Genomics, Pierce’s disease on fall meeting agenda of Atkinson’s agricultural advisory commission

By Steve Nation, executive director, Governmental and External Relations

The potential of genomics research to revolutionize and strengthen California’s $27 billion agricultural industry through breakthroughs in science and technology will be a key discussion item when the President’s Advisory Commission on Agriculture and Natural Resources convenes in Oakland at the end of September.

Established by President Atkinson in 1998, the 30-member commission meets twice a year, in the spring and fall.

The commissioners—representing agriculture and related businesses, environmental and land conservation groups, consumer and youth organizations, plus local government—advise the University on the research, outreach and information needs in the state.

John De Luca, president and CEO of San Francisco-based Wine Institute, chairs the commission. Co-chairs are Pamela Marrone, president and CEO of AgraQuest, Inc, a biotech firm in Davis, and Jack Pandol Jr., president of Grapery, a producer of table grapes in Bakersfield.

The fall meeting will be held at the Waterfront Plaza Hotel in Oakland on Thursday, Sept. 28, and Friday, Sept. 29. The commissioners will join President and Mrs. Atkinson for dinner at Blake House on Thursday evening. Vice President Gomes is scheduled to host a new-member orientation on Friday afternoon.

The semiannual meetings are an opportunity to update the commissioners on UC budgetary, legislative and staffing initiatives and provide them with information on ANR programs and priorities. The Division can also bring in experts from the campuses, regions and counties to discuss issues facing the state’s agricultural, natural, environmental and economic sectors.

Jolly reappointed director of UC Small Farm Program

By Jeannette Warnert

UC Davis ag economist Desmond Jolly has been appointed to a second five-year term as director of the UC Small Farm Program.

“Dr. Jolly is an internationally recognized expert on small farms issues, with a deep understanding and appreciation of the many challenges and barriers facing California’s small and limited-resources growers,” said Associate Vice President Henry Vaux Jr., who announced the reappointment.

Desmond Jolly

“I’m pleased that he agreed to serve a second term.”

The Small Farm Program serves as a clearinghouse for small-scale production information. It also reaches into communities with full-time farm advisors based in Fresno, Tulare, Santa Barbara, San Benito, San Diego and San Joaquin counties.

During his first five years at the helm, Jolly has maintained the program’s role as an important source of technical information and has made additional efforts in the arena of farming issues and public policy-making.

“We’re now more involved...
human resources sectors.

On Thursday afternoon, the commissioners will hear from Neal Van Alfen, dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at UC Davis, and Joseph Napoli, professor of nutritional sciences and chair of the Graduate Program in Nutrition at UC Berkeley. The two scientists will provide an overview of promising research opportunities in agricultural genomics.

In addition, Van Alfen will discuss ANR research now under way to breed resistance to Pierce’s disease into grapes. Napoli will summarize the potential for enhancing the nutritional and health benefits of agricultural products through biotechnology. Commissioners have requested information on both of these research areas at earlier meetings.

Several other informational items were placed on the agenda by individual commissioners. These include updates on efforts to secure land and initial funding for a proposed Central Coast Research and Extension Center, recent activities of the Joint Policy Council on Agriculture and Higher Education, and the status of three agricultural research funding initiatives now circulating in Washington.

Other agenda items include Gomes’ regular report to the commission. In addition, on Friday Senior Vice President Bruce Darling will give a presentation on the University’s Governmental and Advocacy Programs. UC Riverside genetics professor Michael Clegg will brief the commission on the California Institute for Agricultural Genomics initiative. Assistant Vice President Lanny Lund will report on the Division’s progress in allocating $3 million in new state funds authorized for Cooperative Extension programs since 1999-2000. Besides Atkinson and Gomes, Provost and Senior Vice President C. Judson King is a regular attendee of commission meetings.

Steve Nation and Kaye Harrison Taber, Gomes’ chief of staff, are staffers the commission.

