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President's Report

I hope this edition of our ANREP newsletter finds everyone doing well. So far, this has been a very busy year for your Professional Association. As your new president, I can assure you my bags are packed all of the time.

As the "new kids on the block," we enjoyed our first official sit-down meeting as full members in the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP). One of our first duties as JCEP members was to attend the four Regional Leadership Development Conferences held around the country, where we joined with our sister organizations, such as the National Association of County Agricultural Agents, to plan and nurture professional development for Extension employees. As a result we are now working on a system of State Champions to promote ANREP in each state. We are also preparing for a joint meeting of professional organizations called the Galaxy Conference, in 2003.

Joe Schaefer and his team in Florida are rapidly developing our next ANREP conference to be held in Naples, Florida, June 2 -5, 2002. They have done an extraordinary job of designing and organizing what I believe will be another marvelous professional opportunity.

As I move around the country attending the various meetings, it is my hope to have a chance to meet all of you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help you.

Charles W. (Chuck) Gay, president

News from the Northeast Region:

Your Link to Maryland's Forest and Wildlife Resources
A new website at: www.naturalresources.umd.edu

This web page provides resources from the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension that can be used by Maryland citizens to make informed decisions. Sections include: forest history, economic impacts, stewardship, harvesting, taxes, stumpage prices, Coverts, water quality, correspondence courses, youth resources, a calendar of events, publications/downloads and links to professional assistance and other resources. Please send comments on the website to Jonathan Kays at jk87@umail.umd.edu.

Non-Lethal Task Force on Wildlife
<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/nltfopinions.html>

Maryland has established a Non-Lethal Task Force on Wildlife to advise the DNR Secretary. The 12-member group will study the effectiveness of wildlife management techniques used by agencies in the United States and Canada; examine the causes of conflicts between humans and wildlife populations in the State; assess current wildlife management policies; recommend non-lethal wildlife management techniques; and find ways to fund and implement non-lethal wildlife management initiatives. ANREP member Jonathan Kays serves on the task force.

Demonstration Sites in South Jersey- Riparian Forest Buffers

Two demonstration sites, one agricultural and one urban, have been established along the Rancocas River in South Jersey to demonstrate the flexibility and range of design options for riparian forest buffers. The project is funded through a Section 319 "Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant" administered by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. Rutgers Forestry Extension is leading the partnership effort. The Rancocas River flows into the Delaware River northeast of Philadelphia. Contact Mark Vodak at vodak@aesop.Rutgers.edu.

Environmental Inquiry for 4-H/Youth

<http://ei.cornell.edu/>

This curriculum links secondary schools and 4-H communities with graduate and undergraduate fellows and research scientists at Cornell University. Students in grades 7-12 conduct original research in their local communities and report their results in peer-reviewed settings on the internet and at campus-based Congresses. Research topics include: frog populations, El-Nino, suburban deer management, genetically modified organisms, bioremediation, invasive species, environmental toxicology and aerial photography of watersheds.

Fish Management in New York Ponds

<http://www.dnr.cornell.edu/ext/fish/pond1.htm>

In the 1950's, county Extension Agents in New York were widely recognized as a source of information on farm ponds. That information had essentially not been updated since the 1960's. This new web site was created to help Extension meet the needs of an increasing number of rural property owners who have the resources to construct and manage ponds. The web site also served as the foundation for instruction at an in-service training for Extension Educators.

Sugar Maple Production and Management

<http://www.dnr.cornell.edu/ext/maple/index.htm>

Cornell Cooperative Extension conducted two statewide events for maple producers and landowners. The annual New York Maple Tour highlighted management in ice-damaged stands. A satellite conference, the Maple Production School, covered tree health and insect awareness, consumer preferences, agroforestry options in maple stands, establishing maple orchards, and new technology/methodology in maple sap production.

