



SEPTEMBER 2015 PLP BULLETIN

September Seminars

- 9/01** Out of Western North America; systematics and phylogeography of *Rhizopogon* subgenus *Villosuli* based on genome-scale sequence typing. Dr. Alija Mujic, UF, Plant Pathology Dept.
- 9/08** Genetically engineered (GMO) crops and sustainability. Dr. Paul Vincelli, UK, Plant Pathology Department.
- 9/15** Impact network analysis; Evaluating the effects of disease management technologies through linked socioeconomic and biophysical networks. Dr. Karen Garrett, UF, Plant Pathology Dept.
- 9/22** CGIAR Plant Pathologist mini-symposium
- 9/29** Modeling coupled natural-human system dynamics. Dr. Rachata Muneeppeerakul, UF, Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department

Please Note There will be four special seminars this month. All 9:30 to 10:30
CREC Citrus Virology Interview Candidates, Seminar titles TBA

- 9/08** Scott Harper (rm. 2316)
9/18 Jeremy Thompson (rm. 2318)
9/21 Avijit Roy (rm. 2316)
9/27 Amit Levy (rm. 2318)

Departmental Coffee Break

September 11th, in rooms 1306 & 1308 at 10 o'clock. The September hosts will be Dufault, Jones, and Rollins

PLP Faculty Meeting

Our regularly scheduled faculty meeting for the month of September will be held on Monday, September 21, in room 2502, Fifield Hall from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Polycom connection number will be announced closer to the date.

From the Chair's Desk

A very warm welcome to our new graduate students that have arrived for the Fall 2015 semester. My door is always open if you would like to stop by. Jessica Ulloa, Jeff Jones, Laurretta Rahmes, and I are here to help in any way that we can.

IT Updates

The relaunching of our departmental website in Terminal Four was successful. Now, work towards a better section for the graduate student organization is under way.

Also, IFAS IT is transitioning our servers in the coming weeks, which for us will mean more space in our server share (what many here call the 's' drive).

Graduate Student News

Congratulations to Osama Atallah in Dr. Svetlana Folimonova's program for completing his Ph.D. degree and also congratulations to Max Reitman in Dr. Matthew Smith's program for completing his Master's degree.

Other Interesting News

On September 10th and 11th, Norik Bagdasarian from Weight-Check will be in the department doing routine annual maintenance.

This may be a good time to mention a few things regarding the use of our departmental vehicles.

- You must be a registered student or employee of the department to drive departmental vehicles.
- You must have a valid U.S. driver's license.
- You must wear your seatbelt. IT'S THE LAW.
- Campus Speed Limit is 20 MPH.

Please contact Laretta Rahmes in Rm. 1449 if you have any questions regarding the vehicle policy.

Positions in Plant Pathology

For the month of August, there were no new postings for positions available

Upcoming Holidays and Events

September 7	Holiday – Labor Day
September 8-13	Joint Tomato Conference, Naples, FL
September 19	Butterfly Fest, Florida Museum
September 21-25	CGIAR RTB workshop; “Seed system conceptual frameworks and seed degeneration management”, UF, Fifield Hall, Gainesville
September 28	Mindfulness Day, UF Library, East, Room 100
Oct. 19-Nov. 6	UF Open Enrollment