

Extension Comings and Goings
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Streaming Presentation by Dean Larry Arrington

This edition's streaming presentation is presented by Dr. Larry Arrington. Viewing the presentation requires the Microsoft Explorer browser, Windows Media Player 9 and a relatively fast Internet connection. However for those using dial-up access, a modem version is also supplied, which plays an audio version of his presentation.

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Meet Your Specialist - Tanya Brisova



Tatiana (Tanya) Brisova, Ph.D. (photo)

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Tatiana Borisova came to the University of Florida from West Virginia University where she worked as a research assistant professor in the Division of Resource Management, specializing in water quality and aquaculture economics projects. Her specialty is in water economics and policy and she also takes special interest in market-like policy mechanisms for water allocation and water quality improvement, economic valuation of water resources, and multi-criteria analysis in environmental decision-making. In 2003, she received her degree in Agricultural, Environmental, and Regional Economics from Pennsylvania State University.

"I am originally from Volga Region in Russia - my parents and sister still live there. I came to the United States about 10 years ago. Prior to coming to the U.S., I received my Master's degree in Environmental Sciences and Policy from Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. I am married. And I am very excited to be here! ☺"

Internationalizing Extension: Costa Rica - Seven pioneers of our county extension faculty completed their mission to assist in Internationalizing Extension for IFAS. Alex Bolques, Dan Culbert (program leader), Larry Halsey, Adrian Hunsberger, Henry Mayer, David Marshall, Linda Seals, and team leader Dr. Pete Vergot, partnered with faculty and staff at EARTH University in Costa Rica for the first non-formal extension training program, "Master of Gardens" and "Gardeners of Costa Rica", sponsored jointly by the two institutions. Members of the Costa Rican Extension system participated from the Ministry of Agriculture. The project took place at EARTH University's new LaFlor Campus near the Pacific Coast. Similar to Florida, the region is experiencing rapid growth in tourism and development. Stresses of growth, decreased water quality and quantity, and possible misuse of horticultural practices now impact the local economy and environment.



The county faculty provided informal training for 47 landscapers, ornamental producers and homeowners interested in gardening training and experiences. Two concurrent seven-week multidisciplinary educational programs were presented from January through March of 2008. The county faculty each spent two weeks at LaFlor preparing and presenting two concurrent training tracks. Florida extension agents rotated in and out each week for program continuity, developed course materials, and taught lessons in Spanish or translated to Spanish. The "Master of Gardens" program was designed for nursery and landscape professionals. A "Gardeners of Costa Rica" course focused on homeowners and ecotourism personnel. The international program provided an international experience for county faculty to broaden their knowledge of different cultures and environments. Teaching materials were developed and will be used for Spanish-speaking audiences here in Florida. Follow-up activities including enhancement of a website are on-going: <http://laflor.ifas.ufl.edu> .

Pete Vergot III, Ph.D.
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How to Report Economic Value of Trained Volunteers in your Tenure and Promotion Packet* - This explanation could be added under the In-kind sub-heading of the Section 17 (Contracts and Grants) in your tenure, permanent status and promotion packets. This is applicable to 4-H, MG, HCE, Master Naturalist and other volunteers in the IFAS Extension.

"Calculation of economic value of trained volunteers' contribution to extension programs: According to 2005 Florida data from the Independent Sector the estimated dollar value of a volunteer hour is \$16.07. This amount includes estimated fringe benefits and will be updated yearly (http://independentsector.org/programs/research/volunteer_time.html). In extension, trained volunteers are contributing to extension programs by dedicating their time, skills, talent, and expertise under supervision or guidance by faculty."

*This statement originally was written by Judy Butterfield (4-H RSA, Central District) and revised by Extension Administration.

New Faculty - Please welcome the following new faculty:

Lynda Spence, FCS Extension Agent I, Marion County, 03/05/08

Karla Lenfesty, FCS Extension Agent I, St. Lucie County, 03/07/08

Resignations - We want to wish the following faculty the best of luck in their endeavors:

Kiley Harper, Palm Beach County, Ag Safety Training Extension Agent I, 03/14/08

Barbara Smith, Baker County, Environmental Horticulture Extension Agent I, 03/21/08

Holly Lyons Mixon, Indian River County, Environmental Horticulture Extension Agent I, 03/27/08

Angie Bradshaw, Wakulla County, 4-H / FCS Extension Agent I, 03/28/08

Retirement - After many years of service and dedication Judy Yates (Hernando County Extension Agent IV) has retired. We want to thank her for all of her contributions to UF/IFAS Extension.

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