New York Master Forest Owner/COVERTS Program

<http://www.dnr.cornell.edu/ext/mfo/index.htm>

Over 140 experienced and highly motivated Master Forest Owner (MFO) volunteers are available to assist neighbor forest owners with information needed to manage their forests. All MFOs are graduates of a 3-day training program, where they learn about sawtimber and wildlife management, forest economics, and ecology. The MFOs continue to receive information updates, attend refresher classes and maintain contact with natural resource managers from private, public, and academic organizations.

Extension In-Service Training in Natural Resources

<http://www.dnr.cornell.edu/ext/nrmei>

Twenty-two Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Educators attended a three-day field-based experience that focused on subject matter and applications to county-based programs. CCE Educators also participated in one of four collaborative research projects that will be implemented with a county constituent. CCE Educators, on average, would like to increase the amount of time they allocate to natural resource programs from their current level of 40% to over 55%.

2001 ANREP Educational Materials Awards Program Results Announced

Bill Hubbard, 2001 Awards Chairman

A committee of judges representing the Southern Region of ANREP has recently finished judging the annual Educational Materials Awards nominations. Over 40 nominations in 11 categories were received. Remarkably one judge "I have never seen such a fantastic showing of Extension materials in my career". Truly this was a banner year for the awards as both the quantity and quality of nomination were outstanding. Congratulations are in order to everyone who submitted a nomination. Only nominations from ANREP members where a member did a significant amount of the work were reviewed and awarded. Award winners are as follows:

Promotional Materials:

- Gold Award – *Targeting Ashland and Bayfield Counties Private Landowners* by Mike Kroenke, University of Wisconsin.
- Silver Award – *Mississippi Extension Shortcourse Publicity Posters* by Tom Monaghan, Mississippi State University.
- Bronze Award – *Warren County Promotional Flier* by Adam K. Downing, Penn State University.

Short Publication:

- Gold Award – *Practitioners' Guide to Stem Girdling Roots of Trees* (Gary Johnson and Richard Hauer authors) submitted by Gail Tischler, Production Manager, University of Minnesota
- Silver Award – *Discovering Profits in Unlikely Places: Agroforestry Opportunities for Added Income* (Scott Josiah author) submitted by Gail Tischler, Production Manager, University of Minnesota
- Bronze Award – *What is Forestry?* by Marcella Szymanski, University of Kentucky
- Bronze Award – *From the Woods: Educational Series for Youth* by Sanford S. Smith, Penn State University
- Bronze Award – *From the Woods: Forest Stewardship* by Adam K. Downing, Penn State University

Long Publication:

- Gold Award - *Natural Resources 4-H Curriculum* by Duane Friend, University of Illinois
- Gold Award – *Logging Selectively: A Practical Pocket Guide to Partial Timber Harvest* by Chris Schnepf, Idaho State University

- Silver Award – *Moving Towards Sustainable Forestry* by James Johnson, Virginia Tech University

Newsletter:

- Gold Award - *Linkages* by Joe Schaefer, University of Florida
- Silver Award – *Utah Forest News* by Darren McAvoy, Utah State University
- Bronze Award – *Lane Woodland News* by Steve Bowers, Oregon State University
- Bronze Award – *Woodland Notes* by Yvonne Caree Barkley, Idaho State University

Newspaper Series:

- Gold Award – “*Sheltering Butterflies: Collier County Couple Strive to Counter Effects of Habitat Destruction*” and “*Going Native: Golden Gate Gardener’s Plants, Techniques Recreate Original Florida Landscape*” by Elan Marie Miavitz, The University of Florida

Radio:

- Gold Award – *Why Do Leaves Change Color* by Andy Londo, Mississippi State University

Video/Videodisk:

- Silver Award – *Rivers: Ribbons of Life* by John Haack, University of Wisconsin
- Silver Award – *The Missing Fires* by Darren McAvoy, Utah State University
- Bronze Award – *Stop Exotics, Clean Your Boat* by Douglas Jensen, University of Minnesota

Web Page:

- Gold Award – *Minnesota Shoreland Management Resource Guide* by Barbara Liukkonen, University of Minnesota
- Silver Award – *Center for Natural Resources* – University of Florida by Joe Schaefer, The University of Florida

Issue-Based Program Development and Impact:

- Gold Award – *Tall Whitetop – It’s Not Just a Pretty Face* by Susan Donaldson, University of Nevada
- Gold Award – *Are My Pine Trees Ready to Thin?* by Tim Traugott, Mississippi State University

More information on these awards will be posted on the website at www.anrep.org. Next year, the nominations will be judged by ANREP professionals in another region of the country. For information as it becomes available please consult the website.

