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Budget call requests due Jan. 15

The deadline for submitting budget requests for the upcoming fiscal year to Christine Casey, AVP-Administrative Services, is **Jan. 15**. However, submissions will be accepted on Jan. 16 because UCOP offices will be closed on Jan. 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

The budget form can be downloaded from the AVP-Administrative Services Web site or <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/files/filelibrary/5099/23338.doc>.

Request forms should be submitted to Casey electronically through the appropriate regional director, program leader, associate dean, associate vice president or vice president.

ANR's resource allocation process is designed to support high priority issues, encourage collaboration and teamwork to address those issues, maintain essential activities, and build upon existing preeminence in the Division.

The endowment budget call will be released in January with submissions due by the end of February.

ANR communications protocol created

To improve the ease, timeliness and consistency with which information is disseminated throughout the division, Assistant VP-Administrative Services Christine Casey has announced the establishment of an ANR "communications protocol."

The protocol results from recommendations of the Procedure Evaluation Team (PET). PET was formed to recommend improvements to ANR's existing administrative procedures, taking into account the diverse needs of the many ANR units.

Communications will be accomplished via a listserv maintained by the Assistant Vice President-Administrative Services Office.

The listserv will work as a "calling tree" of sorts. E-mails will go out directly to the vice president's office, associate deans, regional directors, regional chief administrative officers, program leaders, associate vice president, assistant REC director, and

the management services officer (MSO) for the associate vice president's office.

Each of the listserv members are expected to distribute information to employees in their reporting lines as they deem appropriate. For example, Casey will be responsible for distributing information to directors in Oakland, and the MSO for the associate vice president will be responsible for distributing information to Statewide Programs administrative staff.

All units should use the listserv to broadcast general messages that apply to all in the division (for example, to announce a staffing change). To distribute messages via the listserv, e-mail announcements to christine.casey@ucop.edu.

Over the next few months PET will review the effectiveness of this protocol and make any improvements that are identified. Feedback is welcome and can be forwarded to PET via christine.casey@ucop.edu.

UC raises mileage reimbursement rate Jan. 1

Vice President-Financial Management Anne Broome has announced an increase in the university's mileage reimbursement rate for business use of a privately owned automobile. The change conforms to new rates announced by the IRS pursuant to Revenue Procedure 2006-49. The standard reimbursement rate for the use of a privately owned automobile for UC business travel will increase from 44.5 cents per mile to 48.5 cents per mile, effective Jan. 1, 2007.

Monthly pretax transportation limits to rise

Vice President-Financial Management Anne Broome has announced an increase in the university's pretax payroll deduction limit for parking expenses. The change conforms to new rates announced by the IRS pursuant to Revenue Procedure 2006-53.

The federal limit for pretax parking expenses paid by payroll deduction will increase from \$205 to \$215 a month.

The pretax deduction limit for the combined value of transit passes and vanpooling expenses will increase from \$105 to \$110 a month.

These pretax limits also apply for purposes of California income tax withholding. The new limits will be effective with paychecks issued on or after Jan. 1, 2007.

Distinguished Service Award winners named: Lemaux, Davis, Vasquez, and Farm Water Quality Team

AVP Rick Standiford has announced ANR's 2006 Distinguished Service Award winners. "I am pleased at the caliber of this year's winners and wholeheartedly agree that they are very deserving of this recognition," Standiford said.

Outstanding Outreach Award

Peggy Lemaux, Cooperative Extension specialist in UC Berkeley Department of Plant and Microbial Biology, received the Outstanding Extension Award. She will receive \$5,000 and a plaque.



The award recognizes accomplishments by UCCE academics over a significant period of time for academic excellence; impact and level of adoption by targeted clientele; program usefulness as an extension model; level of innovation/creativity; and outreach to underserved audiences.

