rooms 1306 & 1308 at 10 o'clock. The November hosts will be Goss, Loria, Spakes-Richter, and PLP Admin groups.

Greenhouse Updates

Welcome to Scott Dobbins who began working OPS, part-time with Mike in the greenhouse complex.

Reminder: Greenhouse Spray Day is Wednesday, first thing in the morning. If special arrangements are needed, you must send your request via e-mail to mstilwel@ufl.edu by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Graduate Student News

Our Fall 2015 graduates are, Jianan Wang, Ph.D., Michelle Olivera, M.S., Moo Stavornvisit, M.S., Maria Gabriella Zambrano, M.S. Congratulations and best wishes in your future endeavors.

Other Interesting News

The Program Presentation Board for December will be sponsored by Dr. Jeff Rollins.

Congratulations to Dr. Frank White on receiving the 2015 AAAS Fellow Award. The Fellows will be recognized at the 2016 Forum in Washington, D.C. in February.

Congratulations is extended to Dr. Osama Atallah for receiving the Florida Genetics Symposium Best Postdoc Poster Award. Titled: "Examination of the involvement of the primary and secondary RNA structures located in the 5'-proximal region of Citrus tristeza virus genome in virus replication and movement". Authors: Osama O. Atallah, Sung-Hwan Kang, and Svetlana Y. Folimonova.

Following is a brief summary of information provided by IFAS HR regarding the recent UF on-target project for TEAMS staff. The submissions have been reviewed. If HR thinks another title is more accurate, separate communication will be received. When on-line file is closed, Classification & Compensation will review them. It is expected for this review to take a while because each individual

“job family” will be reviewed and entered into Job Data before review of the “next” one. When the review is complete, each employee will receive communication from the Classification & Compensation office.

Did you know you can get assistance with experimental design and data analysis through the IFAS Statistical Consulting Services? The link to this system is:

<http://researchtools.ifas.ufl.edu/statisticsConsulting/>

12-month Faculty and TEAMS Exempt and Non-Exempt Employees

The December Personal Leave (DPL) days this year are December 28, 2015 through December 31, 2015. These hours will need to be loaded prior to payroll closing for pay period ending 12/31/15.

Special note, payroll closing for this pay period has been accelerated to Friday, December 18 due to the Christmas holidays.

Positions in Plant Pathology

The Division of Plant Industry is advertising a position available for Biological Scientist IV here in Gainesville. For more information, check the board inside the mailroom.

For the month of November there were no new postings on the Positions Available board.

Jobs are now posted online – see the JOBS button on the front page of the Department of Plant Pathology Web site. <http://plantpath.ifas.ufl.edu/>

Upcoming Holidays and Events

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| Dec. 17 | Plant Pathology Holiday Celebration, Fifield Conference Rms. |
| Dec. 25 | Christmas Holiday |
| Jan. 1, 2016 | New Year’s Day Holiday |
| Jan. 18 | Martin Luther King, Jr., Day |
| Feb. 18-20 | Graduate Recruitment Days, PLP Gainesville |