

PLANT SCIENCES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – September 25, 2009

Merit actions complete

Jeff Mitchell, Specialist in Cooperative Extension, and Chengxia Li, Associate Specialist, have both received Step II merits for the 2008-09 year, completing the list of faculty promotions and merits for this calendar year. Congratulations!

Two Arboretum plant sales this fall

Central Valley gardeners can learn about the best plants and techniques for successful gardens in local conditions at the UC Davis Arboretum Fall plant sales Oct 3 and Oct. 17. Hundreds of types of plants will be for sale, including many varieties not available in nurseries. The Oct. 17 will include a special tribute to Superintendent Warren Roberts, who is retiring at 37 years with the Arboretum. For details, see arboretum.ucdavis.edu

Seminars/Conferences/Field Days

Plant Sciences Fall Seminar

PES 3001, noon

Wednesday, September 30 – Mary Candenasso will present "Linking spatial heterogeneity and ecosystem function across systems and scales: from urban to savanna ecosystems and from meters to kilometers"

California Weed Science Society Conference

January 11-13, 2010, Visalia

"Looking Into the Future of Weed Control" is the topic of this 62nd annual conference, featuring the latest in weed control. To register, visit www.cwss.org or call CWSS at (831) 442-0883 to obtain a program agenda and registration form.

American Chemical Society Spring Meeting

March 21 to 25, 2010, San Francisco

The program theme for this 239th ACS meeting is "Chemistry for a Sustainable World", a focus central to the vision and mission of the Division of Cellulose and Renewable Materials. The ACS invites participation at the symposium on "Deconstructing the Cell Wall Structure" organized by the Division of Cellulose and Renewable Materials. Online abstract submission is open until October 19 (11pm CST): http://portal.acs.org/portal/acs/corg/content?nfpb=true&pageLabel=PP_MEETINGS&node_id=86&use_sec=false&uuid=9f911fd1-22e3-4e08-a878-98f01df0d0ab

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS

For more information on funding opportunities, go to OVCR's Web site at <http://www.research.ucdavis.edu/home.cfm?id=OVC,0,1154>

California Tomato Research Proposals

The California Tomato Research Institute (CTRI), a non-profit crop improvement organization of processing tomato growers, is seeking applied research proposals for funding in 2010. Proposals are due Oct. 12, 2009 at 5 p.m. to the UC Davis Vegetable Research and Information Center (in a special drop box at 152 Asmundson) or the CRRRI office in Escalon. For details, contact Chuck Rivara, 209-838-1594

Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Biology

The Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO) awards Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Biology to recent recipients of the doctoral degree for research and training in selected areas of biology supported by BIO and with special goals for human resource development in biology. The fellowships encourage independence at an early stage of the research career to permit Fellows to pursue their research and training goals in the most appropriate research locations regardless of the availability of funding for the Fellows at that site. Submission deadline is Oct. 14. For more information, see [Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Biology \(PRFB\)](#)

Job Opportunities

New Listings

Technology Development Representative

Seminis is seeking an individual to provide technical leadership for the development and commercial growth of products on the Central Coast of California. Duties will include planning and executing a program of field trials focused on the development of new broccoli and cauliflower varieties, and evaluate pepper germplasm as well. Identify and assess novel products and their market application and horticultural needs and determine optimum growing environments and planting recommendations. Design and manage projects that develop both agronomic and market needs on a variety of new concepts and products. Direct and manage local trials in conjunction with Sales & Marketing teams to generate features, advantages, and benefits data, and associated marketing materials. Requirements include an M.S., preferably a Ph.D., in agronomy, plant breeding, plant pathology, horticulture or closely-related discipline, with demonstrated success in applied field research. Two to three years experience with brassica crops is very desirable. For more information, contact Greg Elmore

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Repeat Listings

Greenhouse/Transplant Coordinator

A major grower affiliated with The Morning Star Company – one of the largest tomato processing companies in the world – is looking for a Greenhouse/Transplant Coordinator. The company provides custom transplanting and harvesting services to growers in the Central Valley. The mission of this position is to coordinate order and delivery with contract greenhouses so that required tomato transplants are available and delivered to the transplanters on a timely basis. Requirements include a Plant Science or related degree and 2-4 years experience in tomato transplanting, experience in greenhouse production or transplant sales and ability to manage and coordinate outside vendors. For more information, contact Ron Christensen, Managing Partner, AgentHR, Inc., (o) 702-399-3549, (c) 702-300-0015 or email him at ronc@agenthr.com

