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TO: UF/IFAS-ALL  
FROM: Jackie Burns  
SUBJECT: 2017 UF/IFAS Equipment & Infrastructure Awards

The Florida Agricultural Experiment Station and Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources, in partnership with the University of Florida's Office of the Vice President for Research, offer the Equipment and Infrastructure Awards Program with the goal of enhancing infrastructural capacity for research within UF/IFAS, to increase the impacts of our research efforts, and to increase our competitiveness for extramural funding.

This year's competition was highly competitive, with 62 proposals submitted, more than double from last year. After a rigorous review I am pleased to announce the 22 selected for funding.

Please join me in congratulating this year's awardees!

2017 UF/IFAS Equipment & Infrastructure Award Recipients:

Faculty: **Dr. Allan Bacon**  
Unit: Soil & Water Sciences  
Funding: \$41,500

Faculty: **Dr. George Baker**  
Unit: Food Science & Human Nutrition  
Funding: \$3,365

Faculty: **Dr. Ozgur Batuman**  
Unit: Plant Pathology/Southwest Florida REC  
Funding: \$65,000

Faculty: **Dr. Jehangir "Jango" Bhadha**  
Unit: Soil & Water Sciences/Everglades REC  
Funding: \$28,372

Faculty: **Dr. John Bromfield**  
Unit: Animal Sciences  
Funding: \$75,000

Faculty: **Dr. Alan Chambers**  
Unit: Horticultural Sciences/Tropical REC  
Funding: \$44,000

Faculty: **Dr. Matthew Deitch**  
Unit: Soil & Water Sciences/West Florida REC  
Funding: \$19,500

Faculty: **Dr. Johan Desaeger**  
Unit: Entomology & Nematology/Gulf Coast REC  
Funding: \$8,023

Faculty: **Dr. Hartwig Hochmair**  
Unit: Forest Resources & Conservation/Ft. Lauderdale REC  
Funding: \$3,687

Faculty: **Dr. Ramdas Kanissery**  
Unit: Horticultural Sciences/Southwest Florida REC  
Funding: \$65,000

Faculty: **Dr. Karen Koch**  
Unit: Horticultural Sciences  
Funding: \$12,500

Faculty: **Dr. Seonghee Lee**  
Unit: Horticultural Sciences/Gulf Coast REC  
Funding: \$16,000

Faculty: **Dr. Hui-Ling “Sunny” Liao**  
Unit: Soil & Water Sciences/North Florida REC  
Funding: \$60,000

Faculty: **Dr. S. Christopher Marble**  
Unit: Environmental Horticulture  
Funding: \$28,798

Faculty: **Dr. Anne Mathews**  
Unit: Food Science & Human Nutrition  
Funding: \$9,120

Faculty: **Dr. Tesfamariam Mengistu**  
Unit: Entomology & Nematology  
Funding: \$19,761

Faculty: **Dr. Todd Osborne**  
Unit: Soil & Water Sciences  
Funding: \$75,000

Faculty: **Dr. Edward Phlips**

Unit: Forest Resources & Conservation

Funding: \$66,500

Faculty: **Dr. German Sandoya Miranda**

Unit: Horticultural Sciences/Everglades REC

Funding: \$7,000

Faculty: **Dr. Travis Shaddox**

Unit: Environmental Horticulture/Ft. Lauderdale REC

Funding: \$41,402

Faculty: **Dr. Christopher Vincent**

Unit: Horticultural Sciences/Citrus REC

Funding: \$74,632

Faculty: **Dr. Xin Zhao**

Unit: Horticultural Sciences

Funding: \$23,200