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HOP RESEARCH COUNCIL APPROVES RESEARCH GRANT AND HOP BREEDING SUPPORT AWARDS FOR 2018 TOTALING \$435K

The Hop Research Council, a non-profit organization that funds and directs hop research to benefit the U.S. hop industry, is pleased to announce its grant and research support awards for 2018. Since its founding in 1979, the Hop Research Council has funded millions of dollars in research devoted to issues challenging the hop industry. Our research dollars benefit growers, hop processors, and brewers by providing research dollars to both university and USDA researchers. Our researchers are addressing a range of issues from integrated pest management strategies to hop quality harvest factors that can predict hop aroma quality and intensity in dry hopped beers. One of our top priorities includes supporting public hop breeding programs that have the potential to benefit all US hop growers with new public varieties that have improved agronomic and hop quality traits.

2018 Research Grant and Hop Breeding Support Awards recipients

Dr. Linda Ciuffetti, Prof. and Department Chairperson, Botany and Plant Pathology, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon. Dr. David Gent, Research Plant Pathologist, USDA-ARS, Corvallis Oregon. **Towards a New Understanding and Risk Management of the Mildews.**

Dr. Linda Ciuffetti, Prof. and Department Chairperson, Botany and Plant Pathology, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon. Dr. David Gent, Research Plant Pathologist, USDA-ARS, Corvallis Oregon. **Nitrogen Application Timing Effects on Nitrate Accumulation in Hop Cones, and Cone Quality Factors.** (this project supports OSU student Anne Iskra's graduate thesis work)

Dr. Linda Ciuffetti, Prof. and Department Chairperson, Botany and Plant Pathology, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon. Dr. David H Gent, Research Plant Pathologist, USDA-ARS, Corvallis, Oregon. **Crop Protection and Practical Disease Management.** (this research project is based at the WSU-IAREC in Prosser, WA)

Dr. Alison Hamm, Molecular Biologist, USDA-ARS, Fort Collins, Colorado. **Soil Microbiome Analysis of Hops in the US Pacific Northwest.**

Dr. Scott Harper, Director of the Clean Plant Center, NW, and Assistant Professor in the Department of Plant Pathology at Washington State University, based at the WSU-IAREC in Prosser, Washington. **Developing Alternative Methods for Viroid Elimination in Hops.**

Dr. John Henning, USDA Hop Breeder, based in Corvallis, Oregon. **Breeding for Superior Hop Varieties.**

Dr. Thomas Shellhammer, Northwest Professor of Fermentation Science at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon. **Single Hop Brewing Trials for Assisting in Hop Selection.**

Dr. Thomas Shellhammer, Northwest Professor of Fermentation Science at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon. **Evaluating Kilning Influences on the Brewing Quality of Hops.**

Dr. Douglas Walsh, Professor of Entomology at Washington State University, located at IAREC, Prosser, Washington. **Integrated Pest Management of Arthropods on Hops.**

About the Hop Research Council: The Council was established in 1979 by a group of hop industry members who believed in the benefit of a united hop research effort. Today, the original goal remains true. Brewers, Dealers, and Growers work together to fund and direct hop research, ensuring a bright future for the U.S. hop industry. The Council offices are in Hubbard, Oregon.

HRC Mission Statement

- Solicit and provide funds for scientific investigation and research related to the agricultural production and quality of hops in the United States; and to
- Serve the needs of all segments of the hop industry by maintaining a membership which covers the entire industry and by supporting research that meets the needs of its members.
- Facilitate communication between the council, brewers, growers and the scientific community.

For more information about the Hop Research Council, please visit our web site at www.hopresearchcouncil.org