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Passing of the Gavel: Presentation of the President's Plaque at the 2006 Florida Weed Science Society Meeting.

By Kathy Snyder

The Florida Weed Science Society held their 29th Annual Meeting on Feb. 21 and 22 at the Gulf Coast Research and Education Center in Wimauma, FL. Members of CREC that made presentations were Drs. Steve Futch, Jim Graham, and Shiv Sharma (pictured below). The awards banquet was held during the evening of the first day, and in his final act as president of the Florida Weed Science Society, Megh Singh passed the presidential gavel to Eric Rawls, the incoming president for 2006 – 2007.

In commemoration of his outstanding service as President of the Florida Weed Science Society for the 2005-2006 year, Megh Singh was presented with a plaque by Eric Rawls.



Rawls presents award to Singh during FWSS annual meeting. Photo by Shiv Sharma



Steve Futch (left) had 2 presentations, *Alternative Crop Considerations For Citrus Lands*, and *Quantification of Incident Light Under Mature and Young Citrus Trees for Their Effect on Weed Growth and Herbicide Efficacy*. Jim Graham (center) presented his talk, *Update on Management of the Citrus Canker Epidemic in Florida*, and Shiv Sharma (right) presented *New Adjuvants for Glyphosate Efficacy Improvement*.

Crec Extends A Helping Hand To The Special Olympics

By Kathy Snyder

(Photos by Linda Murphy, Dr. G. Albrigo, and Christen Taylor)

In mid-January, Dr. Gene Albrigo asked the CREC community for volunteers to help with the County Special Olympics held at Winter Haven High School on February 11. This event was organized through the Winter Haven High School Jr. ROTC with the assistance of the local Civitan Club in Auburndale of which both Dr. Albrigo and Dr. Kuang-Ren Chung are members.

Volunteers from CREC included William Swen (Dr. Albrigo's lab), Linda Murphy (Word Processing), (cont. page 2 OLYMPICS)



Albrigo and Chung help man the kitchen at the Special Olympics Village.

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Linda's husband Milton and grandson Peter, Karla Flynn (Word Processing) and her children, Shelby and Drew, and Christen Taylor from Dr. Reza Ehsani's office.

Some of the schools with participating athletes were Bartow High School, Florida Avenue Elementary, Karen Seigel Academy, Lake Region High School, PCAHC, and Polk Life and Learning Center. Showing their support at the event were the Polk County Sheriff's Bike Patrol and the Mounted Sheriff Patrol.

With Drs. Albrigo and Chung in the kitchen, Linda, Milton, and William assisted with the bagged lunches. Well over 200 bags were stuffed with hotdogs, mustard, ketchup, chips, apple-sauce, and a cookie. Karla and Christen, with irons in hand, helped seal the T-shirts designed by anyone who wished to participate. Karla's daughter, Shelby, showed off her artistic talents with face painting, giving mom the Seminole war paint, Christen her CREC orange and, of course, Dr. Albrigo his UF Gator. Karla's son, Drew, assisted the WHHS Jr. ROTC with setup of the Olympic village as well as helping with the events.

Great job everyone for making the day special for some very special athletes.

(additional pictures will be available in the employee break-room, Bldg. 7124)



Photos by Gretchen Baut

Library News

with Marcia Alden, Coordinator, Academic Support Services
Citrus Research & Education Center, Library

Hello all:

In February, the CREC ILLiad account was deactivated. I have been informed that the Library Circulation Department will no longer issue or support institutional library accounts. As a result, I won't be able to make general requests on behalf of everyone here at the Center. All of the outstanding requests were transferred to my personal account and from everything I've checked so far, no requests were lost. There are a couple of available alternatives. You can place the requests yourself or I can place requests for you using your ILLiad account. Either way, if you

