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TO: UF/IFAS Faculty
FROM: Jackie K. Burns
SUBJECT: Funding for 2017 UF/IFAS Mid-Career International Travel Awards

UF/IFAS is committed to helping mid-career faculty establish a diversified portfolio of accomplishments. As international programs are becoming increasingly important to faculty development at the University of Florida, the UF/IFAS Dean for Research, UF/IFAS College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and UF/IFAS Global offered a program to assist with travel costs. Under this program, proposals were requested from UF/IFAS mid-career faculty members (*tenured Associate Professor rank only*) to initiate or strengthen an international program. This award will help fund an international trip for the faculty member and at least one graduate student from the faculty member's program. The award is also intended to serve as a catalyst for our students' engagement in international programs under the faculty member's guidance.

Please join me in congratulating this year's awardees!

The awarded 2017 UF/IFAS Mid-Career International Travel Awards are:

PI: Dr. James Austin

Unit: Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

Title: Expanding population genetic research, training and education in South African savanna ecosystems

Research Funding: \$8,640

PI: Dr. Donald Behringer

Unit: School of Forest Resources and Conservation

Title: Comparative Effects of Environmental Change on the Mediterranean Spiny lobster *Palinurus elephas*

Research Funding: \$8,804

PI: Dr. Nicolas DiLorenzo

Unit: Animal Sciences/North Florida REC

Title: Building capacity for quantification of greenhouse gas emissions from livestock/forages systems in Colombia

Research Funding: \$9,909

PI: Dr. Jose Dubeux

Unit: Agronomy/North Florida REC

Title: Ecosystem services provided by multifunctional grasslands: what can we learn from the Ireland experience?

Research Funding: \$9,582

PI: Dr. Stephen Luke Flory

Unit: Agronomy

Title: Long-term dynamics and impacts of an invasive tree in Galápagos

Research Funding: \$7,400

PI: Dr. Gregory Kiker

Unit: Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Title: Establishing a Community of Practice for Massive Agent-Based Modeling in Complex Agro-Ecological Systems

Research Funding: \$8,020

PI: Dr. Zhonglin Mou

Unit: Microbiology and Cell Science

Title: Seeking potential collaborations on application of Elongator genes in improving canola disease resistance

Research Funding: \$5,396

PI: Dr. Kelly Rice

Unit: Microbiology and Cell Science

Title: Development of a nitric oxide synthase mutant and complement strain in the archaeon *Natronomonas pharaonica*

Research Funding: \$7,832

PI: Dr. Jeffrey Rollins

Unit: Plant Pathology

Title: Establishing a UF – INECOL, Mexico research collaboration to fight the devastating laurel wilt disease in avocado

Research Funding: \$6,403

PI: Dr. Xin Zhao

Unit: Horticultural Sciences

Title: Strengthening the partnership with the World Vegetable Center to enhance vegetable grafting research

Research Funding: \$8,380