The commissioners are: Charles Ahlem, Hilmar Cheese Company; Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; Frieda Caplan, Frieda’s Inc.; William Chandler, Chandler Farms; Gary Cusumano, Newhall Land & Farming; Ralph De Leon*, Samco, Inc.; John De Luca, Wine Institute; O’Covia Diener, Densmore Engines/ Tavie Farms, Inc.; Daniel Dooley, Dooley & Herr; Paul Ecke Jr., Paul Ecke Ranch; Robert Gallo, E & J Gallo Winery; Donald Gordon Jr., Agricultural Council of California; Thomas Graff, Environmental Defense Fund; Ralph Grossi*, American Farmland Trust; Jeri Hansen, California Women for Agriculture; John Harris, Harris Farms, Inc.; Ted Horton*, Pebble Beach Company; John Kauz, Kauz Farm; John Lacey*, Lacey Livestock; Pamela Marrone, AgroQuest, Inc.; Karen Miller, Clint Miller Farms; Douglas Mosebar, California Farm Bureau Federation; Jack Pandol Jr., Grapery; Judy Pennycook, Monterey County Board of Supervisors; Len Richardson, California Farmer; Fred Ruiz*, Ruiz Products, Inc; Lois Salisbury, Children Now; Tom Smith, Calcot Limited; Dorcas Thille, Thille Ranches; John Veysey, John Veysey Farms.

* new members appointed July 2000

Peer reviewers sought

The Assembly Council Personnel Committee will meet in mid-October to select peer review committee members for the 2000-01 salary review cycle.

If you are interested in serving on an ad hoc review committee and will be available to meet next March, please inform Coordinator Elizabeth Gomez in the Office of Academic Personnel (510/987-0082; elizabeth.gomez@ucop.edu) no later than Oct. 10.

CE professional meeting funds

Cooperative Extension specialists and advisors wishing to apply for Professional Society Meeting Reimbursement Funds for meetings between January and March 2001 must have their requests (form MF-117) to Mary Lu McGuire no later than Tuesday, Nov. 7.

The grant is for $450. Forms can be obtained from McGuire (510/987-0067; marylu.mcguire@ucop.edu). The completed form may be faxed to her at 510/832-8612.

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with issues like pesticide safety, resource management, food safety and encouraging and facilitating diversified farm enterprises to include things like agricultural tourism, value-added production and marketing,” Jolly said. “We’ve tried to improve the accessibility of the USDA and the land-grant system to small farmers. I think we’ve had some measure of success there.”

In the coming years, Jolly said initiatives promoting food safety, agri-tourism and value-added enterprises will be at the top of the Small Farm Program’s agenda. In addition, Jolly said he plans to continue working with public policy-makers.

“I would like to have our state’s policy-makers get a sense of what contributions small family farms are providing California and determine how the Legislature and local governments can facilitate the sustainability of these farmers,” Jolly said.

Small-scale farms, defined by the USDA as farms with annual gross sales between $1,000 and $250,000, number nearly 60,000 in California and represent about $2.3 billion in annual production.

In 1997, US Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman appointed Jolly to the National Commission on Small Farms. The panel submitted its recommendations to Glickman in 1999 in a report titled “A Time to Act.”

Jolly now sits on the National Advisory Board for Research, Extension, Economics and Education, the top research and education advisory board for USDA. Warnert is a Fresno-based senior public information rep.
Pam Kan-Rice (above), managing editor of California Agriculture magazine, receives the Pioneer Award from Bob Furbee, president of the Agricultural Communications in Education. The award recognizes communicators who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and technical skills, and who have made significant contributions to ACE during the early part of their career.

Wayne Getz, UCB professor, division of insect biology, elected to the California Academy of Sciences.

Pamela Yee Tom, program representative, California Sea Grant Extension, named a fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists for outstanding contributions in the field of food science and technology, and service to IFT. Tom is the first academic support staff to be named a fellow in the 30-year history of the fellow awards program.

Michael Rust, UCR entomologist, received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the National Conference on Urban Entomology.

Robert Fridley, UCD professor emeritus of biological and agricultural engineering and special assistant to the CAES dean, was appointed to the National Research Council’s Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

2000-01 officers for the Academic Assembly Council are:
Ron Vargas—president
Rick Delmas—vice president/president elect
Jim Sulls—past president
Mario Moratorio—secretary

Richard A. Zinn, UCD professor based at the Desert Research and Extension Center, received the American Society of Animal Science 2000 Ruminant Nutrition Research Award.

Jim Coats, principal editor and webmaster, Communication Services, is vice-chair elect, publications special interest group, Agricultural Communicators in Education.

