Roundtable Notes
September 18, 2013

IIA Updates:
- **Name Change** – IIA is changing its name to the Center for Global Connections in Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources. We are awaiting official approval from the Provost. We will send out a notification once it is approved.
- **Global Academy** – IIA, in partnership with the College of Engineering, is launching a new program called the Global Academy. It is a year-long mentoring program for junior faculty. An information flyer is attached.
- **Strategic Travel Dollars** – IIA has strategic travel dollars available, information is attached.
- **UN Water Conference** – ESPP, in partnership with a number of units across campus including IIA, is hosting the UN Water, Food Security, and the Developing Global Crisis conference on October 27-29. A number of CANR faculty are participating. Registration is free and open to all students, faculty & staff. You can register here and see a full agenda: [http://environment.msu.edu/events/un_water.php](http://environment.msu.edu/events/un_water.php)

- **Pre-Award work:**
  - Current proposals in development:
    - Obama-Singh
    - Guatemala LEDS – partnering with TetraTech
  - Recently submitted:
    - 2 India-US partnership concept notes
    - Concept Note to the CGIAR Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (managed by Wageningen)

**GCFSI**
[www.gcfsi.msu.edu](http://www.gcfsi.msu.edu)
- GCFSI had a call out for concept notes – they received 130 entries for 5-7 available grants, will invite 40 for full proposals
- Student Innovation grants were highly undersubscribed – looking for advice on how to re-focus that program for next year (contact: Chuck McKeown)
- Year 1 is over – putting together all of year 1 activities into a document
- Conference in Delhi in December to launch their work in Asia – for year 2
- Year 3 will be in West Africa
- Considering hosting a conference next fall – a North American conference on food security and what it means to scale innovation – if you are interested in being a part of this planning please contact Chuck at mckeownc@anr.msu.edu

**David Ortega – AFRE faculty member**
- Working in China – it is hard to find money to do work in China
- Food Safety work in Africa – exploring opportunities
Steve Pueppke –

- Global Innoversity – Chris Petersen from the Products Center is leading this work
  - It is an attempt to look at some of the fastest growing cities in the world and how they will get their food in the future – they are looking at water, food and energy.
  - You can learn more about it here: http://metroaginnoversity.org
  - If you are interested, please contact Steve Pueppke.

Muralee Nair

- Looking at Bio-Fuels work in partnership with Biosystems Engineering – anticipating a USAID solicitation on this soon
- Doing work in Brazil with the University of San Palo
- Middle East Platform
  - Hosting delegation from Duhok, signing MOU
  - Qassim University in Saudi Arabia – will come to MSU to sign the MOU
    - 10 from MSU will go to Saudi Arabia to help restructure their university
    - We will set up student and faculty exchanges
  - UAE University
    - Faculty and Student exchanges being set up
  - Iraq
    - Want MSU’s help – want us to send people but it is challenge because of safety issues
    - Looking for a faculty willingness to create relationships. Money is not an issue – Iraq has enough for bench fees and travel

Vance Baird:

- Faculty looking to set up workshops with the University of Duhok looking at post-harvest issues

John Medendorp – IIA project manager

- Working on a project in Guatemala on training extension agents – they are looking for Spanish speaking faculty willing to help with training. Please contact John at medendo5@anr.msu.edu

Washington Mutatu – Zimbabwe Partnership Project

- The Zimbabwe Partnership project is working on campus to build resources to assist Zimbabwe. Capacity building for Universities with faculty exchanges is a top priority. They have been discussing this with the government of Zimbabwe.
- The Partnership project is looking to set up an advisory board – if you are interested, please contact Washington at: mutatuwa@msu.edu
• Contact Washington if you want more information on the Partnership

Perry Ng
• Submitted a concept note to the Legume Innovation Lab looking at nutrition and food safety
• FANTA III work is happening (FHI 360 is the prime, MSU is a subcontractor)
• Saudi Arabia Food Safety training program for Masters and PhD students
• Food Safety Knowledge Network with the World Bank

Legume Innovation Lab Update
• Pre-proposals were due by September 30
• Full proposals will be due December 31
• 7 other on-going projects – putting together work plans now
  o 2 are MSU
• Developing a proposal for the USAID mission in Guatemala – nutrition in the Western Highlands
• New Administrative Officer in place for the Legumes Innovation Lab

Nicky Mason - AFRE faculty member
• Expertise in Zambia – has been working with partners in Zambia for about 8 years
• Working on the Kenya project
• Ag policy analysis is her interest area

Steve Longabaugh - Food Security Team update
• Guiding Investments in Sustainable Agricultural Intensification in Africa (PI Thom Jayne)
  o Focus is in Western and Southern-Eastern Africa
  o Funded by Gates – a little over $7 million
  o In Southern-Eastern Africa – looking at the cost production of maize across the region
  o Western Africa – micro-dosing of fertilizers and soil fertility
  o Capacity building is a focus across the entire project
• Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Food Security Policy – we are partners with IFPRI and University of Pretoria (PI Duncan Boughton)
• $25 million – $10 million for leader; $15 million for associate awards
• Submitting work plans now
• Plans are to work in Asia - Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Vietnam and Burma
• Africa: Eastern, Southern and Western
• Food Security policy process are the focus – lots of potential and funds available
NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
2pm
Room 75 – Agriculture Hall