



MARCH 2016 PLP BULLETIN

March Seminars

- 03/08** Salicylic acid-mediated plant defense and pathogen effectors, Zhengqing Fu, Department of Biology, University of South Carolina.
- 03/15** From basic research to applied Phytopathology, Martha Giraldo, Agroenvironmental Sciences, University of Puerto Rico Agricultural Experimental Station at Corozal.
- 03/22** Identification of Trait-associated Variation in Plants Through Next-Generation Sequencing, Sanzhen Liu, Department of Plant Pathology Kansas State University.
- 03/29** Development of a novel isothermal recombinase polymerase assay for rose rosette virus, Binoy Babu, North Florida REC, Quincy/UF.

Special Note*** There will be three Special Seminars given by the interview candidates for the Immokalee position. Gauthier, 03/22 at 11 a.m., Batuman, 03/23 at 1 p.m., and Avenot, 03/24 at 2 p.m. Announcements will be distributed separately for these closer to the date.

Departmental Coffee Break

March 4th coffee break will be hosted by the lab groups of van Bruggen, Polston, Smith, & White in conference rooms 1308 & 1306.

From the Chair's Desk

Thanks to all of you for participating in the graduate recruitment event for Fall 2016! The students enjoyed the visit and our hospitality. I am very proud of all of my department colleagues. Special thanks to Jessica Ulloa and Laurretta Rahmes.

The recipient of a new UF award, the Ewel Postdoctoral Fellowship, has recently been awarded to Ms. Adriana Corrales from the University of Illinois who will be working in Matt Smith's lab. Congratulations Matt.

The interview candidates for our Immokalee REC position will be visiting the department on March 22, 23, and 24. Please monitor your e-mail for their schedules as those days approach and if possible, participate with each candidate as your schedule permits.

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

- We've purchased new camera equipment for acquiring images for the website and posters, etc.
- The department has successfully migrated our file server to an Isilon system.
- The herbarium workstation had its memory increased to 128 GB. Users should see an improvement in performance.

Other Interesting News

Congratulations to Laura Fleites for being awarded the IS-MPMI Congress Travel Award of \$750 for travel support to the Congress.

Effective March 1, 2016, treatment for any non-life threatening work-related injury or illness must be authorized by AmeriSys prior to obtaining medical treatment. AmeriSys is the State of Florida's medical case management vendor and should be contacted by the employee's supervisor immediately by calling 1-800-455-2079. For more information, please contact UF Workers' Compensation at (352) 392-4940.

If you fly out of Orlando International Airport (MCO) and use a parking service, you can save 10% year round for business and leisure travel with The Parking Spot. Contact Janie Osborne at 407-721-8907 or josborne@theparkingspot.com if you have questions.

There will be a CPR/AED training on March 9th in Fifield Hall, Rms. 1308 & 1306 from 1-3 p.m. If you are interested in participating in this training, you must pre-register at <http://gatorcpr.enrollware.com/bulk-register?/8NKfQn7hzgWtA8EOqR9kw> . The department will cover the training fee.

Positions in Plant Pathology*

During the month of February, there were no new postings for positions available.

***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

March 8-9	2016 Rust Symposium, Pensacola, FL
March 13	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 23-24	Symposium on Emerging Plant Disease & Global Food Security, Raleigh, NC
May 30	Memorial Day Holiday
June 15-17	23 rd International Pepper Conference, LaLibertad, Peru
July 4	Independence Day Holiday
July 17-21	IS-MPMI Congress, Portland Oregon