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ABSTRACT

Dr. Ramaswamy, a noted entomologist, educator, and scientific leader will present an overview of the foremost extramural agricultural research funding agency in the United States, offer insights on the agency’s priority setting process, and provide examples of the impacts of these Federal investments in agricultural science and research.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Sonny Ramaswamy, Ph.D., is director of the USDA’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). As part of USDA’s Research, Education, and Extension mission, he oversees NIFA awards funds for a wide range of extramural research, education, and extension projects that address the needs of farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers. Prior to joining NIFA, Dr. Ramaswamy served as dean of Oregon State University’s College of Agricultural Sciences and director of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station. Other prior positions include associate dean of the Purdue University College of Agriculture, head of Kansas State University’s Department of Entomology, faculty member at Mississippi State University and research associate at Michigan State University. As an insect physiologist, he worked on the integrative reproductive biology of insects. He received a Bachelor of Science in agriculture and a Master of Science in entomology from the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, India, and his doctorate in entomology from Rutgers University.
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