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As we experience turnover in deans and directors, opportunities arise to serve as Administrative Advisors to NE multistate projects and National Research Support Projects and as members on NERA committees and ESCOP committees. Stay tuned, we'll be reaching out to you. We look forward to your service.

"Our department is only 4 memorial services away from being excellent." – Eugene Spafford, Purdue University, Department of Computer Science, from Quotable Spaf.

Action items:

•   Please join us in wishing Deputy Director and Northeast NERA liaison, Muquarrab Qureshi, all the best as he leaves NIFA on July 20, 2019. He will be missed.

•   During the past two weeks we sought your thoughts on a number of fronts below. There's still time to ring in and we continue to seek input.

   • Institutional ICR policies (June 17, 2019 NERA News)
   • Hatch project management (June 17, 2019 NERA News)
   • Gene Editing in Livestock (June 17, 2019 NERA News)

•   As a follow-on to the ICR conversation, Jan Nyrop shared a 5-minute You Tube video, Understanding the Real Costs of Research, that's worth a look. The video was sponsored by APLU, AAU, ACE, COGR, and AAMC and could be a useful tool in your work-chest. We also posted a companion infographic, Cost of Research.

•   NERA's goal this year, as part of the Northeast agenda, is to display at least one, high-definition photo from each NERA institution on the scrolling banner on our website. We're seeking shots from Rutgers, UConn, UD, UDC, UMaine, UMass, URI, and WVU.

Reminders/Updates:

•   You'll note that we've streamlined the NERA website and reduced the number of navigation bars. We hope that you find the website to be intuitive and navigable. We invite your comments and recommendations on how to make the site work better for you.

• From an "It's actually better" perspective, the NSF announced that the research community can submit full, collaborative, research proposals with sub-awards in research.gov. This looks to be a more efficient, user-friendly, faster, and update-able grants management system versus its predecessor, FastLane.

Informational items:

• The Northeast Regional Aquaculture Center (NRAC) has released its 2020 RFA for preproposals and for mini-grants. Please share this information with scientists that might have interest.

• NIFA is hosting a Reporting Web Conference to share information about procedures associated with REEPort and the newly revised and updated Plan of Work on Thursday, August 8, 2019, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM (Eastern). Please visit the Reporting Web Conference Series webpage for more information.

• The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Maryland is seeking applicants for three positions including: *Administrative Assistant II* (Queen Anne's County), *Lecturer - Ecosystem Health*, and *Lecturer - Soil Science*.

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