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President's Message:

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. This has been a fantastic year for ANREP, and Bill Hubbard is to be congratulated for his work as President of the Association. We, as natural resources Extension professionals have prospered under his leadership.

I am excited with our prospects for the coming year. As new members of the Joint Council for Extension Professionals (JCEP), we will start the new year running with a JCEP meeting in January, and regional leadership meetings in February. In addition, we'll have an opportunity for the first time to officially attend the PILD (Program Issues Leadership Development) function in Washington DC in April/May. I will be attending all of the major conventions and conferences representing our various disciplines as your president representing ANREP. The calendar is filling quickly.

In addition, the Council will be working on a number of pressing issues during the year. These include Association marketing, long-term planning, awards and recognition, national conferences, information resources, and, of course, improved federal funding resources. I urge all of you to become active through your regional representatives. We will be surveying the membership soon to determine your priority issues.

The Council and I wish you a joyous holiday season and a rewarding New Year.

Chuck Gay
President, ANREP

Regional Leadership Meetings Scheduled for February

Now that ANREP has become an official professional association within the Extension system, we need to be well represented at meetings convened by the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP). Our first opportunity is to

show great force at the regional leadership meetings in February. The theme of these conferences is "The Engaged Institution." State leaders from the other JCEP member organizations (Ag, 4-H, Family and Consumer Sciences) will be attending. Although ANREP does not yet have state affiliates we do have at least one member in each state. (Note: Indicate "ANREP Ambassador" under 'State Affiliate' on your registration.) ANREP meets only once every two years. This is our chance to meet as a region during the off years.

Northeast: Feb 1-3, 2001 Penn State Univ., State College, PA
West: Feb 4-6, 2001, The Governor Hotel, Portland Oregon
South: Feb 22-24, 2001 Univ. of Georgia, Athens, GA
North Central: Feb 25-27, 2001 Des Moines, IA
Information/Registration: <http://www.anrep.org/>

NREM Also to Attend Leadership Meetings

An additional item of interest is that the Natural Resources and Environmental Management (NREM) Base Program Support Team consisting of natural resource/environmental management representatives from the system and CSREES will be engaged as well. This Support Team is working to strategically place natural resources and environmental management as priority Extension areas in the future. Never before have we had such an opportunity to be involved in steering our System into the future. Regional NREM representatives will be working with regional ANREP representatives to get the information out about the programs and the people who do natural resources and environmental management work in our system.

Awards for Outstanding Educational Materials

<http://www.anrep.org>

The ANREP Awards Committee is now taking nominations for Outstanding Educational Materials developed principally by ANREP members. Nominations are due Feb. 15. Awards will be announced in this newsletter and presented at the next biennial meeting in 2002. Separate award categories for: Promotional Materials, Short Publication (less than 24 pages), Long Publication, Newsletter, Newspaper Series, Slide Set/Computerized Graphic Presentation, Radio, Video/Video Disk, Television/Videoconference, Computer Software/Application, and Web Sites. Complete award instructions are on the web site. **Mail nominations to:** William G. Hubbard, Southern Regional Extension Forester, 4-402 Forest Resources Building, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602.

Call for Papers

The Wildland-Urban Interface: Sustaining Forests in a Changing Landscape, November 5-8, 2001
<http://www.ifas.ufl.edu/~conferweb/urban>

The University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, is calling for papers that will highlight means of enhancing natural resource management, planning, and policy-making at the wildland-urban interface. They encourage natural resource professionals and planners to present new research results and examples of successful programs, approaches, and case studies from the interface. For more information Contact Mary L. Duryea (mlduryea@ufl.edu) or Susan W. Vince (svince@ufl.edu).

