

ROLLOUTS

Plant Breeding and Genetics—A paper in the series on *The Need for Agricultural Innovation to Sustainably Feed the World by 2050* (March 22)

- Dr. Stephen Baenziger and Dr. Rita Mumm (task force cochairs) presented the paper to three audiences in Washington, D.C.:
 - A National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research (NC-FAR) Senate briefing for staffers
 - An NC-FAR “Lunch ‘n Learn” seminar for House staffers
 - A presentation for stakeholders cohosted by the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Science Policy Office



CAST Issue Paper

Crop Protection Contributions toward Agricultural Productivity



Crop Protection Contributions toward Agricultural Productivity—A paper in the series on *The Need for Agricultural Innovation to Sustainably Feed the World by 2050*

- Dr. Susan Ratcliffe, task force chair and director of the North Central IPM Center at the University of Illinois, presented the paper in Washington, D.C., on the following dates:
 - April 5 at a gathering cohosted by CropLife America
 - April 6 at two presentations for Senate and House staffers on Capitol Hill



CAST Annual Report 2016

- Branching Out in New Directions was the theme of the report, released in April, which contains the following information:
 - Letters from Richard Cavaletto (current CAST President) and Kent Schescke (CAST EVP)
 - Board of Trustees updates, publication rollout info, summaries of the Spring and Fall Board Meetings, BCCA event reports, membership lists, and financial summaries

BORLAUG CAST COMMUNICATION AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT



- Jayson Lusk was announced as the 2017 winner of the BCCA on April 27
 - Currently a Regents Professor and Willard Sparks Endowed Chair with the Department of Agricultural Economics at Oklahoma State University
 - Will become head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University (July)
 - Uses multiple forms of media to advocate for science as he explains how innovation and growth in agriculture are critical for food security and global progress

- Announcement took place at the World Bank in Washington, D.C.
- Award presentation will occur at a breakfast side event cohosted by Syngenta and CAST at the World Food Prize Symposium on October 18 in Des Moines, Iowa



- Dr. Kevin Folta, 2016 recipient of the BCCA, spoke at the announcement
- Dr. Folta’s topic was *Earn Trust Before Facts Can Flow*

Welcome

CAST MEMBERSHIP INCREASES

- American Seed Trade Association - representative TBD
- BASF Corporation - Luke Bozeman (Director, R&D Crop Protection, North America) as representative
- National Corn Growers Association/Iowa Corn Promotion Board - David Ertl (Technology Commercialization Manager) as representative
- National Milk Producers Federation - Jamie Jonker (Vice President, Sustainability & Scientific Affairs) as representative
- The Fertilizer Institute - Sally Flis (Director, Agronomy) as representative
- Tyson Foods - Lora Wright (Director, Food Safety Quality Assurance) as representative

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CHANGES

- American Dairy Science Association - George Patocka, Dairy Specialist at University of Alberta
- American Society of Animal Science - Glenn Duff, Head of the Department of Animal and Range Sciences at New Mexico State University
- American Society of Plant Biologists - Amit Dhingra, Associate Professor at Washington State University
- Entomological Society of America - Gary Brewer, Professor and Head of the Department of Entomology at University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Land O'Lakes - Jason Sewell, Senior Scientist, R&D Applications, Purina Animal Nutrition, LLC
- Northeastern Weed Science Society - Rob Richardson, Professor and Extension Specialist at North Carolina State University
- Society of In Vitro Biology - John Harbell, Consultant

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATES

- Dale Bauman, Liberty Hyde Bailey Professor at Cornell University
- Mike Strain, Commissioner, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry
- Gary Thompson, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education Director at PA Agricultural Experiment Station and Penn State College of Agricultural Science

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Rollout of “Why Does Bee Health Matter? The Science Surrounding Honey Bee Health Concerns and What We Can Do About It” (June 19, 2017)
- Rollout of “Genome Editing in Agriculture: Methods, Applications, and Governance—A paper in the series on The Need for Agricultural Innovation to Sustainably Feed the World by 2050” (TBD)
- Rollout of “Omega-3 Fatty Acids: Health Benefits and Dietary Recommendations” (TBD)
- Borlaug CAST Communication Award Presentation and Breakfast at World Food Prize (October 18, 2017)
- CAST Annual Meeting at Research Triangle Park, Raleigh, North Carolina (October 25–27, 2017)