Public Issues Leadership Development Conference

By Mike Kroenke, ANREP President Elect

One of the important new benefits that is available to ANREP members is to be able to participate in the PILD (Public Issues Leadership Development) Conference in Washington D.C. each year. This benefit came as the result of ANREP petitioning and becoming a member of JCEP (Joint Council of Extension Professionals).

More than 250 Extension professionals representing all the Extension Associations in the United States including ANREP descended on the National Capital on April 29-May 2, 2001 to learn from the Brookings Institute, Extension leadership, Congressional members and aids and various agencies and organizations such as the USDA Forest Service and the National Counties Association.

ANREP members had an opportunity to meet and hear the visions of Extension Program Leaders and Extension leadership including Larry Biles, Myron Johnsrud, Colien Hefferan and ECOP Chair Dr. Randy Wade. Another interesting session included a meeting with Larry Payne and Ted Beauvais, USDA Forest Service Cooperative Forestry Leaders for private lands. A thanks goes to ANREP Past President Bill Hubbard for lining up this tour and for representing ANREP on the PILD Planning Committee.

If you have an interest in attending the PILD Conference in 2002 be sure to keep an eye out for the announcements or contact one of the ANREP Board members or 2001 PILD Conference attendees. You'll find this experience to be a very valuable and rewarding one in your career as a Natural Resource Extension Professional.

3rd National Natural Resources Extension Professionals Conference Announced

Joe Schaefer and Mindy Padgett

June 2-5, 2002, Naples, Florida - The 3rd Natural Resource Extension Professionals Conference (NREP): *Revolutionizing or Evolutionizing Extension Programming?*

This is the third conference held by the Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals (ANREP). ANREP was created to bring together forest, wildlife, fisheries, water, range and recreational resource extension professionals to promote cooperation, education, support and advancement between related governmental agencies, private groups, related industries and other natural resource professionals.

The purpose of this conference is to discuss the rate at which Extension is moving toward becoming recognized as a leading organization in natural resource education and to facilitate communication, cooperation and networking among natural resource educators. This interaction will strengthen innovative and contemporary natural resource educational programs by improving needs assessment, development, delivery and impact evaluation skills, thus empowering participants to better address emerging issues

important to a diverse clientele. The format of sharing information and experiences will also foster multi-state, multi-institutional and global collaborations. Other important outcomes include building a cohesive, structured, multi-disciplinary support base for Extension natural resource programs in the future, and enhancing the visibility, credibility, and relevance of natural resource programs in the context of Extension's overall mission.

Call for Abstracts

Natural resource educators (broadly defined) are invited and encourage to submit an abstract for consideration as an oral or poster presentation. Abstracts will be accepted till *Friday, September 21, 2001*. Please visit the conference website for abstract submission and more detailed conference information.

WEBSITE ADDRESS: <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/nrep>

Or contact the University of Florida, IFAS Office of Conferences by phone (352) 392-5930, by fax (352) 392-9734, or by Email: mrpadgett@mail.ifas.ufl.edu

Call for Nominations for 2003 ANREP Officers Sought

Nominations are being sought for President-Elect (1 year term), Southern Representative (2 year term) and Western Representative (2 year term). For more information on the responsibilities these offices entail please visit the website. If you or someone you know is interested in one of these positions please let Bill Hubbard know at whubbard@uga.edu. These positions are an exciting way to move ANREP forward, please give it some serious thought!