

2015

**S-009 Multistate Research Project Committee**

**Plant Genetic Resources Conservation and Utilization, USDA/ARS, Griffin, GA**  
**Held at the University of Tennessee, Institute of Agriculture, The Center for Renewable Carbon,**  
**2506 Jacob Drive, Knoxville. TN 37996**

**Tuesday, July 21**

- 1:00 pm Call to order and introductions – Dr. Fred Allen
- 1:15 pm Welcome and Overview of TN agriculture – Dr. Fred Allen, Professor, Dept. of Plant Sciences
- 1:45 pm Approval of 2014 minutes  
Additions to agenda  
Committee appointments (2016 officers, 2016 meeting location)
- 2:15 pm Welcome and Report on S9 Project– Dr. Clarence Watson, Interim Administrative Advisor to S9, Associate Vice President for Agricultural Research & Director, Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, University of Arkansas.
- 2:45 pm Break
- 3:15 pm Report from National Program Staff – Dr. Peter Bretting
- 3:30 pm National Genetic Resources Advisory Council – Drs. Peter Bretting, Gary Pederson
- 3:45 pm Summary of year at PGRCU – Dr. Gary Pederson
- 4:30 pm Switchgrass Collection Activities – Dr. Melanie Harrison
- 4:50 pm Discussion of Potential Impacts of Upcoming Position Vacancies on Griffin Program - All
- 6:30 pm Group dinner – *Calhoun's On the River*

**Wednesday, July 22**

- 7:00-8:00 am Breakfast at the Hotel (Hampton Inn, near Airport)
- 8:00 am Hotel Pick-up (Hampton Inn)
- 8:20 am Overview of UT Plant Sciences Unit (Dr. Bobby Simpson, Director, East TN Research & Education Center, Knoxville) and Some Plant Breeding Programs using Plant Introductions: Soybean Breeding (Dr. Vince Pantalone); Corn Breeding (Dr. Dennis West); Switchgrass (Dr. Hem Bhandari); Native American Interpretive Garden (Dr. Fred Allen)
- 9:45 am Break
- 10:00 am State reports
- 11:15 am Business meeting
- 12:00 Adjourn