

NC-FAR WEBINAR-ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 19, 2009

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11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. EDT Webinar-Federal Funding for Food & Ag REE-Challenges and Opportunities

Speakers will share their views on ways to achieve our goals and the realities of the federal budgetary process. How do we stack up compared to NIH and NSF? Do we need to re-evaluate our goals and strategies in order to compete for funding? Are there innovative or leveraged approaches to consider?

Speakers:

- **Adela Ramos** and **Betsy Croker, Senate Agriculture Committee**
- **Kathy Kahn**, Program Officer, Agriculture Development Group, **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**. Ms. Kahn's portfolio includes a new partnership with the NSF—a new competitive grants program, Basic Research to Enable Agricultural Development (BREAD).

Special Research Agency Leaders Panel:

Administration's FY10 funding request, update on NIFA-AFRI implementation, other issues of interest.

- **The Honorable Kitty Smith**, Acting Deputy Undersecretary and ERS Administrator
- **The Honorable Colien Hefferan**, CSREES Administrator
- **The Honorable Antoinette (Toni) Betschart**, ARS Deputy Administrator

12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EDT Member Business Meeting -Working Lunch [*Open to Members & Supporters*]

Revised Agenda:

- Research Outreach Committee—Report & Recommendations
 - Outreach—Hill Seminars & Success Profiles
 - Policy—Farm Bill Implementation & Budget/Appropriations
- Roundtable Discussion
- Nominating Committee Report, Elections

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. EDT Board Meeting [*Open to Members & Supporters*]