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LETTER FROM JOHN CONGLOSE AND GREG DAVIS, CO-INTERIM ASSISTANT DIRECTORS, CD

Hello Everyone,

We hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving! We also hope you will have a joyous holiday season as well! As the year is winding down, we want to provide several administrative updates in this issue of the CD Newsletter. We have traveled throughout the state over the past month visiting with and providing support to educators and specialists. We will continue to do this into the next year to provide mentoring, coaching and addressing critical issues. Please continue to keep us informed of opportunities to observe and share.

Fact Sheet Updates

We have recently been notified that a number of the CD Fact Sheets need to be reviewed and or updated. Under the new requirements for OSU Extension publication review process any publication over 4 years old shall be reviewed to determine if the information continues to be relevant. We are currently looking for reviewers and writers. If any one has interest in taking one or more of the CD program area fact sheets on to review or update please let us know. Proposals for new fact sheets are also welcome anytime. For the submission guidelines, go to:

<http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~admin/handbook/pdf%20files/ReviewEducMaterial.pdf>

Editing and writing OSU Extension Fact Sheets is a great opportunity to author scholarly peer reviewed work that can assist in the Annual Review and Promotion and Tenure process.

Educator Meetings

Over the past two years, educator meetings have been held throughout the state in various geographic locations. This has been an excellent opportunity for networking and information sharing along with discussing critical issues. We'd like to continue these opportunities in 2008 with one meeting held in the north central region, southeast region and west region along with a meeting in Columbus. If you would like to host one of these meetings, please contact Shirley Cook, cook.22@osu.edu or 614-292-6232. The Columbus meeting will be hosted by the State CD Office.

CD Educator Expectations

We were asked to attend several County Extension Director meetings over the past several months to provide updates on CD programming activities. One of the questions at these meetings was related to the Co-Interim AD's expectations for CD educators. Our response in our opinion was very clear. At least until July 2008 we are going to be looking for the following out of CD Educators:

- Participation in the Community Development Annual Retreat on Jan. 30-31, 2008

- Participation in Communities of Practice Opportunities
- A Plan of Work based on a logic model format that includes Community Development programming opportunities and impacts on the local level.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION COMMUNITY RESOURCE & ECON DEV PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

One of the responsibilities that your co-interim directors are charged with is to represent OSU Extension CD in the North Central Region of Cooperative Extension. Leaders from the 12 state extension programs in this north central region, which includes Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Michigan State, Iowa State, Kansas State, South Dakota State, North Dakota State, Minnesota, Purdue, and Illinois, along with OhioState, meet via conference call on a monthly basis and have several face-to-face meetings throughout the year.

An agenda item at the past several meetings was to address current funding scenarios related to the National Research Initiative.

The National Research Initiative (NRI) Competitive Grants Program for fiscal year (FY) 2008 supports (1) high priority fundamental and mission-linked research of importance in the biological, environmental, physical, and social sciences relevant to agriculture, food, and the environment and (2) competitively awarded research, extension, and education grants addressing key issues of national and regional importance to agriculture, forestry, and related topics. In FY 2008, the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES) anticipates that approximately \$181 million will be available for support of this program and that of this amount, no more than 22 percent will be made available to fund integrated projects. The remaining funds will be used to fund research projects.

There are a number of entities that are eligible to apply:

- 1862 Land-Grant Institutions
- 1890 Land-Grant Institutions
- 1994 Land-Grant Institutions
- City or Township Governments
- County Governments
- For-profit Organizations Other Than Small Businesses
- Hispanic-Serving Institutions
- Individuals
- Native American Tribal Orgs, not Federally recognized Tribal Governments
- Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Ed
- Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Ed
- Other or Additional Information (See below)
- Private Institutions of Higher Ed
- Small Business
- State Agricultural Experiment Stations
- State Controlled Institutions of Higher Ed
- State Governments

Source: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/nationalresearchinitiative.cfm>

The North Central Leaders are currently looking for volunteers (educators or specialists) from each university extension system in the region to serve as potential reviewers for grant proposals. This is another outstanding opportunity for scholarly work which can impact the annual review process and promotion and tenuring opportunities. By serving in this capacity a reviewer can become more familiar with the grant application process which may help in obtaining grants from this source in the future.

