

CAST ROLLS OUT BEE HEALTH COMMENTARY

On June 19, CAST released Commentary QTA2017-1, *Why Does Bee Health Matter? The Science Surrounding Honey Bee Health Concerns and What We Can Do About It*, in Washington, D.C. The activities included three events at the nation's capital. Dr. Marla Spivak, an entomologist and Distinguished McKnight University Professor at the University of Minnesota spoke during (1) a morning session with the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, (2) an NC-FAR lunch seminar with staffers from the House of Representatives, and (3) an NC-FAR afternoon seminar with staffers from the Senate.



BCCA LAUREATE WINS WORLD FOOD PRIZE

Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, the President of the African Development Bank, was named as the 2017 World Food Prize Laureate. CAST recognized the abilities of Dr. Adesina in 2010 when he was named the Borlaug CAST Communication Award winner.



GIVING THANKS TO CAST'S ROOTS

In recognition of the many who have contributed to the success of CAST, August was declared "Celebrate CAST Members Month." Through *Friday Notes*, social media, and the website, the organization shared historical information, highlighted founding members, and featured examples of many who have joined in this effort to promote ag and science.

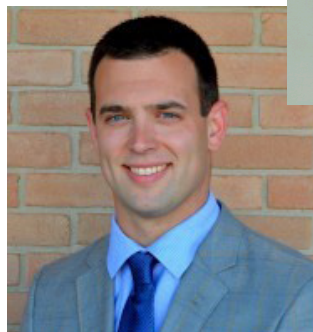
BORLAUG CAST COMMUNICATION AWARD PRESENTATION

On October 18, Jayson Lusk received the 2017 Borlaug CAST Communication Award at a World Food Prize breakfast side event. He gave a memorable keynote address regarding "The Future of Food." Following the award presentation, ASABE organized a presentation and panel discussion—*Designing the Road out of Poverty: Ensuring Resource Access*.



NEW CAST PRESIDENT-ELECT

Gabe Middleton officially assumed his responsibilities at the conclusion of the CAST Fall Board Meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina, in October. In 2018, Middleton will become the 46th President of CAST.



CAST ANNUAL FALL MEETING TAKES PLACE IN RALEIGH

The three-day 2017 CAST meeting took place in Raleigh, North Carolina, where various governing boards gathered for meetings, tours, guest speakers, and breakout sessions. Several noteworthy speakers addressed the group with similar messages regarding the importance of effective science communication. A special highlight was the “passing of the gavel” from Richard Cavaletto to Nancy Reichert as the 2017–2018 CAST President. At the end of the meeting, Todd Peterson and Don Beitz were acknowledged for their many years of service to the Board of Directors as their terms expire.



CAST GIVES THANKS FOR 2017 SUPPORT

On #GivingTuesday this November, CAST staff and board members recognized the many contributions of our supporters that make CAST resources and events possible. Visit our YouTube channel to watch our recently released thank you video titled #GivingTuesday—Thanks from CAST!

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Welcome

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHANGES

- David Baltensperger (Professor and Head of the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences at Texas A&M University) will represent CAST societies as Liaison to the Board of Directors
- Sally Flis (Director of Agronomy at the Fertilizer Institute) will represent the Plant Work Group as Liaison to the Board of Directors

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CHANGES

- American Association of Bovine Practitioners - Jason Nickell (Associate Director, Livestock Technology and Innovation at Merck Animal Health) as representative
- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources - Brandon Neuschafer (Attorney at Bryan Cave, LLP) as representative
- American Seed Trade Association - Andy LaVigne (President/CEO of ASTA) as representative
- Crop Science Society of America - Jeffrey Volenec (Professor, Department of Agronomy at Purdue University) as representative
- Entomological Society of America - Phil Mulder (Professor and Head of the Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology at Oklahoma State University) as representative