Don Merhaut, assistant extension specialist for ornamental and floriculture crops at UCR, received a $3,500 Regents Faculty Fellowship/Faculty Development Award for 2000-01.

Mark Hoddle, UCR biological control specialist, received Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year Award from the California Junior Chamber of Commerce for his research on two major avocado pests: avocado thrips and persea mites.

Nick Toscano, UCR entomologist, received the non-Senate Distinguished Research Award for 1999-2000. The committee cited Toscano’s internationally recognized research program in integrated pest management.

Marylynn Yates, UCR microbiologist and environmental sciences department chair, appointed to the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Opportunities to Improve the U.S. Geological Survey National Water Quality Assessment Program.

DANR welcomes...

Central Valley Region Director Linda Manton announced the appointment of Jennifer Hashim as farm advisor-viticulture/pest management in Kern County.

Hashim begins her appointment Oct. 2. She most recently conducted her thesis research at the UC Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension Center, and in the UC Davis department of entology laboratory of Nick Dokoozlian. Prior to that she was a table grape production assistant for Columbine Vineyards, and a laboratory assistant for UC Cooperative Extension in Kern County.

New online directory service

Now it’s easier to get telephone, fax and office numbers of ANR administrative staff in the Franklin and Kaiser buildings in Oakland. Visit the Division’s homepage. Then click on the DANR Directory and click once more on “Oakland (Franklin-Kaiser buildings) Contact List.” Or pull up Administrative Support and access the list that way. Either way you’ll get to this useful information very quickly.

Straight ahead

✓ Oct. 2-5 Assistant Vice President Lanny Lund tours ANR sites in Tehama, Glenn, Butte and Sutter-Yuba counties.
✓ Oct. 4-6 Associate Vice President Henry Vaux Jr. travels to Israel to meet with planning committee for next Rosenberg International Forum on Water Policy.
✓ Oct. 10 Vice President Gomes kicks off Community Food Security Symposium at UC Berkeley.
✓ Oct. 10-11 Program Council meets at Kearney REC.
✓ Oct. 11 Gomes travels to Sacramento to co-chair the Joint Policy Council, an organization of California public higher education chief executives whose institutions have substantial agricultural programs.
✓ Oct. 12 Regional directors meet at Kearney REC.
✓ Oct. 25 Gomes attends CDFA State Board in a.m. and California Farm Bureau Board in p.m. in Sacramento. He is a member of both organizations.
✓ Oct. 31 Executive Council meets in Oakland.
Retiree websites
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Alumni Relations homepage. It lets you interactively exchange ideas and comments with old friends and new who have worked at ANR.

The websites are part of an ANR initiative to forge closer ties with former Division members.

As Vice President Gomes put it last spring in a letter to ANR retirees and former employees and their families:

“You have been a partner in developing and preserving the culture that is DANR. Staying in communication with important friends such as you is one way of supporting our mission and insuring that excellence is sustained and enhanced.”

The online directory is culled from a database Assistant Vice President Toby Winer, head of Development Services, is building to support these communication efforts.

Each person decides what information to post online

Out of the 700 individuals Development Services contacted in its initial mailing last spring, more than 350 agreed to be listed in the online directory—and new names are being added all the time.

Each individual decides what information to share online—like telephone number, email address, former title, program area and current interests. There is even room for a photo.

The Retiree/Alumni Directory “is easy to operate for those who are familiar with the use of the web,” said Pete Passof, retired Mendocino county director and forest advisor. “We have come a long way since most of us first became acquainted with computers about 20 years ago. Email and internet access have opened up brand new vistas, and this directory is a very useful tool,” Passof said.

Using the search function is simple. For instance, type in “Passof,” click on “search,” and when “Passof” pops up, click again and you’ll promptly arrive at that profile.

Also use “search” for the names of individuals who worked in a certain program area or in the same location, had the same title, have similar interests or currently live in the same county.

For a list of all names in the directory, click on the search button without filling in any of the search fields.

It’s also easy to join ANR’s online community. Just follow the instructions after clicking on the discussion group link at the Retiree/Alumni Relations homepage.

Look over the valuable information at the website’s other links as well. There’s an introduction to development resources in the Division and news you can use about how to make donations to ANR programs. You can also obtain advance notice of events for retirees.

