



## VegR&D Forum 2014 – Program & schedule

April 9-10, 2014

## WEDNESDAY April 9<sup>th</sup>

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

Seed Central is the seed industry cluster surrounding UC Davis. A joint initiative of the Seed Biotechnology Center at UC Davis and SeedQuest, its purpose is to facilitate communication and research collaboration between seed industry members and university scientists. Seed Central is a non-profit mutual-benefit corporation with members in California, the USA, and overseas. More information at <u>www.seedcentral.org</u> and <u>info@seedcentral.org</u>