In their recommendation, the committee evaluating nominations wrote: "Peggy has developed an outstanding educational program to foster the dissemination of information on agricultural biotechnology to the public, farmers, public opinion leaders and government officials. Peggy has over 16 years service with UC. Her program is far-ranging, uses many methods of dissemination, is solidly research-backed, advances alternate scientific opinions, and is handled with great skill and finesse under the scrutiny of a potentially charged public eye.

"She was described by her nominator, UCB Paul Dean Ludden, as defining 'a new type of Cooperative Extension Specialist,' alluding to her bold steps into the realm of helping shape public policy with appropriate science. At the same time, she has made great strides in the genetic engineering of cereal crops in her own laboratory. Her recent work on the modification of sorghum for improved nutritional value has led to UC Berkeley's participation in a \$17.6 million initiative for the Africa Harvest Foundation."

Outstanding Research Award

R. Michael Davis, Cooperative Extension specialist in UC Davis Department of Plant Pathology, was selected for the Outstanding Research award. He will receive \$5,000 and a plaque.



The award recognizes outstanding accomplishments by UCCE academics over a significant period of time for academic excellence; innovative methods of obtaining new knowledge; impact of research on clientele and level of adoption; and incorporation of research into extension programs.

In its recommendation, the committee wrote: "Michael has an outstanding research program on diseases of field and vegetable crops in California. The focus of Michael's work is the etiology, epidemiology, and management of diseases of importance to agriculture in California. His program has largely concentrated on field and vegetable crop diseases caused

by fungi and fungal-like organisms. However, his breadth as a plant pathologist is illustrated by his ability to work and solve complex problems involving other types of pathogens such as bacteria and viruses.

"His program provides an excellent example of the continuum of basic research through application. He maintains a vigorous and highly successful outreach and extension program and it is quite evident from his record that he is well respected by other faculty and specialists, advisors and stakeholders."

Outstanding New Professional Award

Stephen J. Vasquez, viticulture farm advisor for Fresno County, was named "Outstanding New Professional." He will receive \$5,000 and a plaque for being "an example of what every new advisor should strive to be," in the words of the committee.



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Outstanding Teamwork Award

The Outstanding Teamwork award was won by the Farm Water Quality team of Richard Evans, Timothy Hartz, Kenneth Tate, Jay Gan, Stephen Grattan, Thomas Harter, Lawrence Schwankl, Louise Jackson, Stuart Pettygrove, John Harper, Larry Bettiga, Michael Cahn, William Chaney, Richard Smith, Darren Haver, John Kabashima, William Coates, Terry Prichard, Mary Bianchi, Mark Battany, Royce Larsen, Mark Gaskell, Aziz Baameur, Mark Bolda, Laura Tourte, Ben Faber, Julie Newman, Phil Phillips and Lisa Thompson. They will share a \$10,000 award.

The Farm Water Quality Team is comprised of a large number of advisors and specialists with a tremendous diversity in expertise, who collectively developed an educational program with the most current research-based farming and water quality knowledge. They effectively partnered with other experts to create an excellent short course for a large and diverse clientele base.

The Outstanding Teamwork Award recognizes outstanding accomplishments by teams of UCCE academics for academic excellence; impact of activities on target audiences/clientele; evidence that the combined effort resulted in contributions greater than an individual member's contribution; and cross-disciplinary integration among UCCE and appropriate faculty, other workgroup members, etc.

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The award recognizes academics who have worked in UCCE for less than 10 years and achieved outstanding accomplishments in academic excellence; contribution to UCCE mission through university and public service; creation of an innovative extension and research program; and identified impact/outcome in extension and research efforts.

In their recommendation, the committee wrote: "In a very short time Stephen has established an effective extension research and outreach program in the largest grape growing area in the state. He has developed an extension program that is both relevant to and valued by his clientele.

