

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of W-2186
October 31 – November 2, 2012
Mississippi Coastal Research and Extension Center
Mississippi State University**

Overview:

The 2012 W-2186 multi-state nematology research project meeting was held jointly with the S-1046 multi-state project.

Members present:

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Haddish Melakeberhan (MI), Russ Ingham (OR), Phil Roberts (CA), Tom Powers (NE), Brent Sipes (HI), Steve Thomas (NM), Kathy Lawrence (AL), Gary Lawrence (MS), Vincent Klink (MS), Saad Hafez (ID), Bob Robbins (AR), Senyu Chen (MN) and David Thompson, Administrative Advisor, (AA), (NM).

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Kathy Lawrence (AL), Gary Lawrence (MS), Vincent Klink (MS), Bob Robbins (AR), Charlie Overstreet (LA), Ed McGawley (LA), Don Dickson (FL), Jim Starr (TX), Jon Eisenback (VA), Paula Agudelo (SC), Senyu Chen (MN) and Ron Laceywell Administrative Adviser (AA), (TX).

Guests:

Prachi Matsye (MS), Yan Li (MS), Randy Smith (MS), Deborah Xavier (LA), Nikki Xiang (AL), Drew Schrimsher (AL), David Bailey (AL)

Announcements:

- 1) Kathy Lawrence (AL) acting chair for Inga Zasada (OR) called the meeting to order at 1:00 am.
- 2) Local Arrangements Chairs Kathy and Gary Lawrence (AR, MS) will organize pickups and drop-offs from the airport to Beau Rivage Resorts Hotel, transportation to the Coastal Research and Extension Center, coordinate lunch options, arrange a group dinner for October 31 and banquet dinner on November 1. A gulf coast excursion was arranged to tour the Gulf of Mexico on November 1.

Welcome Remarks:

1) Gary and Kathy Lawrence (MS, AL) welcomed the group to Mississippi and the Gulf Coast. Kathy Lawrence provided the attendees with an overview of the meeting agenda

Project Information:

1. Phil Roberts (CA) was asked by Kathy Lawrence (AL) to lead the discussion on the writing of the new project proposal. He first expressed his concerns about participation in the project and levels of work that could be expected. All USDA-ARS members were not

present due to travel concerns. This was a concern to the members and how this would affect subsequent meetings. Members were asked to recommend potential individuals to join our project.

Several individuals including Antoon Ploeg (CA), Bryan Adams (UT) and Sergei Subbotin with the California Dept. of Food and Agriculture were suggested as possible members and the names will be given to David Thompson (AA).

2. David Thompson (AA) mentioned that he would send invitation to individuals of choice to become members. He also mentioned that during the writing of the new proposal that we need to insure that it is covering concerns that are regionally relevant and that our objectives do not overlap the objectives in other multi-state projects. We need to clarify our objectives and provide "Impact Statements" that support the continuation of our project.

Our AA also stressed the importance of submitting the revised proposal by January 15, 2013. If all is approved our new multi-state nematology project W-3186 would start in October 2013.

3. Phil Roberts (CA) then lead the discussion on the new project proposal by Objective seeking input from all members present.

Reports:

- 1) Reports were presented by W-2186 members: R. Ingham (OR), Inga Zasada (OR) by R. Ingham, H. Melakeberhan (MI), P. Roberts (CA), T. Powers (NE), S. Thomas (NM), B. Sipes (HI), Bob Robbins (AR), S. Hafez (ID), K. Lawrence (AL) G. Lawrence (MS) and V. Klink (MS).
- 2) Graduate students were given time to present their research: Prachi Matsye (MS), Yan Li (MS), Randy Smith (MS). Deborah Xavier (LA), Nikki Xiang (AL), Drew (AL), and David (AL) provided the members with an overview of their projects.

Business Meeting:

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 11:25 November 2, 2012 by acting chair Kathy Lawrence (AL). The minutes from the 2011 meeting were accepted as written.
- 2) Preparation of the annual report was discussed. Members need to file annual reports in that we have a 60 day deadline after the meeting concludes to get the reports and meeting minutes to David Thompson (AA). Each member needs to send their 2012 project reports to Chair Inga Zasada (OR). Member reports should include publications with page numbers and Impact Statements.
- 3) Meeting venues for 2013 and 2014 were discussed. Brent Sipes agreed to host the 2013 meeting in Hawaii. Steve Thomas (NM) agreed to serve as host for the 2014

meeting in New Mexico. The actual location of the meeting and date will be at the discretion of the respective chairs

- 4) Election of officers: Saad Hafez (ID) was elected Secretary by acclamation. Kathy Lawrence (AL) will become Chair for 2013, and Gary Lawrence (MS) will become Vice-Chair for 2013.
- 5) The group reiterated the necessity for adding new participants in the project. Two addition candidates were suggested. The two candidates were Eyalen Abebe located at Elizabeth City State, NC and Steve Nader at UC Davis. Steve Thomas (NM) requested that he be copied on the results of everyone's contact efforts, to ensure those potential new members are added to the W-2186 distribution list.
- 6) With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon.