



NATIONAL COALITION FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

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“Nanotechnology and Wood”

Washington, DC – February 25 – Research on biodiesel feedstocks and other factors that will need to be addressed if the biodiesel industry is to meet growing demands is the subject of the first 2009 National C-FAR “Lunch~N~Learn” Hill Seminar on Monday, March 2, from 12:00–12:55 p.m. in 1300 Longworth House Office Building. The featured speaker is Dr. Robert Moon, USFS Forest Products Lab, Madison, Wisconsin.

“Research on emerging wood-based nanotechnologies offers the potential to enhance the properties of traditional biobased products and to develop a wide range of exciting new properties that have applications in products once considered improbable,” said Moon.

“We are pleased to feature how research can help produce new biobased products and uses from wood,” said M. Stephanie Patrick, President of the National Coalition for Food & Agricultural Research (National C-FAR). “This presentation is an excellent example of how federally funded food and agriculture research and extension can produce the scientific outcomes and outreach needed to meet 21st century challenges and opportunities, both today and in the future.”

Dr. Moon is a Materials Research Engineer with the US Forest Service- Forest Products Laboratory (Madison, WI) and an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the School of Materials Engineering at Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN). In 2007, Dr. Moon was selected by FPL to lead a collaborative research program between Purdue University and Forest Products Laboratory that advances nanoscale science and engineering of forestry based materials. As a member of Purdue’s Birck Nanotechnology Center, Dr. Moon’s programs promote interdisciplinary collaboration between several departments within Purdue’s colleges of Agriculture, Engineering, and Science.

The seminar is open to the public and the media.

NATIONAL C-FAR IS a nonprofit, nonpartisan, consensus-based, and *customer-led* coalition that brings food, agriculture, nutrition, conservation, and natural resource stakeholders together with the food and agriculture research and extension community, serving as a forum and a unified voice in support of sustaining and increasing public investment at the national level in food and agricultural research, extension, and education. National C-FAR’s Hill Seminar Series, now entering its fifth year, regularly presents leading-edge researchers working to provide answers to pressing issues confronting the public and Congress. The Hill Seminar Series and Success Profiles help demonstrate the value of public investment in food and agricultural research—investment that returns 45 percent per year on average. Go to http://www.ncfar.org/Hill_Seminar_Series.asp for more information about the seminar series and past topics. Interviews with National C-FAR President M. Stephanie Patrick are available by request. For additional information, go to www.ncfar.org; or contact Tom Van Arsdall, Executive Director, at tom@vanarsdall.com.