"Grapes are the leading commodity in Fresno County with major production in raisin, wine, and table grapes. The diverse clientele is made up of over 3,000 growers farming 200,000 acres of grapes. "In addition to his research and extension efforts, he has taken on leadership roles at the local, university and national level. Stephen has served on numerous committees including the City of Fresno Multi-Business and Agricultural Agency International Task Force, the president of the Academic Assembly Council, and the Early Career Professional Committee chair for the American Phytopathological Society."

The 2006 Academic Assembly Council Distinguished Service Award (DSA) committee was chaired by Jeanette Sutherland and included 2004 DSA recipients Steve Tjosvold, Sheri Zidenberg-Cherr, Joe Nunez, and Karen Robb.

Past DSA recipients on the committee said they were "humbled" by the quality of the nominations and the great work of their colleagues in UCCE.

Turini named Fresno vegetable advisor

Thomas A. Turini has accepted the position of UC Cooperative Extension vegetable crops farm advisor for Fresno County.

Turini earned his B.S. degree in Agricultural Science at



California State University, Fresno. He earned his M.S. degree from CSU Fresno in Plant Science and Plant Protection. He has been working as a plant pathology farm advisor in Imperial County.

Turini will begin his new appointment in Fresno County on Feb. 12. His phone number will be (559) 456-7157 and his e-mail will remain taturini@ucdavis.edu.

Greer moves to new rice region

Christopher A. Greer has accepted the position of UCCE farm advisor—rice farming systems, serving Sutter, Yuba, Sacramento and Placer counties, and headquartered in Yuba City, effective Jan. 1.

About half of California's \$500 million rice crop is grown in the four-county region

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ANR researchers elected AAAS fellows

Fifteen ANR scientists are among 56 UC researchers who have been elected fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the world's largest general scientific society, in this year's annual election. UC-affiliated fellows constitute more than 10 percent of the 449 new association fellows.

Chosen by their peers, association fellows are recognized for their distinguished efforts to advance science and its applications in a wide variety of fields, including agriculture, biological sciences, education, engineering, medical sciences, psychology, and social sciences. Fellows have made significant contributions in areas such as research, teaching, technology or administration.

As a symbol of their accomplishments, each new fellow will receive an official certificate and a gold science or blue engineering rosette pin during the AAAS annual meeting in San Francisco set for Feb. 17.

The newly elected fellows affiliated with ANR are:

From UC Davis:

- Robert L. Gilbertson, professor of plant pathology
- John J. Harada, professor of plant biology
- Hans-Georg Muller, professor of statistics
- Pamela C. Ronald, professor of plant pathology

- Chris van Kessel, chair, dept. of plant pathology
- Susan L. Williams, professor of evolution and ecology

From UC Riverside:

- Katherine A. Borkovich, professor of plant pathology
- Shou-wei Ding, professor of plant pathology
- Jodie S. Holt, chair and professor of plant physiology
- Bai-lian Li, professor of ecology
- Joseph G. Morse, professor of entomology
- P. Kirk Visscher, associate professor of entomology
- Shizhong Xu, professor of genetics
- Marylynn Yates, chair, dept. of environmental sciences and professor of environmental microbiology

AAAS members are nominated to the rank of fellow by the association's steering group, by three current fellows or by the association's chief executive officer. Each steering group reviews the nominations of individuals within its section and the AAAS Council makes the final decision.

For details about why the UCR fellows were chosen, go to <http://www.newsroom.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/display.cgi?id=1468>.

To see a list of all 56 UC researchers elected fellows of the AAAS, go to <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2006/nov29.html>.

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of Sutter, Yuba, Sacramento, and Placer counties.

Greer earned his BS degree in Bioenvironmental Sciences at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. He earned his PhD in Plant Pathology at UC Davis. Most recently, he has been working as farm advisor—rice farming systems serving Colusa, Tehama, Glenn and Yolo counties. Greer can be reached at (550) 822-7515, cagreer@ucdavis.edu.



