NEWS

Over 40 people attended the *Michigan Cooperative Executive Manager and Director’s Conference* on Jan. 27-28, 2015, at MSU’s Henry Center for Executive Education. The annual conference was co-hosted by the **MSU Product Center**, the Michigan Cooperative Development Program, and the Mid-America Co-op Program. Topics covered included “hot” legal topics for cooperatives, engaging youth and young co-op leaders, and Policy Governance for board management.

SEMINARS

**AFRE Seminar**


**Brown Bag Seminars**

*Peter Slade*, PhD student at Guelph University, Canada. “A structural model of hiring, promotion, and job exit with application to gender and academic hiring.” February 10, 11:50am, Room 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

*Scott Swinton*, Michigan State University. “Planning for the Advisory Committee and Course Program.” February 17, 11:50am, Room 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

PUBLICATIONS


FELLOWSHIPS

**University of Western Australia**, School of Agricultural and Resource Economics. Applications are invited for Forrest Research Foundation Scholarships to attract the best domestic and international students to pursue a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) at a Western Australian university. [www.forrestfoundation.org.au/applicants/scholarships](http://www.forrestfoundation.org.au/applicants/scholarships).

**Doctoral Dissertation Award: Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE)** invites nominations for the 2014 Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award. Nominees must have earned their doctoral degree in 2014 and written a doctoral dissertation in environmental or resource economics. The award winner will receive a $1,500 cash award along with a $500 travel grant to attend a recognition ceremony at the next AERE Luncheon at the Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) annual meeting. The winner’s dissertation abstract will be published in the *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists* (JAERE). Nominations should be sent by email to Professor Nicholas Flores ([Nicholas.Flores@colorado.edu](mailto:Nicholas.Flores@colorado.edu)) no later than midnight PST, April 30, 2015.

**Doctoral Dissertation Award: The Institute Of Food Products Marketing**. Doctoral food marketing candidates who have completed their dissertation during January 1, 2014 - April 31, 2015 are eligible for the NEW Institute Of Food Products Marketing Dissertation Award. The award is sponsored by the Institute’s International Food Marketing Research Symposium and the Journal of Food Products Marketing. The winner will receive $1,000 plus free registration to a meeting of the Symposium. [http://institutefpm.com/wp/event-information-2/event-information/](http://institutefpm.com/wp/event-information-2/event-information/). Deadline for submissions is March 15th, 2015.
CALL FOR PAPERS

Management International Conference “Managing Sustainable Growth” to be held in the Congress Centre Bernardin, Portoroz, Slovenia, May 28-30, 2015. The aim of the conference is to analyse various aspects of sustainable economic growth and development and to offer researchers and professionals the opportunity to discuss the most demanding other issues of sustainability. www.mic15.fm-kp.si Deadline: May 4, 2015.

Northwestern University. The Program of African Studies graduate student seminar (AfriSem) invites graduate student papers with innovative theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of Africa and African communities engaging with the theme “beyond Africa as a laboratory.” Interested participants should submit abstracts by email to: mocchese2010@nlaw.northwestern.edu Please include your name, affiliation, and contact details.

JOBS

Washington State University, Department of Crop of Soil Sciences, Postdoctoral Research Associate (Social Scientist). The postdoc will work with faculty and students associated with a large, multi-institutional, multi-disciplinary project funded by the USDA Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI). The postdoc will assist with surveys, focus groups, and farmer case studies related to experiences with and perceptions of biodegradable plastic mulches for specialty crop production. The position is a temporary, 12-month, full-time position with the ability to renew annually, pending funding and successful review and progress. Screening of applications will begin on March 20, 2015. http://www.wsujobs.com

All announcements should be sent to Debbie Conway, Editor, in Room 202 Morrill Hall of Agriculture or e-mail: conway@msu.edu NO LATER than 12 noon on Thursday; after 12, they will be in the next BI-WEEKLY edition.