want to make requests through ILL, the first step is to create an ILLiad account. The ILL department folks have a Web page with information about "First Time User Registration" at <http://illiad.uflib.ufl.edu/illiad/firsttime.html>. In your ILLiad account, our campus P.O. Box is POB 111563, and please be sure to make "Status: Distance IFAS" and "Department: Distance IFAS-Lake Alfred." When placing ILL requests for articles or books, be sure to provide all of the required information including full-titles – no abbreviations. The more information you can provide, the faster the ILL folks will be able to provide your requested material. If the information is not complete, the request may be returned to you. Some of the citations include some cryptic journal title abbreviations, so if you need help deciphering anything, please let me know and I can verify the title(s) for you. If you have any problems with your requests, please let me know as soon as possible so I can help resolve them quickly. If you are interested in learning more about ILLiad, please let me know and I will be glad to help you create your account and/or place your requests.

Albrigo Presents Polk Life & Learning with Donation

By Kathy Snyder

Recently, Dr. Gene Albrigo, President of the Auburndale Civitan Club, presented Bob Steal, Life & Learning Center physical education teacher, with a check from the organization.

Polk Life & Learning Center is a Bartow public school serving the special-needs students in the area. The donation from Auburndale Civitan Club will help ready the school's campus and bocce court for future Polk County Special Olympics.



Photos by Gretchen Baut

LIVING AND ARTIFICIAL WINDBREAKS FOR CITRUS



A full-day, comprehensive and very practical short course, "Living and Artificial Windbreaks for Citrus" will be held on April 19, 2006 at the CREC, Lake Alfred. There will be presentations on plants, designs, and management of living windbreaks by speakers from the University of Florida IFAS and the School of Forestry, USDA-NRCS and the Florida Dept. of Agric.–Division of Forestry. Materials, design, and costs for artificial windbreaks will be presented. Advance registration is encouraged. Visit the CREC website, <http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/> for program details and a form you can download and submit. Registration (which includes lunch): \$35 until April 10; \$50 after April 10.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Gene Albrigo, Professor, University of Florida (UF)/IFAS, Citrus Research and Education Center, Lake Alfred, FL
Les Baucum, Hendry Co. Extension Agent, UF/IFAS, LaBelle, FL
Paige Boehlke, Operations Manager, Horizon Nursery, Vero Beach, FL
Bill Castle, Professor, UF/IFAS, Citrus Research and Education Center, Lake Alfred, FL
Bob Edsall, Citrus grower, Vero Beach, FL
Reza Ehsani, Asst. Professor, UF/IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center, Lake Alfred, FL
Steve Gilly, Andrews Nursery Manager, FDACS, Division of Forestry, Chiefland, FL
Ron Muraro, Professor, UF/IFAS, Citrus Research and Education Center, Lake Alfred, FL

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Mimi Williams, Plant Materials Specialist, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Gainesville, FL 32606-6611
Héctor Miguel Zubrzycki, Coord. Programa Nacional de Desarrollo Citrícola SAGPyA-INTA

Juice HACCP – A Three-Day Workshop April 5 – 7, 2006 Lake Alfred, Florida

This course, based on the standardized Juice HACCP Alliance curriculum and taught by Alliance team members, will be held at the University of Florida, Citrus Research & Education Center. The target audience is technical and managerial personnel from juice processing, packing or transportation companies. The fee for the course is \$350 for industry participants. A reduced fee of \$250 is available for government/academic employees that make prior arrangements with our office (Jane Wilson, mjw@crec.ifas.ufl.edu). Registration includes: course materials, including the standardized Juice HACCP Curriculum, two lunches, coffee breaks and certificate of completion.

Please register early, as course size will be limited due to the interactive nature of the workshop. If registration exceeds class size, we will contact you to see if you wish to be placed on a waiting list for possible cancellations.

