

**HRC Request For Proposals, FY2019** – Our new RFP for 2019, either for funding solely by the Hop Research Council or coupled with Washington or Idaho Hop Commission funding, is now available on our website in the Research section ([www.hopresearchcouncil.org](http://www.hopresearchcouncil.org)). You will also find our Research Priorities Plan in this section. The RFP for 2019 has been reformatted, so please read it completely prior to writing and submitting your request for funding. RFP's for 2019 are due on June 20, 2018.

**HRC People** – As we reported earlier, on March 7&8 a large cross-section of stakeholders from the hop industry visited our elected officials in Washington DC, and the USDA/ARS headquarters in Beltsville. We are pleased to announce that their efforts were very successful, as funding for USDA/ARS hop research for FY2018 has essentially been doubled! Thank you to all who participated in this successful effort, and again thanks to congress for prioritizing hop research funding!

**Request for Grower Participation** – Dr. Alison Hamm, our USDA/ARS researcher from Colorado, will need to take soil samples from at least 3 hop yards each in WA/ID/OR in late July. If you are a grower of either Cascade or Centennial hops, can you participate in this soil sampling for her microbiome study? She plans to travel to these states during the week of July 23. Please let us know if you can participate and we'll forward a list of farms to her (see our e-mail addresses below).

**Education** – A new hop management guide was recently released by Michigan State University Extension through work supported by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture/USDA. The 2018 Michigan Hop Management Guide is now available for downloading at:

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/hop\\_management\\_guide\\_available\\_to\\_michigan\\_hop\\_growers](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/hop_management_guide_available_to_michigan_hop_growers)

**New HRC Membership Level** – Along with the continued expansion of hop growing regions, the HRC has received requests for a greater variety of membership levels. In order to accommodate companies and organizations who are interested in joining the HRC, in July our member representatives will vote on a new membership structure for the HRC. The new structure will include Full, Associate, and Sponsorship member levels. We'll provide you with complete information on our new membership structure once it has been approved by our current members.

**HRC Events** – The HRC Winter Meeting is scheduled for January 22 & 23, 2019, in Monterey, CA. In order to receive the group rate for hotels, please make your hotel reservation early at the Portola Hotel & Spa (888 222-5851) and ask for the rate for the American Hop Convention.

*If you have any suggestions for content for our monthly newsletter, please contact your Co-Technical Directors, Bryan and Judy Thoet ([bryan@bjagriculturalconsulting.com](mailto:bryan@bjagriculturalconsulting.com))*

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