Agricultural and Biological Engineering

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ABE Values, Vision and Mission

"The mission of the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering is to integrate life and engineering for enhancement of complex living systems."

Departmental Update

Starting next week the main office will be fully staffed! Heather Crump will be joining us on Monday, June 23rd as an Office Support Specialist. Heather comes to us from the College of Education graduate student admissions office. She will be managing the graduate admissions and graduation processes. She will also be handling department payroll, time table, textbook orders, ICES forms, carpool, and the electronic bulletin board as her main duties. Please stop by to introduce yourselves!

2014 ASABE Annual International Meeting

Please be sure to register for the 2014 ASABE Annual International Meeting to be held in Montreal, Canada on July 13-16. Detailed event information can be found at ASABE.org. Reminder - this is an international travel event and folks may need visas processed to allow them entry into Canada. Also, if you have not already done so, please be sure to request access to TEM so you can process the request for any reimbursements as soon as possible.

President Robert Easter will attend this year’s meeting to participate in the Global Engagement Day on Tuesday, July 15. President Easter will make a plenary presentation from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and moderate a Global Challenges panel session from 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. He will arrive in Montreal on Monday, and he plans to attend the University of Illinois Alumni and Friends Reception to be held Monday evening from 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the InterContinental Montreal Hotel. We hope to see many of you there. Please come meet President Easter, and invite any alumni or friends to the reception.

Congratulations to...

Taylor Leahy, who successfully passed her MS defense on May 29, 2014. Her thesis was titled Hydrologic Modeling of Low Water Crossing Design Performance at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center, Indiana.

Shang-Jen Yang, who successfully passed his MS defense on May 13, 2014. His thesis was titled Development of Dynamic Computational Model for an Integrated Farming System.

Rui Chen, who successfully passed his Ph.D. final defense on Thursday, May 8, 2014. His thesis was titled Model-Based Fault Detection and Diagnosis of SCR System.

Kaustubh Bhalariao and Jessie Prenger Bhalariao on the newest addition to their family! Aaron Kaustubh Bhalariao arrived May 12 at 8:23 a.m., weighing in at 7 lbs. 13 oz. Welcome, Aaron!
Important Dates

July 13-16, 2014 **ASABE Annual International Meeting**, Montreal, QC Canada

August 14, 2014 **Agronomy Day**

August 25, 2014 **First day of instruction, fall semester**

August 25, 2014 **International Agronomy Day**, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Urbana campus, South Farms

September 1, 2014 **Labor Day (All campus holiday)**

November 22, 2014 **Fall Break**, 12:00 p.m. to Sunday, November 30, 12:00 p.m.

November 24, 2014 **Registration begins**, all day

December 1, 2014 **Instruction resumes**

December 10, 2014 **Last day of instruction**, all day

December 11, 2014 **Reading day**, all day

December 12, 2014 **Final exams begin**

Future ABE Bulletins

Please contact or copy Leanne Lucas (llucas@illinois.edu) with any information to be included in a future ABE Bulletin. Thanks!