Additional information is available at <http://www.crec.ifas.ufl.edu/extensiontab.htm>

Stuart Guest at Brazilian Nematological Society

Dr. Robin Stuart was recently the guest of the Brazilian Nematological Society at their annual meeting in Campos dos Goytacazes, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. As one of ten foreign scientists invited to the meeting, Robin presented a talk on the use of entomopathogenic nematodes for biological control of the Diaprepes root weevil in Florida citrus, and joined Dr. Ed Lewis (UC-Davis) and Dr. Claudia Dolinski (Universidade Estadual do Norte Fluminense, RJ, Brazil) in conducting a one-day workshop on the production, formulation, and application of entomopathogenic nematodes for biological control. Other scientists invited to the meeting from outside South America included Dr. Robin Giblin-Davis (UF-Fort Lauderdale), Dr. James Baldwin (UC-Riverside), Dr. Howard Atkinson (University of Leeds, UK), Dr. David Sattelle (University of Oxford, UK), and Dr. David Trudgill (Scottish Crop Research Institute, UK).



Top: clockwise from upper left: Robin, Dr. Ricardo Souza (President of BNS), Dr. Claudia Dolinski, Dr. Robin Giblin-Davis, and Dr. Ed Lewis. **Bottom:** Robin presenting his talk on Diaprepes.

Berger Retires After 39 Years

by Kathy Snyder

On February 28, a small retirement reception was held for Neil Berger for 39 years of service with CREC. Berger began his career April 1, 1967, working under Dr. William Grierson. After some time, Berger moved on to Dr. Clay McCoy's lab and, not wanting to be stagnant, he then joined Dr. Richard Lee, working under him until he left and worked under Dr. Ron Brlansky when Dr. Lee left.

Prior to serving cake, Dr. Brlansky, shared some historical trivia with the group from the year Berger started. Just a few are:

- First space flight disaster: Soviet Soyuz crashes after orbit killing cosmonaut Komarov*
- First successful heart transplant*
- Movies first sold on videotape*
- The Beatles release "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band"*
- Astronauts Col. Virgil I. Grissom, Col. Edward White II, and Lt. Cmdr. Roger B. Chaffee killed in fire during test launch (Jan. 27).*
- Rolling Stone and New York Magazine debut, spawning the popularity of special-interest and regional magazines.*

The CREC community would like to wish Neil Berger a long, happy retirement.



Catherine Faith Meadows was born through C-section on February 8th at 10:57 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. and 6 oz. and was 20 inches. She has beautiful blue eyes, "dirty" blond hair and has many of her mother Tracy's facial characteristics. Tracy worked in Dr. Mickey Parish's lab and is now working in Renee Goodrich's lab. Congratulations to the Meadows' family on the birth of Catherine Faith.



Paul Weikel (CREC Webmaster) and **Janet Li** (UF student, Gainesville) (pictured above center with Li's parents) tied the knot in Gainesville, FL on Monday, February 27, 2006. Paul (South Bend, Indiana) met Janet (Shenyang, China) in Gainesville, FL while living there last year. Janet attends the University of Florida and is majoring in Marketing. She plans to graduate in December of this year and pursue a career in the Orlando area.

WELCOME

NANCY PEWONSKI, DOC, STINSON
 JYOTI SINGH, STUDENT-GV, GMITTER
 MELANIE WATTS, PUBLIC RELATIONS
 COORDINATOR

FAREWELL

CARLOS CAPATE, ORBOVIC
 SHARATH CUGATI, SCHUMANN
 RENATO REIS, TIMMER

RETIRED

NEIL BERGER, BRLANSKY



Jenny McDonald (above), daughter of Jill McDonald (Business Office), graduated from the University of South Florida December 2005. Her degree is in Elementary Education specialized in ESOL (English Speakers of Languages). ESOL enables the teacher to have non speaking English students in the classroom. Jenny hopes to be teaching this Fall. Congratulations Jenny!



Congratulations to 12-year-old **Peter LaRoe** (left), grandson of Milton and Linda Murphy (Word Processing). With less than 6 months of experience playing alto saxophone, Peter received a 'Superior' in the county-wide solo competition. Way to go Peter!



Congratulations to **Ahmad A. Omar** (above) who was selected as the 2006 recipient of the Wilton R. Earle Award and also selected to receive the travel award from the Society of In Vitro Biology. His poster entitled "Biotechnology and Its Uses in Improvement of Canker Resistance in Citrus Trees" was selected as the 2006 winner.