President Janet Napolitano announced on July 1 a major initiative intended to marshal resources across the UC system to address global challenges related to food.

ANR has an important role in the UC Global Food Initiative, which is designed to intensify and expand the university’s collective efforts to support healthy eating, sustainable agriculture and food security.

“Our goal is far-reaching,” Napolitano said. “It is to do all we can to help the world learn to feed itself in ways that are healthy and sustainable in the use of resources.

“Our starting blocks for this initiative are our 10 campuses, our Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory,” she said. “That power of 10-plus makes UC well poised to take on this challenge on a scale not possible by any other higher education entity in the world.”

The Global Food Initiative will expand on UC’s tradition of innovative agricultural, health and environmental research by further incorporating other disciplines such as law, humanities, education and social science to better shape, impact and drive food policy discussions.

VP Barbara Allen-Diaz will assemble a working group to provide guidance for ANR’s assigned roles in the UC Global Food Initiative.


Sign up for September program team meetings

In September, the Youth Science Literacy Program Team and the California Communities and Food Systems Program Team will meet. Travel funds are available for these meetings.

Program team leaders and work group chairs can schedule meetings by completing a short online request at http://ucanr.edu/sites/programteams.

The Youth Science Literacy Program Team will meet on Sept. 10 and 11 at Moss Landing Marine Lab. For more information, visit http://ucanr.edu/sites/programteams/Sept_10-11_2014_Youth_Science_Literacy_PT_Meeting.

The California Communities and Food Systems Program Team will meet at Mountain Home Ranch Resort in Calistoga on Sept. 22 and 23. For more information, visit http://ucanr.edu/sites/programteams/Sept_22-23_California_Communities_and_Food_Systems_PT_Meeting.

If you have questions or concerns, email the ANR Program Support Unit at anrprogramsupport@ucanr.edu.

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Kings, Fresno and Tulare counties: 4-H Advisor

ANR is seeking a Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development advisor to conduct an extension, education and applied research program to build the youth development programs in Kings, Fresno and Tulare counties. The advisor will be headquartered in Hanford.

The successful candidate will be an innovative researcher who can provide inspiration and guidance to the 4-H Youth Development Program in the represented counties. The advisor will develop partnerships and leverage resources to advance local 4-H youth development programming and encourage collaborations among ANR program teams, 4-H youth development volunteer leaders, governmental agencies, youth service organizations, industry groups and schools.

A master’s degree is required, though candidates with other advanced degrees are encouraged to apply. Preferred disciplines include a combination of animal science, agriculture, natural resources, environmental science and agriculture education, with emphasis on human or youth development, community development or other closely related fields.

Please visit http://ucanr.edu/Jobs/Jobs_990/ to view the full job description and application instructions. Refer to position AP# 13-15 in all correspondence. Applications should be submitted by Aug. 15 to ensure consideration. For more information regarding this position, please contact Julie Woodworth at (530) 750-1282 or ANRacademicsearch@ucop.edu.

Kearney calls for proposals

Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension Center (KARE) is requesting proposals for new research and demonstration projects for the period Nov. 1, 2014, through Oct. 31, 2015.

Located near Fresno in the San Joaquin Valley, Kearney has 330 acres suitable for many types of tree, vine and row crops. Kearney also has some of the most extensive specialized research facilities of any off-campus location within UC. These are suitable for greenhouse, postharvest, sample handling (including cold storage and drying), sensory evaluation, lysimeters and assorted laboratory research activities.

Substantial plantings of grapes, stonefruit, almonds, kiwi, apples and alfalfa are becoming available.

If you have questions about field research management, contact Chuck Boldwyn at (559) 646-6020 or cfboldwyn@ucanr.edu. For questions about the facilities, contact Laura Van der Staay at (559) 646-6030 or lvanderstaay@ucanr.edu. Other questions can be directed to KARE Director Jeff Dahlberg at (559) 646-6060 or jadahlberg@ucanr.edu.

Proposal forms are to be submitted electronically via the “Universal Review System” in the UC ANR Portal by Sept. 26, 2014. Forms are located at http://recs.ucanr.edu/For_Researchers/Research_Proposal_Application_and_Forms.

For assistance with submitting your proposal, contact Janie Duran at njduran@ucanr.edu or (559) 646-6010.

To learn more about KARE, visit http://kare.ucanr.edu.

