



MAY 2019 PLP BULLETIN

Please congratulate the newly elected PPGSO board members -

President – Fernanda Iruegas

Vice President – Renato Carvalho

Secretary – Nattapol Kraisitudomsook

Treasurer – Anuj Sharma

Research and Education Center Representatives -

Santosh Sanjel, North Florida REC – Quincy, FL.

Erica Watson Carter, Citrus REC – Lake Alfred, FL.

Egem Ozbudak, Indian River REC – Ft. Pierce, FL.

Crystal Conner, Mid-Florida REC – Apopka, FL.

Kellee Britt, Southwest Florida REC – Immokalee, FL.



Congratulations to graduate students Bhim Chaulagain, Mustafa Jibrin, Collin Lewis-Solomon and Stephanie Suarez, who all successfully defended and graduated during the Spring 2019 term. Good luck in your future endeavors!

*****NO SEMINARS UNTIL FALL*****

FROM THE CHAIR-

Statistical Consulting Service-

This is to remind you that IFAS supports a statistical consulting service for all of you to use as needed (hopefully in the experimental design phase). There is no charge for this service. The following link leads to a required request form to be submitted "at least 4 weeks prior to the project deadline to ensure sufficient availability of statistical resources". **All requests for service start with this form - please use it.** <https://researchtools.ifas.ufl.edu/statisticsConsulting/index.php>



The department is adding a 2019 Dodge Caravan SXT to our fleet. It seats up to seven people.



The 15-passenger van has been retired. Any trips requiring a larger van will need to rent through Enterprise or Budget on the State of Florida contract.

See Link: <https://procurement.ufl.edu/contracts/rental-vehicles/>



The Lactation room is complete (1300 Fifield Hall). This room is available on a first come, first served basis. No key needed for entry. The room locks and will show room as "Occupied" when in use. A door without window ensures privacy.

For more information on breastfeeding in the workplace, please visit, <https://hr.ufl.edu/forms-policies/policies-managers/breastfeeding/>

Graduate Student Rooms 1302 and 1141 are now complete. There are 32 graduate student spaces to be shared between HOS, EH and PLP. Desks will be assigned by the department chairs.



You may have already noticed the digital monitors near Dr. Loria's office and upstairs near the classrooms. These will be used for departmental announcements. The one closest to Treva's office will contain directory information. Devlin is compiling content for all four. Our goal is to have all working by next week. Please send announcements to dyorker@ufl.edu



The new website is scheduled to launch TODAY. Please take a moment to review and thank Devlin for all his hard work.





Recognition and Announcements

Dr. Matt Smith has been selected as one of the UF Research Foundation Professor Awardees. He is one of only six faculty across IFAS named as a Research Foundation Professor in 2019. Each awardee receives a salary supplement and an allocation to support their research.

See link below to read more about this exciting award -

<https://www.morningagclips.com/uf-ifas-scientists-honored-as-uf-research-foundation-professors/>



Florida strawberry farmers using robots to pick fruit, control mildew (mentioned are Natalia Peres and Rodrigo Onofre) see link below to find out more -

https://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2019/04/18/Farm-robots-pick-strawberries-control-the-fruits-diseases-in-Florida/4851555518101/



Positions in Plant Pathology

Current job listings can now be found via the JOBS button on the front page of our website.

<http://plantpath.ifas.ufl.edu/job-postings>

Recent listings below -

ISK Biosciences Corporation in Cleveland, OH. is seeking a Field Development & Technical Services Representative - Fungicides. Additional information is available at this link:

<http://jobs.apsnet.org/job/field-development-amp-technical-services-representative-fungicides-concord-ohio-0427>



- Dates to remember -



May 3	Doctoral Commencement
May 4	University-wide Commencement (Bachelor's & Master's degrees)
May 4	CALS Student Recognition Ceremony (Bachelor's & Master's degrees)
May 8-10	Florida Phytopathological Society 16 th Biennial Meeting, CREC, Lake Alfred
May 10	Coffee Break ☕ HAS BEEN CANCELLED
May 18	Alachua County Plant Sale & Ag Fest (2800 NE 39 th Avenue, 8am – 12pm)
May 18	PLP Workshop – “Plants get sick too!”
May 27	Memorial Day – UF Closed

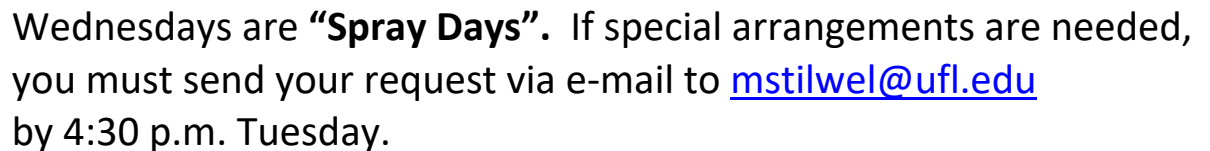


June 14	Coffee Break ☕ Hosted by Garrett, White, Greenhouse, Harmon (x2), PLP Admin, Spakes-Richter
June 20	PLP Workshop – “Plants get sick too!”



APS ANNUAL MEETING
August 3-7 | Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A.

TO REGISTER: <https://www.apsnet.org/meetings/annual/planthealth2019/registration/Pages/default.aspx>



- **Waste Containers**
 - Located in 1311F near loading dock
 - Available after 1pm on Wednesdays
 - Removed at 9am **sharp** on Fridays
 - DO NOT leave bags on the floor. This will result in citation from EH & S
- **Autoclave Bags – please follow ALL steps below**
 - Use only autoclave bags that are rated for at least 132* Celsius for plant material and soil
 - DO NOT overfill
 - Please secure bag with the twist ties provided, DO NOT use autoclave tape to secure bag or tie in knots!
 - Please place a piece of 3-4 inch autoclave tape on a flat surface of the bag in a place that is easy to see
 - DO NOT include items that will puncture bags
 - Use a permanent marker to identify each bag with name of principal investigator and lab room number

If you have questions, or need assistance, call Mike Stilwell at (352) 392-4478.