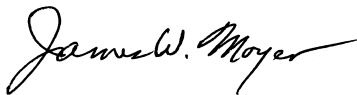


A Message from the Department Head

We are nearing the end of the academic year and shortly thereafter the fiscal year will end. Please remain vigilant for the many important events and deadlines associated with these events. But first please join me in congratulating Kelly Ivors. Her tenure and promotion to Associate Professor has been formally approved by the Board of Governors, the last step. This year, Dr. Mila will be reviewed for tenure and promotion and Dr. Ojiambo will be reviewed for reappointment. You should also be aware that Dr. Dean will be representing Plant Pathology on the College RPT committee.

The end of the fiscal year brings the need for planning for grant and appropriated account close-outs. If you have funds allocated to you in accounts beginning in 2 or 4, they will begin disappearing shortly. Funds remaining in the overhead account that are not obligated by May 1 will revert back to the department. Similarly, if you have funds in the 4 account, please check with Antoinette before May 1 regarding closeout of those accounts. The process is moving ahead to fill the accounting position. Six were selected to interview from a pool of 71 applicants. The student services/accounting position has been posted and that process will begin in a couple more weeks.

Also June 3rd from 8:00-1:00 is a faculty meeting. This meeting is extremely important for faculty participation. This is the initial phase of a new visioning/strategic planning process for the Department. While some time will be given to programmatic directions, cultural aspects of the Department will also be discussed. Among the issues discussed will be faculty and institutional expectations, Departmental identity and future strategies for resource allocation. I hope to see everyone in attendance.



News from the Accounting Office

Available Grants

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services are offering grants through the [Specialty Crop Grants Program](#). These grants are used to fund new projects to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in the marketplace. Please let [Jennifer Williams](#) know as soon as possible if you wish to submit a proposal.

Departmental Spring Series Seminars

4:00 p.m., Toxicology Auditorium, Room 2104, Centennial Campus.

April 26 "Progress toward transgenic resistance to root-knot nematodes in selected crop species" presented by Miss Kate Schveri, Ph.D. Candidate, NC State University, Dept of Plant Pathology.

Upcoming Events

- June 28-
July 2 A workshop funded by USAID on the "Deployment of rapid diagnostic tools for *Phytophthora* on agricultural crops June 28 – July 2 in Central America" will take place in Costa Rica. This is a joint initiative of NC State University, University of Costa Rica, Plant Research International, Wageningen and the Honduran Foundation for Research. Instructors include Dr. Monica Blanco, Dr. Jean Ristaino, Dr Luis Gomez, Dr Kelly Ivors and Dr Peter Bonants.
- August 7-11 [2010 APS Annual Meeting](#), Opryland in Nashville, TN. *Early registration ends May 3.*
- September
20-24 [17th Ornamental Workshop on Diseases and Insects](#), Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, NC. Hosted by Drs. Mike Benson and Kelly Ivors, Plant Pathology and Drs. Steve Bambara and Steven Frank, Entomology.

Faculty Needed

[CAALS 3-D Project Summer Research Experience](#) is seeking an individual from the research faculty of the Dept. of Plant Pathology that is willing to providing a hands-on research experience for young minority men who are rising high school juniors at the NC School of Science and Math. If interested, [Jane Dove](#) can provide you with additional details.

Comings, Goings, & Happenings

Goings... Arthur Watkins resigned from the Tobacco Extension Program to take a job in the private sector. We wish him well!

First Friday

May 7 6:00 p.m. at the [Boylan Bridge Brewpub](#) Contact [Stephanie Herring](#).