



FEBRUARY 2016 PLP BULLETIN

February Seminars

02/02 No Seminar

02/09 TAL effector mediated disease in rice and wheat. Dr. Zhao Peng, Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Plant Pathology, University of Florida

02/16 The mango disease trilogy. Dr. Randy Ploetz, Department of Plant Pathology, TREC Homestead, University of Florida

02/23 Evolution of Plant Pathogenicity in *Streptomyces*. Yucheng Zhang, Graduate Assistant, Department of Plant Pathology, University of Florida

Please Note: there will be special seminar announcements posted for each of the three candidates who will be interviewing for the position in Quincy. The first candidate will be presenting a seminar on Feb. 5th at 1 o'clock in room 2318.

Departmental Coffee Break

February 12, in rooms 1306 & 1308 at 10 o'clock. The February hosts will be Dufault, Jones, and Rollins groups.

From the Chair's Desk

Greetings! Here is an update on faculty hiring. During February we will be interviewing candidates for the plant pathology faculty position at the North Florida Research and Education Center, at Quincy. This is a position that was vacated by Dr. Jim Marois when he retired in October 2015. We are looking forward to refilling that position.

The search committee for the faculty position at the SW Florida REC in Immokalee has a slate of candidates and interviews will likely be scheduled in March. We have two Gainesville positions and will begin advertising the first of those within the next several months.

Our recent faculty hires, Dr. Lilian Cano and Dr. Amit Levy will arrive at UF in the next six months; Dr. Cano has taken the position at the Indian River REC in Ft. Pierce, and Dr. Levy has taken the position at the Citrus REC in Lake Alfred FL.

Graduate Student News

Our third annual student recruitment event will be held on February 18-20. This year the department will be hosting 10 prospective Plant Pathology graduate students for interviews and other activities. After the students arrive on Thursday, there will be a welcome dinner from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fifield Hall Conference Rooms. Faculty and graduate students will be attending this event. This two-day event

offers applicants a chance to learn more about our department and meet our faculty, current graduate students and other prospective students.

Greenhouse Updates

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.

IT Updates

Please welcome our new part-time OPS employee, Jerry Carter. He joins our department to assist in our IT activities such as design and web maintenance. He is a graduate of Flagler College and has a background of audio and video production, and graphic/web design.

Other Interesting News

The Program Presentation Board for February will be sponsored by Dr. Frank White.

Congratulations to Brantlee Spakes-Richter for receiving the 2015-2016 CALS Teaching and Advising Award for Undergraduate Teacher of the Year!

Congratulations is extended to E. Vanessa Campoverde, UF/Plant Pathology graduate, for receiving the Award for Excellence in Internationalizing Extension. Currently, Ms. Campoverde is the County Extension Agent I, for Miami-Dade County.

On January 5th, UF Human Resource Services announced the new interim procedures for unmanned aircraft systems (drones). This affects UF employees, students, and any third party or hobbyist who wants to use a drone or model aircraft over university property. There are FAA regulations governing use within five miles of an airport or two miles of a heliport. UF's main campus is within both. Full details are available online at http://www.ehs.ufl.edu/programs/rm/uas_procedures/ .

Positions in Plant Pathology*

During the months of December and January, there were three new postings for positions available.

Assistant Professor, Pendleton, OR
Research Associate, Fort Detrick, MD
Assistant Professor, Mich. State Univ.

Also posted is a position available for a Biological Scientist IV, Div. of Plant Industry, LaCrosse, FL

***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

Feb. 4	CALS Career Expo, JWRU Grand Ballroom
Feb. 20-22	Graduate Recruitment Days, PLP Gainesville
Feb. 20-22	Southern Division APS Meetings, Balm, FL
Feb. 29-Mar. 4	UF SPRING BREAK

March 8-9
March 23-24

2016 Rust Symposium, Pensacola, FL
Symposium on Emerging Plant Disease & Global Food Security, Raleigh, NC