

**Multi-State Project Meeting S-1053
Minutes and notes from the Annual Meeting
October 20, 2016**

Time: 9 am- 4:30 pm CST

Location: TSU- Otis L. Floyd Nursery Research Center, McMinnville, TN

Member attendees:

Fulya Baysal-Gurel	Tennessee State University
Craig Rothrock	University of Arkansas
Terry Spurlock	University of Arkansas
Luisa Santamaria	Oregon State University
Tony Adesemoye	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Harald Scherm	University of Georgia (Administrative Advisor)

Invited and student attendees:

Donna Fare	Research Horticulturist, U.S. National Arboretum
Nick Gawel	Tennessee State University
Prabha Liyanapathirana	Tennessee State University
Md Niamul Kabir	Tennessee State University

Luisa Santamaria provided a brief overview of her applied research projects on root rot diseases in ornamentals caused by *Phytophthora plurivora*, *P. cinnamomi* and *Agrobacterium*. Also presented her current extension and outreach programs in an effort to educate the workforce at the nursery industry in Oregon using technology and hybrid classes.

Terry Spurlock provided information regarding his current research on “diseases from the ground up”: using spatial data layers to understand the complex issues limiting yield and also spatial distribution of taproot decline of soybean (proposed name).

Craig Rothrock provided information on virulence of *Rhizoctonia solani* anastomosis groups on cotton, corn, rice and soybean in Arkansas.

Tony Adesemoye provided an overview of work related to integrated management of disease and input in row crops in Nebraska.

Fulya Baysal-Gurel provided information regarding current research on soilborne diseases of woody ornamentals and their management through effective applications of biofumigant cover crops in nursery production systems in Tennessee.

Harald Scherm, the Administrative Adviser for S-1053, reported on a few national issues of interest.

Further discussions:

Possibility of meeting at the 2017 APS Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas as a group to enhance collaboration and interaction in the group. **Harald Scherm, Terry Spurlock** and **Fulya Baysal-Gurel** will be sending out e-mail in March to determine the meeting details.

Business meeting:

Replacement of S1053 Multistate project was discussed. Group agreed on writing replacement project and writing committee was elected (**Terry Spurlock, Fulya Baysal-Gurel and Carla Garzon**). The next chair (**Fulya Baysal-Gurel**) and the new secretary (**Terry Spurlock**) will be informing the group members regarding meeting date and location.

Terry Spurlock was elected as the new secretary of the group for 2017.