

TD Update – During our winter meeting in Palm Desert we introduced our first HRC Poster Session. The poster session attracted a range of research topics presented by researchers and graduate students from across the United States. If you were unable to attend this session, please visit our HRC web site and go to the Research page where you'll find the new subject '2018 Poster Session'. Most of the posters are already uploaded and more will be placed here as we receive the files. In addition to the posters, the 2017 research reports from our HRC funded researchers are now also available for our members on the HRC website.

HRC People – As many of you may already know, the USDA/ARS has recently proposed to close the Forage Seed and Cereal Research Unit at Corvallis, Oregon, as part of its budget reduction plan for FY2019. This is the unit where Dr. David Gent and Dr. John Henning are employed. Our industry is responding to this damaging proposal to close a research unit that is vital to the welfare of our hop industry with numerous fronts. If you want information on how you can help to reverse this proposal, please contact us.

HRC People – Many of you may be aware of the renewed effort to reinstate the public hop breeding program located in Prosser, WA, due to the financial support of the Brewer's Association. To support this research, throughout the late fall numerous public experimental hop lines have been relocated from a private hop farm back to the IAREC facility. Earlier this month Dan Groenendale, the Facility Hop Manager at WSU-IAREC/IR4 in Prosser, WA, reached out to the hop community in the Yakima Valley for supplies to convert one of the hop breeding yards to commercial planting standards. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the following people/businesses who have contributed to this effort:

Darren Gamache at Virgil Gamache Farms in Toppenish
Steven Stilley of Grower Services at Toppenish
Keith Oliver of Olson Brothers Ranchers

Additional help in the form of hop field poles from growers in the Yakima valley would still be appreciated. You can contact Dan via email at dgroenendale@wsu.edu or his cell [509-439-0361](tel:509-439-0361). He is very willing to pick-up at your site.

HRC Events – The HRC Summer meeting is scheduled for July 24/25 at the IAREC center in Prosser, WA. Hotel rooms for this event will be available soon at the new Holiday Inn Express in Prosser (more information to follow). Here's our schedule of events:

Tuesday July 24

8:30-12:00Noon – Update on Research Projects and 2019 Research Proposals

Lunch (Hosted by HRC)

1:00-3:00PM – Tour IAREC Facilities

3:00-4:30PM – Discussions with IAREC faculty – Innovation Opportunities for Hop Industry

5:00PM – Dinner at IAREC (Hosted by Washington Hop Commission)

Wednesday, July 25

8:30-12:00Noon – HRC Business Meeting

12:00Noon – Adjourn

Optional Activities for Wednesday Afternoon

To be confirmed – more information to follow

If you have any suggestions for content for our monthly newsletter, please contact your Co-Technical Directors, Bryan and Judy Thoit (bryan@bjagriculturalconsulting.com) (judith@bjagriculturalconsulting.com) (503) 400-9147