Travel funds available for specialists to collaborate with advisors

ANR will be making additional travel support available for UCCE specialists to collaborate with UCCE advisors in FY 2014/15. With the level of funds available, each specialist may apply for up to $2,000 for FY 2014/15 (funds must be expended by June 30, 2015). These travel funds must be utilized by the UCCE specialists only and cannot be used for out-of-state travel.

Completing a short online survey is the only step in accessing these funds.

A brief survey form will be accessible from your ANR Portal. The survey will ask

• Name and title of specialist requesting support
• Project/Program name
• Brief project description (one paragraph)
• Collaborating advisors

While there is no deadline for applications for these travel funds, they must be expended in the current fiscal year. We are pleased that we are able to take this step to assist in meeting an identified need.


UCCE Santa Clara County opens demonstration garden

UCCE Santa Clara County celebrated the UCCE centennial and opened an edible demonstration garden outside its offices on June 27. From left, Dave Campbell, Healthy Families and Communities Strategic Initiative leader, Amy Brown, Santa Clara County director of Agriculture and Environmental Management, County Supervisor Dave Cortese and Sheila Barry, UCCE director, plant chives, sage, rosemary and thyme.
Names in the News

Wilen named EIPD leader

Cheryl Wilen is the new leader for the Endemic and Invasive Pests and Diseases (EIPD) strategic initiative. In this role, Wilen provides direction for the initiative, including shepherding the ANR Competitive Grants process, planning and conducting strategic initiative conferences, and identifying and initiating EIPD efforts such as development of policy briefs and other special projects.

Since 1995, Wilen has been the area integrated pest management advisor for Orange, Los Angeles and San Diego counties. She will continue to conduct applied research and work with growers and pest control advisers in the turf, ornamental and nursery industries, and serve as the IPM advisor coordinator to help develop successful IPM programs. Until mid-September, she is also acting director for the UC Statewide IPM Program while Kassim Al-Khatib is on sabbatical leave.

As the EIPD leader, Wilen will also serve on the ANR Program Council. She succeeds Beth Grafton-Cardwell, who led the EIPD for three years.

Wilen holds a Ph.D. in botany from UC Riverside and an M.S. and B.S. in horticulture, from the University of Arizona and University of Maryland, respectively.

Dahlquist-Willard named small farms advisor

Ruth Dahlquist-Willard joined UCCE as small farms advisor in Fresno and Tulare counties on July 1.

Prior to joining UCCE, Dahlquist-Willard had been an assistant professor of biology at Fresno Pacific University since 2008. During this time, she studied combining soil solarization with compost amendment for increased efficacy of weed control. In 1998, she was a lab assistant at Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension Center, conducting experiments on soil solarization for weed control.

Dahlquist-Willard, who speaks Spanish, earned her Ph.D. in entomology from University of Idaho and the Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza in Costa Rica through an interdisciplinary joint doctoral program. She completed postbaccalaureate coursework in entomology, crop science and integrated pest management at Cal Poly Pomona after earning her B.S. in biology from UCLA.

Dahlquist-Willard is based in Fresno and can be reached at (559) 241-7513 and rdahlquistwillard@ucanr.edu.

Karle named CD and dairy advisor

Betsy Karle was named UCCE director for Glenn County and area dairy advisor on June 25. Since 2007, Karle had worked as a dairy program representative for Glenn and Tehama counties. She also served as a 4-H leader for five years.

Karle, who played an active role in the management of the herd at her family’s Sonoma County dairy, earned her M.S. in ecology and B.S. in agricultural systems and environment from UC Davis.

Brownsey joins SFREC

Philip Brownsey joined ANR on July 1 as a rangeland restoration academic coordinator at Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center.

Prior to joining UCCE, Brownsey worked as a rangeland management specialist for USDA Forest Service. As a graduate student, he supported grassland research projects in the East Bay Regional Park District, California State Parks and Sierra Foothill REC and assisted with field data sampling and sampling design for grazed meadow research in the Sierra Nevada.

Brownsey earned his M.S. in range management from UC Berkeley and B.A. in economics from Colby College in Maine.

He can be reached at (530) 639-8807 and pbrownsey@ucanr.edu.