Make plans now to attend a regional reunion

CE retirees, associates and friends are invited to attend any (or all) of three regional briefings/reunions. The vice president’s office is hosting in the next seven months. The purpose of the events, Gomes said, is to renew friendships, enhance communications, foster support for ANR programs and provide opportunities for camaraderie.

“We want to know what you think about current issues facing us; and equally important, what we can do for you to make your retirement years equally meaningful and productive personally,” Gomes wrote.

The reunions—titled “Reflecting, Rebuilding and Reconnecting: The ANR Bridge to the Past, Present and Future”—will be held in Fresno (Nov. 6-7), San Diego (Feb. 27-28) and Chico (April 17-18). Chairing the three organizing committees are retired regional director Bill Hambleton and retired county directors George Rendell and Ray Lyon.

Associate editors named for DANR publications

Communication Services has announced the appointment or reappointment of five associate editors:

- Leslie (Bees) J. Butler, farm management and economics
- Myriam Grajales-Hall, Spanish language materials (reappointed)
- Mel George, natural resources (reappointed)
- Jim Grishop, human and community development (reappointed)
- J. Michael Henry, environmental horticulture

Each appointment is for three years. Associate editors manage the technical peer review process for new manuscripts, videos and slide sets in the Division.

For a complete list of associate editors and their subject areas, please visit the following Communications Services website: http://danrcs.ucdavis.edu/who/editors/default.shtml
In memoriam: Mélida Manjarréz

Mélida Manjarréz, a charismatic youth educator admired both for her programs—one colleague described her work with children as “magic”—and for her ability to marshal community resources in behalf of her clientele, died on June 30 from liver cancer. She was 51.

Manjarréz, program coordinator of Sacramento County Youth EFNEP (Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program), had worked for the University since 1979. Her first job was as an EFNEP and 4-H program representative in Contra Costa County. She moved to Sacramento CE in 1994, where she teamed with community leaders to deliver programs to youngsters from low-income and underserved communities. Her programs were in nutrition and health, food safety, gardening, physical fitness and money management.

“Mélida was very energetic, very creative and never ran out of innovative ideas to make her lessons exciting and fun. She was widely admired in the communities she served,” said Yvonne Nicholson, interim county director and nutrition, family and consumer sciences advisor in Sacramento County.

Mary Lavender Fujii, a Contra Costa nutrition advisor who was also a close friend of M anjarréz, said, “Mélida was single-minded in her efforts to sweep aside the barriers they faced and energize these kids’ lives.”

CAN Fit, a privately funded nutrition and fitness program for California’s culturally diverse youth, has established an award in her honor, said Executive Director Arnell Hinkle. M anjarréz had played an advisory role in the organization since 1994.

Manjarréz’s most recent work, Nicholson said, included conducting nutrition education in a community project to reduce juvenile delinquency, teaching teens to be health-education mentors for kids in elementary schools, participating on educational panels on television and serving as media spokesperson for the Latino 5-A-Day campaign. She was also a mentor to high school students in the Elk Grove and Grant high schools.

“When Mélida took on an activity, you knew she’d do 150 percent,” said Senior Office Secretary Ellen Taylor.

Shelley Murdock, 4-H youth development advisor and acting county director in Contra Costa, recalled that M anjarréz was her first collaborator when she joined UCCE in the early 1980s. “I was awed by her energy, her knowledge of the community and her passion for the job,” Murdock said. “But her real gift was her ability to work with the children. She was magic!”


M anjarréz garnered many other awards and citations, including two Assembly Council Distinguished Service Awards.

She was born in Panama. She earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from California State University, Hayward.

An educational saving bonds account has been set up for the four-year-old daughter M anjarréz and her husband, Roberto, adopted in China in 1996. “I’d like to encourage those who want to celebrate Mélida’s work and her commitment to education to join us in getting bonds for Huiyan,” Fujii said.

Make checks payable to Mrs. M Manjarréz and send to Contra Costa CE, 75 Santa Barbara Rd, 2nd Floor, Pleasant Hill CA 94523-4488.

■ Ann Burroughs

Ann Burroughs, a pioneering nutritionist who was the first woman assistant director (human resources) in the Division, died in Davis on March 15. She was 70.

Her dual responsibilities included being state program director for family and consumer sciences, and overseeing Bay Area county CE offices. Jerry Siebert, former director of CE, said Burroughs “stepped into a leadership position during a time when great changes were taking place in human resources ... and leadership was very important. ... She was an effective part of my team.”

