

USDA-ARS Southeast Area SOUTHERN INSECT MANAGEMENT RESEARCH UNIT

Mission

- ▶ *The mission of the Southern Insect Management Research Unit (SIMRU) is to generate new knowledge of arthropod pest biology, ecology and management and integrate this knowledge into contemporary farming systems that will promote economical and environmentally stable pest management practices for the southern U.S.*
- ▶ *The vision of SIMRU is to be a recognized center of innovation for negating agricultural pest problem through deployed scientific knowledge of pest biology, ecology and management options.*

CRIS PROJECT

Integrated Insect Pest and Resistance Management on Corn, Cotton, Sorghum, Soybean, and Sweet Potato

PROJECT INVESTIGATORS

- ▶ Clint Allen (Project Leader)
- ▶ Nathan Little
- ▶ Randall Luttrell
- ▶ Katherine Parys
- ▶ Maribel Portilla
- ▶ OP Perera
- ▶ Yu Cheng Zhu

CRIS PROJECT

Control of Tarnished Plant Bugs by Biocontrol and Other Methods

PROJECT INVESTIGATORS

- ▶ Randall Luttrell
- ▶ Maribel Portilla (Project Leader)

CRIS PROJECT

Innovative Strategies for Insect Resistance Management in Bt Cotton

PROJECT INVESTIGATORS

- ▶ Clint Allen
- ▶ Nathan Little
- ▶ Randall Luttrell
- ▶ **OP Perera (Project Leader)**

Congratulations Maribel Portilla & Research Team



PERFECT SCORE on the rewriting of project plan.

Congratulations
Yolanda Harvey



EBA Vice President for FY 2016

Membership is open to all ARS employees in the Stoneville area with appointments of 120 days or more, and permanent State and contractual employees housed in the Jamie Whitten Delta Research Center.

Employees Benefit Association FY2016 Membership Drive

What are the benefits of joining?

- Encourages fellowship and cooperation among members
- Maintains a fund for purchasing flowers or memorials for members in case of hospitalization or death.
- Provides gifts for separating or retiring members.
- Operates and maintains vending machines.
- Provides free Notary Public Service to members

How much does it cost?

- FY2016 Membership dues are **\$10.00** if you join by 4pm, Wednesday September 30, 2015.
- Employees who choose to join the EBA after September 30th will also pay a \$10 late fee.
- Employees hired after September 30th are exempt from the late fee.

See Your EBA Representative Today to Join

<p>Area Office/Business Service Center – Joan Fabick Biological Control of Pests - Kim Kestry Crop Genetics - Sally Stetina Crop Production Systems - Paige Goodlett Warmwater Aquaculture- Lindsey Sheffield</p>	<p>Southern Insect Management – Yolanda Harvey Location Support – Tamimesha Roberson Cotton Ginning & OTT- Wendy Smith Genomics & Bioinformatics – Sharon Simpson</p>
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Disclaimer: EBA does not discriminate in terms of membership or treatment of its members because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, or family status.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATION

- ▶ Maribel (September 8th)
- ▶ Arnell (September 15th)
- ▶ Yu Cheng (September 18th)
- ▶ Archie (September 24th)

