**2015 NC1200 Meeting:**

The NC1200 Annual Meeting was held at the Sheraton Westport Plaza in St. Louis, MO on November 7th, 2015.

Meeting participants included:

Rob Aiken – Kansas State University

Christoph Benning – Michigan State University

Felix Fritschi – University of Missouri

Glenda Gillaspy – Virginia Tech

Michael Giroux – Montana State University

Jeffrey Harper – University of Nevada, Reno

Helmut Kirchhoff, - Washington State University

Tasios Melis – University of California, Berkley

Vara Prasad – Kansas State University

In addition to NC1200 members, the following prospective members also participated

Doug Allen - USDA-ARS, St. Louis

Krishna Jagadish - Kansas State University

***Business meeting:***

Presiding: Christoph Benning (Administrative Advisor for NC1200)

Topics:

1. Potential new members
2. Meeting location for 2016
3. NC1200 project information, renewal timeline and action items
4. Potential new Members

- Krishna Jagadish – participated in the meeting as a guest. Provided CV prior to the meeting that was circulated by e-mail.

Unanimously approved as a new member.

- Doug Allen – participated in the meeting as guest. Agreed to provide a CV to be circulated to the entire group. Vote by NC1200 members will occur through e-mail.

1. Meeting location for 2016

Locations including Washington DC, Charlotte, NC, and Bozeman, MT were discussed as potential sites. Bozeman was selected as the meeting site for 2016. Mike Giroux agreed to host the meeting. The date of the meeting is yet to be determined.

1. NC1200 project information, renewal timeline and action items:

Christoph Benning provided an overview and some background on the NCRA, North Central Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors. Information is available at [www.ncra.info](http://www.ncra.info), the Multi-state Research drop-down menu has a lot of relevant information.

The project summary of the previous project, NC1168 (2007-2012) is online at <http://www.nimss.org/projects/view/mrp/outline/8936>

The current project, NC1200, is approved for October 01, 2012 to September 30, 2017. (<http://www.nimss.org/projects/view/mrp/outline/14097>)

A discussion on the desire to prepare and submit a project renewal was discussed.

Meeting participants agreed to proceed with the preparation and submission of a renewal proposal.

The NCRA Timeline for project renewal is available at (<http://www.ncra.info/MSR_ApprovalProcess.php>)

Outline of the information at the above link:

NCRA Deadlines for NC1200 renewal

* September 15, 2016 – Deadline to submit a request to write a
* October 15, 2016 – Deadline to upload Objectives section in NIMSS
* November 15, 2016 – participants and AES offices have submitted Appendix E forms
* December 1, 2016 – Completed proposal due in NIMSS
* December 15, 2016 AA review forms due in NIMSS
* Late march/Early April, 2017 - Final project reviews and decisions made.
* June 1, 2017 – If necessary, proposal revisions completed
* Mid-July, 2017 – NCRA reviews revisions, if project is approved NC number will be assigned.
* September 30,2017 – old project expires
* October 1, 2017 - New project begins
* March 31, 2018 – Termination report for NC1200 due in NIMSS

Discussion ensued about the participants in NC1200 and project renewal. A number of NC1200 members have not participated in meetings in recent years. Some of these participants may choose not to be involved in a project renewal.

Christoph Benning agreed to continue to serve as Administrative Advisor for the renewal project. He called for volunteers to lead the writing process: Rob Aiken and Felix Fritschi agreed to serve on the writing committee and Christoph Benning agreed to serve in an advisory capacity. All members interested in participating are expected to contribute to the writing process.

The writing committee will send an e-mail to members of NC1200 to identify whether members wish to continue or discontinue participation in a renewal project.

Members interested to participate will be polled about existing and potential new objectives for the proposal. As part of this process, potential new members may be identified.