News from the Southern Region

Stephen Pyne to Speak at Forest History Conference
<http://www.lib.duke.edu/forest/>

Dr. Stephen J. Pyne, noted fire historian, will present the Distinguished Lecture at a joint meeting of the American Society for Environmental History and the Forest History Society, March 28 - April 1, 2001, in Durham, NC. The conference, "Making Environmental History Relevant in the 21st Century," will include 180 papers on forest and

environmental history, field tours, and special lectures. It will conclude with a workshop on global climate change monitoring and environmental history led by Steve McNulty, Director of the Southern Global Change Program for the USDA Forest Service and Ellis Cowling, past chair of the National Atmospheric Deposition Program. For more information contact Dr. Steven Anderson, 919-682-9319, stevena@duke.edu.

Alabama Wins National 4-H Forestry Invitational- Again!

<http://www.invitational.uiuc.edu/page75.html>

The Alabama 4-H Forestry Team from Tuscaloosa County won top honors at the National 4-H Forestry Invitational, August 2-6, held at Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp in Weston, West Virginia. Jackson's Mill is the boyhood home of General Stonewall Jackson. State winning teams of four members each test their skills in tree identification, forest insect identification, forest disease identification, compass orienteering, tree measurement, forest evaluation, a forest exam and a forestry knowledge bowl. This year's victory marked the sixth time that an Alabama 4-H Forestry team coached by ANREP member Wayne Ford has won this national event.

Florida Tries a New Approach to 4-H In-Service Training

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The University of Florida is planning a three-day Environmental Education Institute for 4-H agents in October 2001 that will replace the traditional one-day in-service training model. Five UF departments are collaborating (Wildlife, Fisheries, Entomology and Nematology, Forestry, and Florida Sea Grant) with the Department of Youth, Family and Consumer Sciences. The agenda will include specialists from each of the departments, plus state agencies that offer topical resources and environmental education services. 4-H project books (state and national), CD's of program resources, field equipment, and curriculum guides will be distributed.

Middle-Schools Study Road-Kills, Biodiversity, and More

<http://www.fw.vt.edu/dendro/forsite/welcome.htm>

Virginia Tech's outreach program to middle schools has students conducting scientific investigations across the state, using a web site to share and analyze data and publish results. Undergraduate students in the Departments of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, and Wood Science visit schools to help students understand basic concepts. Students even had a chance to help with the American chestnut seed harvest and participate in efforts to restore the species. The web site makes extensive use of Dr. John Seiler's Dendrology web site, including an interactive key to common tree species and a Virginia big tree list. Seventy schools have their trees registered on the web site.

Video Teleconferencing in North Carolina

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NC State Extension Forestry evaluated the use of video teleconferencing to deliver workshops to nine different locations in North Carolina, targeting foresters and other natural resource professionals. Video teleconference evaluations reveal that for every dollar invested participants received an estimated \$23.92 in cost-savings. Video teleconferencing also resulted in a 40 to 80 percent increase in attendance, compared to on-site workshops.

Updated Floor Joist Span Card Now Available

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Builders, engineers, building supply firms, architects, and building code officials will find this card useful. It provides a quick and easy comparison of floor joist spans for different sizes, grades, and species of structural lumber. Made of flexible plastic, it will fit easily in a shirt pocket. Request one or multiple copies of "A Comparison of Floor Joist Spans (AG-603)" from Larry Jahn at NC State, 919-515-5579.

North Carolina Chip Mill Study Released

<http://taxodium.env.duke.edu/scsf/>

"Economic and Ecological Impacts Associated with Wood Chip Production in North Carolina" takes a comprehensive look at the economic, ecological, and societal impacts of wood chip mills, within the context of the state's overall forest outlook. It was conducted by the Southern Center for Sustainable Forests, a group of scientists at NC State, Duke University, and the NC Division of Forest Resources. The study projects that the number of softwood trees being cleared from private forests probably exceeds forest growth now for the first time since measurements were taken in the 1930s. The removal of hardwood trees is expected to exceed growth within a decade. Chip mills contribute moderately to increased timber harvests, especially in areas near the mills where the market for wood harvesting has historically been poor.