Before joining UC in 1976 as a CE specialist, she was a senior research nutritionist and manager for Del Monte, and a nutritionist for the World Health Organization in Africa. Burroughs held a doctorate from UC Berkeley. She retired in 1984.

■ Larry Mitich

Larry Mitich, a noted CE weed scientist emeritus in the Weed Science Program at UC Davis, died on Aug. 16 in his campus office, where he had continued to work nearly every weekday since his retirement five years ago. He was 73. Mitich was president of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America.

■ Earl Olson

Earl Olson, who retired in 1980 after serving as a dairy farm advisor for 26 years, died May 29, at age 82.

In 1978, he and his collaborator received USDA’s Superior Service Award for their research in waste management. He worked in Stanislaus CE for 22 years.
Serving Californians around the state

■ **Move over, Mr. Sherlock Holmes**

UC Davis plant pathologist David Rizzo appears to have solved a baffling mystery first brought to the attention of the scientific community five years ago by Cooperative Extension advisors in Marin County.

On July 31, Rizzo announced that a previously unknown species of tree fungus is probably the primary cause of Sudden Oak Death, a disease that has maimed or destroyed thousands of tanoaks, coast live oaks and black oaks in coastal California since 1995. The first report of the disease was made by Marin horticultural advisor Pavel Svihra.

The fungus is a member of the genus Phythophthora, but does not match any of the 60 Phytophthora species that have been named.

The UC Davis press release announcing Rizzo’s findings can be accessed at UC newswire (http://www.ucnewswire.org), using the search word “Rizzo.”

■ **Marin CE’s website on Sudden Oak Death logs over 4,000 hits**

Marin County Cooperative Extension is taking advantage of the power of the internet to aid Californians in the battle against Sudden Oak Death.

As of mid-September, more than 4,080 visitors had checked out the Sudden Oak Death website, which established as a companion site to its homepage (http://cemarin.ucdavis.edu/). The new site serves as a gateway to the comprehensive and practical information homeowners, businesses and agencies in Marin County and elsewhere need to combat the disease. It provides a wide range of up-to-date data, including disease history, symptoms, treatment, and management. It also offers links to research findings, publications, educational events and information on other oak diseases.

The research button, for example, points the way to the website of the Center for the Assessment and Monitoring of Environmental Resources (CAMFER) at UC Berkeley, and its extensive coverage of Sudden Oak Death.

■ **Scholarships available to small-scale farmers for ag conference**

About 100 scholarships will be available to small and limited-resource farmers to attend the Agricultural Marketing Outreach Conference at the DoubleTree Hotel in Modesto Oct. 31 to Nov. 2.

The scholarships will cover the $150 conference registration fee, plus travel expenses and accommodations as needed.

“We want to make sure farmers don’t stay home for financial reasons,” said Susan McCue of the UC Small Farm Program, a co-sponsor of the conference.

The conference opens Oct. 31 at 10 a.m. with a presentation by USDA Deputy Secretary Richard Rominger.

Scholarship applications are available from Birgit Hempel (530/752-8136; sfcenter@ucdavis.edu).

Conference sponsors include USDA, Cal State Polytechnic University and M odesto Junior College—Jeannette Warnet.

Promotions announced

A NR Report has received the following information from Assistant Vice President Lanny Lund’s office about promotions received by Division members in the counties and on the campuses:

To Associate Advisor
■ Calvin Fouche — San Joaquin Co.
■ Ramiro Lobo — San Diego Co.
■ Deborah M cArde — Santa Barbara Co.
■ Juan N unez — Kern Co.

To Advisor
■ Khaled Bali — Imperial Co.
■ Mary Blackburn — Alameda Co.
■ Gary M arkegaard — Humboldt Co.
■ Paul Q lin — Sonoma Co.
■ Barbara Reed — Glenn Co.
■ John Shelley — Contra Costa Co.
■ Richard Smith — M onterey Co.

To Advisor step VI or above
■ Harry Carlson — Siskiyou Co.
■ Juan G uerrero — Imperial Co.
■ Dan Desmond — Statewide 4-H Program
■ Ali H ariyandi — Alameda Co.
■ Dan M arcum — Shasta Co.
■ N eli M cDougald — M aderia Co.
■ Phil O sterli — Stanislaus Co.
■ Phil Phillips — Ventura Co.
■ Ron Vargas — M aderia Co.