Chebel joins ANR as dairy specialist

Ricardo Chebel has been named dairy extension specialist based at the Veterinary Medicine Training and Research Center (VM-TRC) in Tulare. Chebel, who starts on Jan. 2, succeeds the retired John Kirk.



Chebel earned his DVM from Universidade Paulista in Brazil. He worked as an intern at the RuAnn Dairy in Riverdale, Calif., and did postgraduate research at the VMTRC before beginning his resi-

dency in dairy production medicine at the VMTRC.

After obtaining his MPVM from UC Davis in 2004, Chebel went to work as an assistant professor for dairy production at the Caine Veterinary Teaching Center of the University of Idaho, where he works presently. He also works concurrently as an affiliate faculty member of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University in Pullman, WA.

Beginning Jan. 2, Chebel can be reached at (559) 688-1731 ext. 264 and rchebel@vmtrc.ucdavis.edu.

Fung honored by World Technology Network

Inez Fung was recently selected as a Fellow of the World Technology Network and received the 2006 World Technology Network Award for the Environment. Fung is director of the Berkeley Atmospheric Sciences Center, co-director of the new Berkeley Institute of the Environment, and UCB professor of earth and planetary science and of environmental science, policy and management.



Sposito honored by American Chemical Society

Garrison Sposito, UC Berkeley professor of ecosystem sciences, was honored in September at a four-day symposium of the American Chemical Society, at which more than 60 scientific papers were presented on the theme of applying rigorous methods in physical chemistry to understand complex processes in environmental systems, a major thrust in Sposito's scientific career. Next year, a special issue of the geochemistry journal *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* will be published in honor of his research accomplishments.



Retirement

Bill Chaney, UCCE entomologist for Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties, retired Dec. 7 after 19 years with UC.

Chaney, who was raised on a soybean and corn farm in Indiana, earned three degrees from Purdue University: a bachelor's degree in chemistry, and master's and doctorate degrees in entomology. He left the Midwest in 1987 to take the entomology position in the Monterey County CE office.

Chaney's research has focused on cool-season vegetable production, primarily in the area of aphid and leafminer control. For example, when aphids posed a problem for organic lettuce farmers, Chaney found that growing plants that attract insects that eat aphids among the rows of lettuce helped keep aphids in control without pesticides. When the lettuce aphid was discovered in Central Coast lettuce fields in 1998, Chaney and his colleagues developed a pesticide regimen to control the pest. Non-chemical approaches were also studied, including planting lettuce varieties that resist the aphid.



He showed that pea leafminer developed resistance to the standard pyrethroids that growers traditionally sprayed on their fields. The result was a shift to other, less harmful, pesticides.

In the early 1990s, Chaney helped Monterey County growers of baby eucalyptus arrest an infestation of blue gum psyllid. The pest, unchecked by natural predators, threatened the future of this aromatic ornamental frequently used in dry and fresh flower arrangements. Chaney worked with the late UC Berkeley entomologist Don Dahlsten and others to introduce a parasite of the pest that was brought over from New Zealand.

"The project was completely successful," Chaney said. "A serious pest was taken out of the system."

For his efforts to control the psyllid, Chaney received a certificate of recognition from the governor's office.

Following his retirement from UC, Chaney will move La Pine, Ore., for a new career opportunity.

-- Jeannette Warnert

Technology tools workshop offered Feb. 22

UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and ANR will sponsor "Technology Tools: Look, Listen, Try, & Use" workshop on Feb. 22. The workshop will be held in the Activities and Recreation Center at UC Davis.

Registration is open to all UC advisors, specialists, and AES faculty. The workshop will provide tools to help academics to communicate and collaborate more effectively with each other and with their clientele. Speakers will be presenting the latest tools for virtual meetings, program delivery and personal time management. Technical expertise for the workshop will be provided by ANR Communication Services and some academics will also share examples of how they use technology.

Attendance is limited to the first 150 registered. Registration is free. To register or for more information about the workshop, go to <http://ucanr.org/techtools>.

