



## **\*\*CALL FOR NOMINATIONS\*\***

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the Charles Valentine Memorial Foundation (RMF), and the World Food Prize Foundation (WFPF) invite nominations for the

### **2010 AAAS CHARLES VALENTINE RILEY MEMORIAL LECTURE**

**June 2010**

**American Association for the Advancement of Science  
1200 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC**

This inaugural Lecture will promote a broader and more complete understanding of agriculture and its role in a sustainable future.

Nominees should be well-respected scientists at the forefront of a pressing issue at the nexus of agriculture and society. They should have an excellence in scientific contributions or significant policy accomplishments related to agriculture with demonstrated societal impact.

#### **Nomination instructions**

Nominations should be typed and include the following information:

- Nominator's name and title, institutional affiliation, email address, and phone and fax numbers
- Nominee's name and title, institutional affiliation, address (physical and email), and phone and fax numbers
- A summary of the basis of the nomination (not to exceed 500 words)
- A curriculum vitae (3 page maximum)
- (Optional) any documentation (books, articles, or other materials) that illuminates the nominee's accomplishments with respect to agriculture and society

All documentation should be submitted in PDF or Word format via email to AAAS, [international@aaas.org](mailto:international@aaas.org) by **December 31, 2009**.

*Lecturer eligibility:*

*\*Nominees may not self-nominate;*

*\*Nominations must be for individuals and not institutions;*

*\*Members (and immediate family members) of the Selection Committee and staffs of AAAS, RMF, and WFPF are ineligible*



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*“...none but the well informed are successful... for success in agriculture...today, implies knowledge - scientific knowledge.”*

- Charles Valentine Riley (1872)

In 2008, the Charles Valentine Riley Memorial Foundation (RMF) made a gift to the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) to endow a Charles Valentine Riley Memorial Lecture at AAAS in honor of Professor Riley’s legacy as a “whole picture” person with a vision for enhancing agriculture through scientific knowledge. The goal of the lectures will be “to promote a broader and more complete understanding of agriculture as the most basic human endeavor and ... to enhance agriculture through increased scientific knowledge.”

Charles Valentine Riley was a prominent 19<sup>th</sup> century entomologist. In 1878, he was appointed to the post of Entomologist to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and was chosen to be the first Curator of Insects for the Smithsonian Institution in 1885. Professor Riley became a member of AAAS in 1868, was elected a Fellow in 1874, and then went on to be the Vice President for the biology section in 1888. The impact of his work of more than a century ago is still being felt today, not only in the fields of entomology and agriculture but also in other natural sciences. Professor Riley’s vision and ability to see the role of agriculture in the productive use of the landscape, as an artistry upon which all society depends, is perhaps his greatest legacy.

AAAS will work in collaboration with the RMF and the World Food Prize Foundation (WFPF), an organization whose fundamental goal is to support efforts toward an adequate supply and availability of nutritious food for the burgeoning world population in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, to organize an annual lecture that will address timely topics such as the role that food, agriculture, and natural resources play in providing for a secure food supply and a sustainable economy. The first AAAS Riley Lecture will be held in June 2010 in the auditorium at the AAAS Headquarters in Washington, DC.

The intended audience for the lecture is the public policy community in the Washington, D.C. area, including members of Congress and their staffs, U.S. government agency representatives, not-for-profit organizations, companies and corporations, multilateral organizations, and university faculty members.

Founded in 1848, the AAAS is the world’s largest federation of scientists and engineers, with 130,000 individual members and 262 affiliated societies and academies of science, serving 10 million individuals. AAAS seeks to “advance science, engineering, and innovation throughout the world for the benefit of all people.” A prominent force for science and technology in Washington, DC, across the country, and worldwide, AAAS has a strong history of raising the visibility of key issues and has become a trusted resource for timely and objective information in the policy community and beyond.



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### **OVERVIEW**

#### **Tentative Program**

3:30 pm Registration and Coffee  
4:00 pm Introductions  
4:15 pm Keynote Lecture  
4:55 pm Panel (proposed; up to three members)  
5:15 pm Questions  
5:30 pm Reception

#### **Selection Committee and Virtual Advisory Committee**

Both committees will be formed primarily for the purpose of nominating persons to present the Riley Lecture.

#### **Proceedings**

A program proceedings will be published; attendees will receive print copies and the proceedings will be made generally available on the Internet.

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