If any one is interested in more information please contact us or refer to the referenced web site.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**1. Half-Day Workshops Teach Basics of High Tunnels, Growing-Season Extension**

Want to extend your growing and marketing seasons? Protect your crops from cold, wind and rain plus certain pests and diseases? Make more money in the process? High tunnels can help you. Learn the basics of this increasingly popular season-extension option in an introductory half-day course offered by OhioStateUniversity specialists on six different dates at six different locations throughout Ohio.

PDF / Photos /
Audio / Video

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Please follow this link to find details: <http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~news/story.php?id=4386>

High Tunnels 101 Dates and Locations - All courses will be held from 1-5 p.m.

- Monday, Dec. 10, 2007 OSU Extension's Muskingum County Office
- Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008 Toledo Botanical Garden
- Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008 Mt. Hope Auction Inc.
- Friday, Jan. 25, 2008 Crown Point Farm and Education Center
- Friday, Feb. 15, 2008 OEFFA, Granville, OH43023
- Friday, March 7, 2008 Village Administration Building, Plymouth, OH44865

For more information on the program, contact Kleinhenz, (330) 263-3810, kleinhenz.1@osu.edu; Bergefurd, (800) 297-2072, ext.136, bergefurd.1@osu.edu; or Becker, (330) 264-8722, becker.4@osu.edu.

2. Need to Reach Ohio's Township Officials?

The Ohio Township News highlights legislative issues, 'best practices', and shares other information useful to elected and appointed township officials in Ohio. The high-quality magazine is published by the Ohio Township Association (OTA) 6 times per year. The OTA welcomes articles that focus on issues of relevance to Ohio's township officials. As a rough guideline, articles of approximately 1000 words are most appropriate. The copy schedule for the 2008 year is as follows:

January / February Issue: Copy Deadline: December 3; Print Deadline: December 10

March / April Issue: Copy Deadline: February 1; Print Deadline: February 11

May / June Issue: Copy Deadline: April 2; Print Deadline: April 10

July / August Issue: Copy Deadline: June 2; Print Deadline: June 9

September / October Issue: Copy Deadline: August 1; Print Deadline: August 8

November / December Issue: Copy Deadline: October 1; Print Deadline: October 10

For more information or to submit an article, contact Greg Davis, davis.1081@osu.edu or 614-292-6356 or Kaitlin Carr, carr@ohiotownships.org or 614-863-0045 at OTA.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

CD Program Retreat - January 30-31, 2008

Foundations of Practice Facilitation Training - February 6, 2008 at the new 4-H Center

[Tri-State Study Tour 2008: Has now been rescheduled to April 1, 2, & 3, 2008](#)

[More information on these events will be posted soon.](#)

PROPOSAL DUE DATES:

NACDP/Galaxy due Jan 15, 2008

<http://ext.msstate.edu/survey/galaxy/>

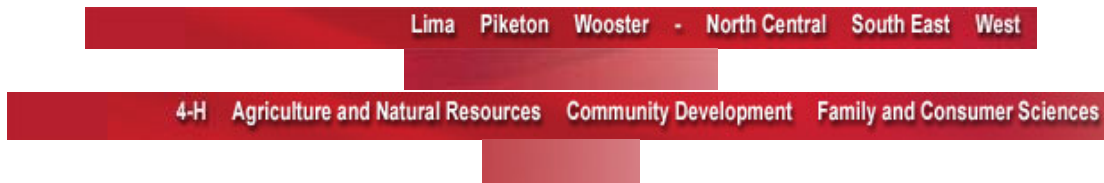
Outreach & Engagement due Feb 25, 2008

<http://www.outreach.psu.edu/outreach-scholarship/>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY (CDS) ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

The Annual International Conference for the Community Development Society will be held on June 22-25, 2008 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. This annual conference provides opportunities for students, practitioners, researchers, and policymakers to share experiences, expertise and research findings on strategies to improve the process and practice of community development.

The Conference Theme for 2008 is Conversation, Collaboration and Democracy-Creative Community Engagement.



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