Millar receives international honor

Jocelyn Millar, professor in the Department of Entomology at UC Riverside, has been awarded the Silver Medal for career achievement by the International Society of Chemical Ecology. The Silver Medal, the society’s highest honor, is awarded annually to scientists who have made outstanding contributions to chemical ecology, the study of chemicals that mediate interactions between living organisms.

Millar’s research primarily focuses on how insects use odors and tastes for communication. In addition to chemical ecology, Millar’s research group uses this information to develop practical applications for detecting and managing insect populations.

Lewis appointed CAB chair

AVP Bill Frost has appointed David Lewis, UCCE watershed management advisor and director for Marin and Napa counties, to a 3-year term as chair of the ANR Communications Advisory Board.

Lewis succeeds Joe Connell, who retired in July.

The board provides advice and support to the leadership of Communication Services and Information Technology on Division program connection, resource allocation prioritization, major policy issues, budget and long-range planning. It also provides oversight of the peer-review process for ANR educational materials.

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ANR rewards outstanding staff

VP Barbara Allen-Diaz has announced the recipients of the Staff Appreciation and Recognition (STAR) Award Program. “This year we are recognizing 15 individuals and two teams with awards,” Allen-Diaz said. “It’s been a pleasure to read about the many dedicated ANR staff employees who have given so much to support ANR’s programs and research.”

The recipients received cash awards as well as recognition for their performance.

The team awards were given to the Communication Services and Information Technology Web Team – Ryan Brown, Steve Edberg, Adam Lum and Bryon Noel – and the Risk and Safety Services Team – David Alamillo, Mark Barros, Thor Benzing and Linda Harris.

The following people received individual awards (in alphabetical order):

Bethanie Brown, Staff Personnel human resource manager
Dustin Flavell, Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center superintendent
Ryan Harms, Controller’s Office analyst
Yesenia Vanessa Hernandez, UCCE San Mateo/San Francisco community educator
Faith Kears, California Institute for Water Resources analyst
Catherine Montano, Administrative Policies and Business Contracts director
Sue Mosbacher, UCCE Central Sierra community educator
Lisa Paniagua, UCCE San Luis Obispo County community educator
Catalina Preciado, Business Operations Center analyst
Mary Roberts, Staff Personnel analyst
Shawna Rogers, UCCE Fresno County community educator
Kendra Rose, Contracts and Grants analyst
Robin Sanchez, Controller’s Office analyst
Pam Tise, Academic Personnel analyst
Karey Windbiel-Rojas, IPM community educator

“This is ANR’s second year of the STAR Award Program,” said Allen-Diaz. “I truly believe in these awards as one way of recognizing our outstanding employees and encourage everyone to take the time to nominate more outstanding staff next year.”

Under guidelines for the STAR Award Program, managers nominated staff employees for exceptional performance or significant contributions related to and supportive of individual, departmental, divisional and/or organizational goals and objectives. The nominations were judged on exceptional performance, creativity, organizational abilities, work success and teamwork. Allen-Diaz charged a review panel of five divisionwide academic and staff employees and one non-voting facilitator to review the nominations and make recommendations to her with a justification for each award to be given. Final selections were made by Allen-Diaz.

UC Berkeley Forestry Program honored

The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection will present the UC Berkeley Forestry Program with the “Francis H. Raymond Award for Outstanding Contributions to California Forestry,” its highest honor.

“Academic contributions of the program have positively impacted forest management and policy throughout the world since the program started a century ago, in 1914,” the board stated. “Among the program’s notable achievements are developing the underpinnings for modern remote sensing, the first milling studies of second growth redwood and giant sequoia, research on seedling physiology that revolutionized seedling production, and ecological investigation on the role of fire in forested environments.”

“Additionally, the UC Berkeley Forestry program, through the Blodgett Research Forest Station in the Sierra Nevada, continues to work diligently at promoting forest stewardship through demonstration and research and annually extends informative tours to local and state elected representatives as a means of informing policy makers on the art and science of sound forest management.”

The award will be presented during the forestry board’s meeting on Aug. 27 in Sacramento.

UC communicators win awards

Several UC communicators won awards from the Association for Communication Excellence (ACE), an international organization for communicators in agriculture, national resources, and life and human sciences. The awards were presented at the ACE conference in June in Portland, Ore.

Kathy Keatley Garvey, communicator for the UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology, received two gold and one bronze awards in three categories. She won a gold award in Writing for the Web for her Thanksgiving article “Thankful for Insects,” gold in best feature photo for a photo of wide-eyed bee scientist Jakub Gabka of Poland sporting a bee beard, and a bronze for a series of photos she took in 2013.