As Academic Coordinator
■ Sheri K littich — Hanson Trust
■ Joyce Strand — Integrated Pest M anagement

College of Natural Resources, UCB

To Associate level
■ John Battles, Environmental Science, Policy and M anagement
■ Ethan Ligon, Agricultural and Resource Economics
■ Sheng L uan, Plant and M icrobial Biology

To full title
■ Barbara Allen-Diaz, Environmental Science, Policy and M anagement
■ Benito de Lumen, N utritional Sciences and Toxicology
■ Stephen Welter, Environmental Science, Policy and M anagement

School of Veterinary Medicine, UCD

To Associate level
■ Edward “Rob” Atwill, Veterinary Medicine Teaching & Research Center
■ Joan J effrey, Veterinary Medicine Teaching & Research Center

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Promotions (from previous page)

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, UCD

To Associate level
- Susan Ebeler, Viticulture and Enology Associate Professor and Associate Chemist, AES
- Luis Guarnizo, Human and Community Development Associate Professor and Associate Sociologist, AES
- William Horwath, Land, Air and Water Resources Associate Professor and Associate Soil Biogeochemist, AES
- Mark Schwartz, Environmental Horticulture Associate Professor and Associate Research Ecologist, AES
- Gang Sun, Textiles and Clothing Associate Professor and Associate Textile Scientist, AES
- Truman Young, Environmental Horticulture Associate Professor and Associate Restoration Ecologist, AES
- Diane Barrett, Food Science and Technology Specialist in Cooperative Extension
- Patrick Brown, Pomology Professor and Pomologist, AES
- Edward Caswell-Chen, Nematology Professor and Nematologist, AES
- Patricia Harrison, Environmental Design Professor and Designer, AES
- Elizabeth Ober, Human and Community Development Professor and Psychologist, AES
- Peter Robinson, Animal Science Specialist in Cooperative Extension
- Kenneth Shackel, Pomology Professor and Pomologist, AES
- David Slaughter, Biological and Agricultural Engineering Professor and Agricultural Engineer, AES
- Susan Ustin, Land, Air and Water Resources Professor and Resource Scientist, AES
- Dirk Van Vuren, Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology Professor and Wildlife Biologist, AES
- Andrew Waterhouse, Viticulture and Enology Professor and Chemist, AES

To full title
- Graham Ball, Animal Science Professor and Geneticist, AES
- Melvin George, Agronomy and Range Science Specialist in Cooperative Extension
- Bruce Hammock, Entomology Professor and Entomologist, AES
- Adel Kader, Pomology Professor and Pomologist, AES
- Dean MacCannell, Environmental Design-Landscape Architecture Professor and Landscape Architect, AES
- Peter Moyle, Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology Professor and Fisheries Biologist, AES
- Robert Page, Entomology Professor and Entomologist, AES
- Michael Reid, Environmental Horticulture Professor, Horticulturist, AES and CE Specialist
- Barbara Schneeman, Nutrition Professor and Nutritionist, AES
- Michael Singer, Land, Air and Water Resources Professor and Soil Resource Scientist, AES
- Alvin Sokolow, Human and Community Development Specialist in Cooperative Extension and Political Scientist, AES
- Judith Stern, Nutrition Professor and Nutritionist, AES
- Daniel Sumner, Agricultural and Resource Economics Professor and Agricultural Economist, AES
- Robert Thayer, Environmental Design-Landscape Architecture Professor and Landscape Architect, AES
- Ronald Voss, Vegetable Crops Specialist in Cooperative Extension
- Barry Wilson, Animal Science Professor and Biologist, AES

College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, UCR

To Associate level
- James Adaskaveg, Plant Pathology Associate Professor and Associate Plant Pathologist, AES
- Frances Sladek, Cell Biology/Neuroscience Associate Professor and Associate Toxicologist, AES

To full title
- Elizabeth Grafton-Cardwell, Entomology Specialist in Cooperative Extension and Entomologist, AES
- Andrew Grosovsky, Cell Biology/Neuroscience Professor and Toxicologist, AES

