
2002 C-FARE Photo Gallery

Fall 2002 - C-FARE Board Members Visit with USDA Officials



(Left to Right) C-FARE Board Members - Walt Armbruster (Farm Foundation), A. Gene Nelson (Texas A&M University), and James Trapp (Oklahoma State University)

Members of the C-FARE Board of Directors meet at least twice a year to discuss activities of the organization and goals for the agricultural and applied economics profession. During the meetings board members visit with Congressional Staff and agency officials to discuss federal science policy and budget determination.

Fall 2002 – Intern Briefing

(Pictured standing) Jim Jacobs (USDA Rural Business Service and President of the USDA Economists Group) speaks to interns regarding the benefits of being an agricultural economist at USDA.



C-FARE held the third intern briefing in Fall, 2002. The event was co-hosted by the USDA Economists Group and held at the USDA South Agriculture Building. Interns from a variety of backgrounds and universities were briefed regarding employment opportunities available to applied economists, and they received background information on current events in US Agriculture.

Fall 2002 – C-FARE Symposium on Data Issues

In November 2002 C-FARE hosted its annual symposium in Washington, DC. The 2002 symposium entitled, “Public Information and the Agricultural and Food System” stimulated debate on emerging data problems relating to agriculture, including significant gaps and other problems that have emerged in economic data series. The three presentations that served as the catalyst for debate included: Richard Just (UMD) provided an “Overview of Public Information and the Agriculture and Food System,” Bruce Babcock (ISU) discussed “How Can Breakthroughs in Information Systems Impact Local Decisions about Agriculture and the Environment,” and Ted Schroeder (KSU) addressed “Data, Structural Change, and Public Policy: The Case of Mandatory Livestock Pricing.” Symposium participants included USDA employees and members of agricultural interest groups.

Following the symposium, the speakers and C-FARE board members provided an overview for Congressional Staff.

(Pictured in the center) Dr. Ted Schroeder (KSU) provides additional information to Congressional staff following his presentation on “Data, Structural Change, and Public Policy.”



(Left to Right) Jerry Skees from University of Kentucky (C-FARE Board Member) and Clay Ogg from EPA (C-FARE Advisory Member) discuss the highlights of the 2002 symposium following the presentations.

Summer 2002 – Intern Briefings

In Summer, 2002 C-FARE began hosting educational briefings for agricultural and applied economics interns who were employed in Washington, DC. The briefings provide opportunities for students to interact with each other, while receiving career ideas to focus on after graduation. During the briefings students heard from agricultural economists who work on Capitol Hill, at USDA, and the US International Trade Commission to name a few.



Spring 2002 – USDA NAREEE Advisory Board Meetings



(Pictured in the center) Walt Armbruster (President - Farm Foundation and Member of the C-FARE Board of Directors)

Dr. Walt Armbruster is appointed as the representative for “Rural Economic Development” to USDA’s National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board (NAREEE). C-FARE appreciates the dedication of Dr. Armbruster to the agriculture industry and the agricultural economics profession.

Spring 2002 - Congressional Visits Day

The annual Congressional Visits Day (CVD) provides an example of the impact achieved through multi-disciplinary collaboration. 2002 CVD activities included: workshops for participants, meeting with Congressional Staff to convey the need for an increased and balanced federal investment in research, and an agro-security briefing for the House and Senate Agriculture Committees. Dr. John Lee (Mississippi State University) and Dr. David Schweikhardt (Michigan State University) attended on behalf of C-FARE.



(Left to Right) Dr. David Schweikhardt (Michigan State), Dr. John Lee (Mississippi State), Dr. Barbara Glenn (FASS), and Dr. Stephanie Smith (IFT) listen to Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) at the 2002 Congressional Visits Day (CVD) breakfast.

Scientists met with Congressional Staff to discuss research funding issues during the 2002 Congressional Visits Day.



Spring 2002 – BioSecurity Briefing



Left to Right) Steve Dewey (Utah State University representing the Weed Science Society of America), David Schweikhardt (Michigan State University Representing C-FARE), Bob Norton (Auburn University, Representing the Federation of Animal Science Societies), and Paul Backman (Penn State University representing the American Phytopathological Society)

Courtesy of the Elton R. Smith Endowment in Food and Agricultural Policy at Michigan State University - Dr. David Schweikhardt was part of a panel that presented information on agro-security to staff of the House and Senate Agriculture Committee.