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Project Reviews

The basic building block in the program of the Experiment Station is the research project. To the individual scientist it represents his charter and focus of a significant amount of his time and energy over the next three, four, or five years. To the rest of us - colleagues, department chairmen, directors, or CSRS - it serves several purposes. It represents the response of the Station to an important problem area. It becomes an accountability document indicating the degree of our commitment to a problem, the rate of our progress in expanding knowledge in that area, and a record of the resources which have been devoted to it.

Intrinsic to the project system is the project review. The project review serves several purposes. First, it obviously gives the principal investigator an opportunity to defend his definition of the problem, objectives, and procedures to experienced colleagues who have been selected as having some interest in the area of the project. Most project outlines are benefited in this process. Second, it provides an opportunity for the department chairman, district director and station director to discuss with the chief investigator such administrative aspects as term of the project, personnel who will be involved, and financial support. Possible areas of cooperation or coordination with other departments can be explored. Finally, the review gives the director an important basis for a decision on the approval of the project, and its submission to CSRS.

Typically included in the review are two or three experienced colleagues, usually from other departments; the principal investigator's department chairman; the district director involved, if any; and any of the station directors. Of course, anyone is welcome to attend such reviews.

I might note that we are very grateful for the time and effort devoted to making these reviews a success by the Station scientists who are "volunteered" into serving on them.

Howard W. Ottoson
PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Barnhart, Jr., Harold M. - Instructor, Food Science & Technology - Resignation
Eicher, Ronald - Assistant Professor, Biochemistry (MARC) - Courtesy appointment
Smith, Helen - Professor, Human Development & Family - Disability leave
Wilhelmi, Kenneth D. - Assistant Professor, Agronomy - Appointment

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Ahlschwede, W. T. - Animal Science - Neb. Pork Producers Assoc. $ 1,500
Bitney, L. L. - Ag. Economics - U N Fdn-Nebraska Bankers Assoc. Inc. 500
Caporaso, F. - Food & Nutrition - Nebraska Pork Producers Assoc. 5,495
Fenster, C. R. - Agronomy (PH Sta) - FMC Corporation 500
Fenster, C. R. - Agronomy (PH Sta) - Rohm & Haas Co. 500
Fritschen, R. D. - Animal Science (NE Sta) - Neb. Pork Producers Assoc. 800

Hagen, A. F. - Entomology (PH Sta) - FMC Corporation 500
Hassler, J. B. - Ag. Economics - Old West Regional Commission 92,400
Hudson, D. - Veterinary Science (NP Sta) - Norden Labs 734
Klopfenstein, T. J. - Animal Science - Liquid Feed Commodities 5,000
Maxcy, R. B. - Food Sci. & Tech. - Dept. of the Army - Natick Labs 23,825
Moser, B. D. - Animal Science - Nebraska Pork Producers Assoc. 1,000

Satterlee, L. D. - Food Sci. & Tech. - U N Fdn-Ezra Levin Fdn. 10,889
Shahani, K. M. - Food Sci. & Tech. - Neu Cheese Co. 2,500
Shahani, K. M. - Food Sci. & Tech. - J. Gordon Roberts Investments, Ltd 15,000
Shearman, R. C. - Horticulture - OMC-Lincoln 1,000
Steadman, J. R. - Plant Pathology - Olin Corporation 500
White, R. G. - Veterinary Science (NP Sta) - Norden Labs 1,085
Williams, J. H. - Agronomy - Archer Daniels Midland 5,500

GENERAL NOTES

1. Congratulations to: Dr. T. M. McCalla on the occasion of receiving the American Society of Agronomy Award for Outstanding Research; Dr. V. A. Johnson on his election as President-elect of the Crop Science Society of America; Dr. A. D. Flowerday for receiving the UN-L Outstanding Teaching Award, the Teaching Award, and for the third year in a row the University of Nebraska Builders' Award.

2. Schneider on safety: Straight tread radial ply tires should not be considered as a suitable substitute for snow tires when driving in snow.

3. We look forward to the opening of our new East Campus Student Center on January 17.

4. The CRIS AD 421 forms (annual progress report forms) for AES projects are out to departments and project leaders. Please be reminded that what you put in will be the progress noted, what goes into the computer, and what will be printed out for inquiries by fellow scientists elsewhere. They are important and should be completed with care.

5. The trouble with being a good sport is that you have to lose to prove it.

R. W. Kleis
Journal Articles (contact authors for more information)


5248. Solar Grain Drying in the North Central Region - Simulation Results. R. O. Pierce and T. L. Thompson. Transactions of the ASAE.


Journal Abstracts (contact authors for more information)


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