Steve Heindl, Marissa Stein and Ray Lucas of Communication Services & Information Technology won the gold award in the Educational Package category for the online “Introduction to Forest Management” course they produced for Rick Standiford, UCCE specialist in the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management at UC Berkeley.

For promotional videos, ACE awarded silver for the UC Cooperative Extension centennial video. The video was produced by UCOP’s multimedia team of Jessica Wheeler, Zak Long and Larissa Branim with direction from CSIT’s Pam Kan-Rice and Cynthia Kintigh.

“Grape Pest Management, Third Edition” won a silver award for technical publications for Larry J. Bettiga, UCCE viticulture advisor in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties, as technical editor. CSIT designers Robin Walton and Will Suckow also received a bronze award for the reference book’s design in the 2014 PubWest Book Design Awards.
In Memoriam

John H. Lindt, Jr.

John H. Lindt, Jr., former UCCE advisor, died on June 18. He was 86. After earning a B.S. in agronomy from UC Davis in 1952, Lindt was hired as an Extension assistant in Sutter County. In 1953, he was promoted to UCCE advisor and worked on a soil survey, bean issues, grain sorghums and early rice variety trials. Lindt received an M.S. in agronomy from UC Davis in 1960.

In 1967, the San Francisco native took a year off from UC to serve as a consultant for the International Rice Research Institute, working in the Philippines and Taiwan. Lindt resigned his UCCE post in 1969 to join the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, or CIMMYT, to do wheat crop research in Mexico. His career culminated with the World Bank, where he oversaw agricultural projects in Southeast Asia, including Nepal, India, Pakistan and Thailand.

Lindt is survived by his four children, Susan Monin (Will) of Tacoma, Wash., Patricia Guss (Michael) of No. Bethesda, Md., Margaret Mathis (Syl) of Falls Church, Va., and John D. Lindt (Norka) of Carbondale, Ill., and three grandchildren.

Larry Teuber

Larry Teuber, professor in the Department of Plant Sciences at UC Davis, died on May 19. He was 62. Teuber, who joined UC Davis in 1977, was the alfalfa breeder and geneticist for alfalfa at UC Davis and director of the California Crop Improvement Association.

“Larry was instrumental in contributing to the plant breeding of alfalfa, having released numerous key non-dormant alfalfa germplasm sources which have been used by private companies, and, more recently, several widely grown alfalfa varieties: UC Impalo WF and UC Highline,” wrote Dan Putnam, UCCE specialist in the Department of Plant Sciences at UC Davis, in his tribute to Teuber in the Alfalfa & Forage News blog.

Teuber is survived by his wife Suzanne and daughters Stephanie and Melissa.


UCRE advisors from Kings, Fresno and Tulare counties pose with sequoia log in Whitaker’s Forest in 1926.

Celebrate 100 years of UC Forestry Sept. 19

The UC Berkeley Forestry Program is 100 years old. Alumni and friends of the College of Natural Resources at UC Berkeley are celebrating throughout this year. You are invited to join them for the Forestry Centennial Party on Friday, Sept. 19. The evening of dinner, dancing and reminiscing starts at 6 p.m. at the historic Faculty Club on the Berkeley campus.

Event tickets are $100 for general admission, $25 for current students. Attendees will receive a special 56-page celebratory book.

Alumni of the program hold critical positions for the management of 95 percent of the industrial forestlands in California. Research of the program’s alumni and faculty has expanded knowledge in fire, remote sensing and geographic information systems, ecology, climate change, forest economics, the social sciences and numerous other areas.

For more information about the forestry program centennial and the event, visit http://nature.berkeley.edu/forestry100.

ANR seeks ideas to replace ANR Report

How would you prefer to receive news about ANR?

ANR Report is beginning its 28th year of publication as the Division’s employee newsletter. In the interest of efficiency and adapting to current communication methods, we are seeking ideas to improve the way we deliver news to employees.

PDFs don’t work well on mobile devices and require design time to lay out. Should we send a monthly email containing a few brief announcements in the body of the email? Should we move to a blog or website that can be updated more frequently?

Please send suggestions and examples of communication tools that you find useful to anrreport@ucanr.edu.

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