

National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board

NATIONAL GENETIC RESOURCES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

November 9, 2015 to November 10, 2015

Aquatic Germplasm and Genetic Resources Center, School of Renewable Natural Resources,
Louisiana State University Agricultural Center | 2288 Gourrier Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA
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Monday, November 9, 2015

(all times listed are CDT)

- 8:30 – 8:45 am **Welcome and Introduction of Members**
Michele Esch, Executive Director/Designated Federal Officer
- 8:45 – 8:50 am **Safety and Hospitality**
Dr. Terry Tiersch, Host, LSUAC
Shirley Morgan-Jordan, Program Support Coordinator
- 8:50 – 9:00 am **Opening Comments**
Dr. Manjit Misra, Chair, NGRAC
- 9:00 – 9:30 am **Comments from REE Leadership** (by phone)
Dr. Catherine Woteki, Under Secretary/USDA Chief Scientist
- 9:30 – 10:00 am **Discussion with REE Leadership**
- Part I: Livestock, Aquatic Species, and Honeybee Genetics**
- 10:00 – 10:15 am **Overview of Session** (by phone)
Dr. Harvey Blackburn, Animal Geneticist, ARS
- 10:15 – 10:45 am **Aquatic Genetic Efforts in ARS**
Dr. Geoff Waldbieser, Research Molecular Biologist, ARS
- 10:45 – 11:00 am **Discussion**
- 11:00 – 11:10 am **Greetings from LSU Agricultural Center Administrators**
- 11:10 am – 2:00 pm **LSU Aquatic Activities Presentation and AGGRC Tour**
Dr. Terry Tiersch, LSUAC
- Lunch**
- Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics, & Physiology Presentation
and Tour**
Dr. Thomas Rinderer, Research Leader, ARS

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2:00 – 2:30 pm **Animal Genetics Conservation**
Dr. Alison Martin, Interim Executive Director, The Livestock
Conservancy

2:30 -3:30 pm **Discussion**

Part II: Crop Genetic Vulnerability

3:30 – 4:30 pm **Genetic Diversity: Avoiding Genetic Vulnerability**
Stephen Smith, Jane Dever, Matthew Dillon, NGRAC Members

4:30 – 5:00 pm **Discussion regarding Genetic Diversity**

5:00 – 5:15 pm **Public Comment**

5:15 pm **Adjourn for Evening**

6:00 pm **Group Dinner** (optional)
Parrain's, 3225 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA

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8:00 – 8:15 am

Welcome, Hospitality and Overview of Agenda

Dr. Manjit Misra, Chair, NGRAC

Dr. Terry Tiersch, LSU

Part IV: Cross Cutting Issues

8:15 – 8:30 am

Overview of Cross Cutting Issues: Tribal concerns

Terry Williams, Tulalip Tribe/NGRAC

8:30 – 9:00 am

Cross-Cutting Issues: Tribal Concerns

Preston Hardison, Tulalip Tribe

9:00 – 9:15 am

Discussion regarding tribal concerns

9:15 – 9:45 am

USDA Efforts with Tribes and Genetic Resources (by phone)

Leslie Wheelock, Director, USDA Office of Tribal Relations

9:45 – 10:00 am

Discussion on Tribal Issues and Genetic Resources

10:00 – 10:15 am

Break

Part V: General Business Session and Updates

10:15 – 10:45 am

ARS Genebank Best Management Practices

Dr. Peter Bretting, ARS National Program Leader

10:45 – 11:15 am

USDA Plant Breeding Activities

Dr. Ann Marie Thro, Senior Advisor, Office of the Chief Scientist

11:15 – 11:45 am

Updates and Activities on the AC21 (by phone)

Dr. Michael Schechtman, USDA Biotechnology Coordinator

11:45 am – 1:00 pm

Working Lunch

Plus Delta – Continuous Improvement Discussion

1:00 pm

Meeting Adjourns