To full title step VI and above
- Roger Atkinson, Environmental Sciences Professor and Chemist, AES
- William Jury, Environmental Sciences Professor and Soil Physicist, AES
- Michael Rust, Entomology Professor and Entomologist, AES
COMING UP

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OCTOBER

COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY SYMPOSIUM
OCT 10-11; UC BERKELEY; GAIL FEENSTRA
(530/752-8408; gwfeenstra@ucdavis.edu)

CALIFORNIA AVOCADO SYMPOSIUM
OCT 14; UC RIVERSIDE; JAN WOOD
(909/787-3105; jan.wood@ucr.edu)

AQUATIC WEED SCHOOL
OCT 17-18; DAVIS; KITTY SCHLOSSER
(530/752-7091; wric@vegmail.ucdavis.edu)

HAMILTON MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM IN ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY
OCT 20-21; BERKELEY; http://WWW.CNR.BERKELEY.EDU/~GETZ/hamilton.html

DECEMBER

ALMOND WORKGROUP MEETING
DEC 8; M ODESTO; RICK BUCHNER
(rdubuchner@ucdavis.edu)

NATIONAL ALFALFA SYMPOSIUM
DEC 10-12; LAS VEGAS; DAN PUTNAM
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PRUNE WORKGROUP MEETING
DEC 12-13; STEVE SOUTHWICK
(smssouthwick@ucdavis.edu); STEVE SIBBETT
(sibbett@bak2.lightspeed.net)

Call for proposals

■ South Coast Research and Extension Center—new research and extension projects to be initiated in 2001. Due by Nov. 10, 2000. Demonstration project proposals are also encouraged and welcome. Proposals must be submitted on the center’s proposal forms. Forms can be downloaded (http://danrrec.ucdavis.edu/proposal/index.html). Or contact Julie Chavez (949/653-1824; jgchavez@ucdavis.edu).

■ Shafter REC—new and continuing research project proposals for 2001. Due by Dec. 1, 2000. The center supports cotton research. Projects related to cotton pest control are specifically encouraged. Project investigators are encouraged to discuss project plans and support issues with Superintendent Brian Marsh prior to submitting a proposal. Forms available from the REC website (http://danrrec.ucdavis.edu). Or contact M. Marsh (661/868-6210; bhmarsh@ucdavis.edu).

On the move

■ Barbara Allen-Diaz, professor of range ecology and management, Ecosystems Sciences Division, College of Natural Resources, UC Berkeley, is CNR’s new associate dean of research and extension.

■ Elizabeth Gomez has been named coordinator of the Office of Academic Personnel, which on July 1 became part of the administrative functions overseen by Lanny Lund, assistant vice president for programs.

■ Lynnette Young, longtime administrative assistant in the Office of Academic Personnel in Oakland, left the Division on August 4 to pursue interests outside the state. Among the most respected and well-liked ANR staff members, Young was praised by many coworkers but perhaps no tributes express her effect on others more picturesquely than what her supervisor, Virginia Vogel, said when she (Vogel) retired in June. “I’m not a morning person,” she said, “but for 13 years my dear friend and colleague Lynnette Young has greeted me with a cheery ‘Good Morning’ and just hearing her say it has never failed to convince me that it might turn out to be a good morning after all!”

Randy Gilstrap, who was with ANR for six years, has moved from the controller’s office to a new position at UC San Francisco. Jim Sponzo has been recalled to fill the position until a permanent successor is appointed.

ANR Odyssey 2001 to be ‘hard-hitting’

ANR’s next statewide conference—“ANR Odyssey 2001: Measuring and Building on Success”—“promises to be a hard-hitting, issues-based, interactive conference with participation by stakeholders in the Division as well as all academic staff—AES and CE,” says James MacDonald, executive associate dean, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. The conference will be held Feb. 22 and 23 in Riverside. Pre-session tours will be available on Feb. 21 and the morning of Feb. 22. The conference is “designed to focus attention on the importance of assessing the impact of DANR research and extension programs on our clientele, as well as increase understanding of how the Division identifies and supports high-priority program efforts statewide,” MacDonald says.

A poster session for academic staff and workgroups to display interesting and innovative work is being planned. Workgroups have been asked to present posters on their activities. Workgroup chairs and PPAC members will participate in a workshop on evaluation techniques being conducted by noted evaluation specialist Michael Patton. The session begins on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at lunch and continues through Thursday noon. More to come...