Analytical Lab calls for research proposals

ANR Analytical Laboratory invites CE advisors and specialists to apply to its Research Project Grant program for the upcoming cycle.

This program is designed to provide seed funding (i.e., analyses at no charge) for projects establishing baseline data that may result in extramural funding and for small projects (1-2 years) where extramural funding is unavailable. Higher priority will be given to new academics submitting proposals, to pilot or new projects, and/or to one-year projects for which other funding cannot be obtained.

Typical awards do not exceed \$2,500. Proposals are reviewed by the Laboratory Advisory Committee, using criteria listed in the program's guidelines. Please read the guidelines carefully. Proposals must be submitted in the current, required format.

The deadline for submitting proposals is **Feb. 1**. E-mail proposals to danranlab@ucdavis.edu.

Proposal forms are available on the lab's Web site (<http://danranlab.ucanr.org>). For more information, call (530) 752-0147.

In memoriam

Robert W. Watkins

Robert Watkins, ANR's risk management coordinator, died unexpectedly Nov. 22 at his Oakland home, possibly of a heart attack. He was 49.

Watkins joined ANR in 2000. His background in risk management and law, particularly with school districts and in education, made him uniquely qualified to head ANR's risk management program. He earned his bachelor's degree at UC Berkeley and J.D. at UCLA.

"Robert was a conscientious champion in the field of risk management and over the past years developed and nurtured many collaborative working relationships in ANR and with the Office of President Risk Services and campus risk management personnel, which translated not only into reduced risk and exposure to ANR, but to UC as a whole," said VP Gomes.

Watkins is survived by his wife, Leslie, and sons, Noah and Joshua, brothers Reginald (Beverly) and Michael (Anne) Watkins and several nieces and nephews. Nephew Justin Watkins is the youth FSNEP program representative in the Alameda County CE office.

For those who wish to write to the family, cards can be addressed as follows:

The Watkins Family
4749 Stacy Street
Oakland, California 94605-5637

A memorial fund has been established for the benefit of Robert's two sons. To contribute, checks can be sent to the family at the above address, or directly deposited:

The Noah and Joshua Watkins Fund
Bank of America
496 Lake Park Avenue
Oakland, California 94610
(510) 273-5159
Account Number: 05314-40968



Snapshot of VP & AVP activities

Over the past four weeks, VP Gomes engaged in the following meetings:

- 11/30 County Directors meeting, North Coast and Mountain Region, Davis
County Directors meeting, Central Coast and South Region, Oakland
- 12/3-6 California Farm Bureau Federation—Annual Meeting, Anaheim
- 12/7 President Dynes
UC Vice Presidents
- 12/8 ANR Academic Assembly Council—Executive Committee
- 12/11-14 New Deans and Directors Orientation, NASULGC, Washington, D.C.

President's Cabinet

– every Monday

UC Vice Presidents' Cabinet with the President

– twice monthly

ANR Vice President's Cabinet

– first and third Monday

Over the past four weeks, AVP Standford engaged in the following meetings:

- 11/16 UC Regents, Los Angeles
- 11/20 ANR Regional Director Mauk
- 11/28 CAES Dinner with Michael Pollan and new SAREP Director Tomich, Davis
- 11/29 Agricultural Issues Center Advisory Board, Davis
Forest Research mtg, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Sacramento with Program Leader Frost
- 11/30 County Directors meeting, North Coast and Mountain Region, Davis
County Directors meeting, Central Coast and South Region, Oakland
UCD CAES Dean Van Alfen, Davis
- 12/4 UC President's Cabinet
- 12/5 John Hamilton, Office of Federal Relations, UCDC and UCOP Council on Research, Davis
- 12/8 ANR Academic Assembly Council—Executive Committee
- 12/13 ANR Program Council, Davis
National Grape and Wine Initiative meeting, Modesto

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