

VegR&D Forum 2014 – Program & schedule

April 9-10, 2014

WEDNESDAY April 9th

ARC Ballroom, UC Davis

- 4:00 - 5:00** **Brainstorming session – Seed to Fork Field Trial**
ARC Meeting Room 2
- 5:00 - 7:00** **Welcoming social:** with VegR&D Forum delegates, invited guests, UC Davis scientists and students, IP & tech transfer specialists from InnovationAccess.
Remarks from: Karen Ross, California's Secretary of Agriculture

THURSDAY April 10th

ARC Ballroom, UC Davis

- 7:00 - 8:00** **Opening reception** and coffee
- 8:00 – 8:15** **VegR&D Forum – Introduction**
Helene Dillard, Dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Roger Beachy, Director, The World Food Center
- 8:15 – 10:00** **VegR&D Forum – Session 1**
Breeding for seed quality and advances in seed technology
Speakers: Alan Taylor, Cornell University; Kent Bradford, UC Davis
- 10:15 – 12:00** **VegR&D Forum, Sessions 2**
How can vegetable seed companies work together with the U.S. and State Governments to address the critical future needs for plant breeders, breeding assistants, agricultural technicians, pathologist, etc.?
Speaker: William Tracy, University of Wisconsin / NAPB Advocacy Group
- 12:00 – 2:00** **Student posters session & lunch**
- 2:00 – 3:45** **VegR&D Forum, Sessions 3**
Managing and characterizing complex traits, including quantitative traits
Speakers: Charles Brummer, UC Davis; Allen Van Deynze, UC Davis
- 3:45 – 4:00** **VegR&D Forum – Conclusions**

Conference Center, UC Davis

- 4:30 - 6:00** Seed Central / Food Central networking event
- 6:00 - 7:00** Featured speaker: Dr. Eric Mussen, Cooperative Extension Apiculturist,
Department of Entomology, UC, Davis
Topic: Honey bees and seed crop production