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Holiday Inn Capitol
Washington, DC

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2014 marks the 50th anniversary of AIARD. To mark this important anniversary, this year’s conference will focus on “taking the long view” of international agriculture and rural development. We invite you to not only celebrate the accomplishments of the past, but to engage in forward thinking to create a strategic AIARD agenda for the future.

Schedule:
Sunday, June 1
- Registration and Reception, Holiday Inn Capitol, Discovery II
Monday, June 2
- Annual Conference Day 1, Holiday Inn Capitol, Columbia Ballroom
- Annual Conference Luncheon, Holiday Inn Capitol, Discovery II
- Reception and President’s Awards Dinner, Holiday Inn Capitol, Discovery II
Tuesday, June 3
- Annual Conference Day 2, Holiday Inn Capitol, Columbia Ballroom
- Future Leaders Forum Scholars Program Day 1, Offsite
Wednesday, June 4
- Future Leaders Forum Scholars Program Day 2, Offsite

Engaging during and after the conference

AIARD will be tweeting from @AIARDorg and using the hashtag #AIARD50. If you tweet, please join in. Our conference provocateur and keynote speaker, Dr. Liam Downey will engage participants throughout the program. After the conference, we will hold a one-year online dialogue at http://www.aiard.org/forum. Please join us.

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**Tuesday, June 3**

12:15 p.m. **NGO Roundtable Discussion**
- 1000 Days
- Congressional Hunger Center
- Global Harvest Initiative
- Lutheran World Relief

3:00 p.m. **World Bank Discussion**

6:30 p.m. **Dinner at the Washington Court Hotel hosted by DAI**

**Wednesday, June 4**

8:00 a.m. **USDA Roundtable Discussion**
- Agricultural Research Service (ARS)
- Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)
- Forest Service
- National Institute of Food & Agriculture (NIFA)

10:00 a.m. **USAID Discussion**

12:00 p.m. **Millennium Challenge Corporation Roundtable Discussion**

1:30 p.m. **UN Food & Agriculture Development Agencies Roundtable Discussion**
- FAO
- IFAD
- World Food Programme

3:00 p.m. **Peace Corps Discussion**

4:15 p.m. **International Consulting Organizations Roundtable Discussion**
- DAI
- Chemonics
- Fintrac

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From AUSUDIAP to AIARD

1964
Idea for an Association of U.S. University Directors of International Agricultural Programs (AUSUDIAP) initiated at Cornell University

1968
AUSUDIAP formally organized in Washington, DC

1969
AUSUDIAP officially accepted constitution and bylaws at University of Florida

1970
National Association of State Universities and Land-grant Colleges (NASULGC) agreed to establish a commission on International Agriculture composed of the executive committee of AUSUDIAP in Washington, DC

1975
Congress passed Title XII: The Famine Prevention and Freedom from Hunger Act

1990
AUSUDIAP name changed to AIARD

1997
AIARD initiated the Student Scholarship program to fund seven students to attend the AIARD Annual Conference in Washington, DC and designs the first Capitol Hill Forum to provide educational seminars to Capitol Hill policy makers on the importance of global agricultural development

2005
Student Scholarship Program renamed to Future Leader’s Forum and included a student tour of Washington agencies following the Annual Conference

2014
AIARD celebrates its 50th Annual Conference

Future Leaders Forum Scholars

Ms. S. Janine Parker is the McKnight Doctoral Fellow at the University of Florida where she studies international extension and agricultural leadership. She was a Peace Corps volunteer in Guatemala and has had international training and research experiences in Trinidad and Paraguay. Her research interests focus on reducing food insecurity in the Western hemisphere.

Ms. Lauren Pincus attends the University of California, Davis as a Ph.D. student in plant sciences. Her research is on soil fertility management and farmer education related to soil management practices in Uganda. Ms. Pincus’ M.S. work in international agricultural development was on rice farmers’ access to and perception of different agro-chemical informational sources in Vietnam. Ms. Pincus is interested in participatory agricultural research and extension and hopes to work internationally on research and extension in rural communities when she graduates this year.

Ms. Sarah Sahlaney is completing two M.S. degrees in international agricultural development and regional development at the University of California, Davis. Ms. Sahlaney’s research is focused on gender integration in agricultural development projects. She has been working with women and value chains in Sub-Saharan Africa where she seeks to understand women’s roles in savings groups. She has worked in Uganda, Zambia and Tanzania and received her undergraduate degree from Georgetown University.

Mr. Patrick James Trail is a M.S. student in crop and soil environmental sciences at Virginia Tech. Mr. Trail grew up in Rwanda, Mauritius, and Botswana. He grew up speaking French and Mauritian creole. While pursuing an undergraduate degree in international studies, Mr. Trail worked as a park ranger. These rich experiences led him to pursue graduate work. He is focusing that work on Senegalese millet-cowpea production systems.

Ms. Karyssa Lynn Zavala attends Texas A&M University where she is a Masters student in international agricultural development as a part of the Peace Corps Masters International program. She is a Thought for Food Ambassador at Texas A&M and received sponsorship to attend the 2013 Thought for Food global summit in Germany. She has interned for Congressman Hinojosa and has received scholarships based on her work with Hispanic laborers. After graduation, Ms. Zavala hopes to work in public diplomacy.

The Future Leaders Forum is sponsored by donations from AIARD members, the Future Leaders Forum participants’ universities, DAI, and USAID. The objectives of the Future Leaders Forum are to facilitate student attendance and participation in the Association’s Annual Conference in Washington, DC; broaden student vision and help build a broad array of social/cultural, economic and scientific skills required to become an effective 21st century professional in international agriculture and rural development; and facilitate career visioning and networking by providing opportunities for students to meet with influential individuals in non-governmental organizations (NGOs), Congress, governmental agencies, international financial institutions and multi-national corporations active in international agriculture and rural development initiatives.
Mr. Innocent Awasom is a Ph.D. student in agricultural education and communication at Texas Tech University. Originally from Cameroon, Innocent has experience as a research librarian and uses those skills to understand extension education in developing countries. After graduation, he is interested in developing curriculum and digital libraries for secondary and tertiary schools in Africa. Mr. Awasom has worked in Burkina Faso and Kenya and is fluent in five languages.

Mr. Basu Deb Bhandari attends Louisiana State University where he is a Ph.D. student studying agricultural economics. Mr. Bhandari’s research focuses on the efficiency, profitability, and sustainability of forage-fed beef production. After graduation, he intends to work internationally and focus on climate change and food security. Mr. Bhandari is originally from Nepal.

Mr. Krishna Bahadur Bhandari studies agronomy and crop science at Texas Tech University where he is pursuing a Ph.D. Originally from Nepal, Mr. Bhandari has worked for several NGOs including HELVETAS, ECARDS-Nepal, and Practical Action. He recently completed an M.S. degree in Pest Management at the University of Georgia. His research at Texas Tech will focus on sustainable semi-arid agriculture.

Mr. Patrick Maxwell Freeze is a Ph.D. student in soil science at Washington State University. His research focuses on the sustainable containment of toxic metals that result from agricultural practices and rural or urban development. He has applied his work to countries such as Ghana, Bangladesh, and Nepal and his research has focused on working with indigenous peoples who are impacted by large-scale mining and agriculture. After graduation, Mr. Freeze intends to apply his skills to improve soil management, enhance rural sustainability education, and influence environmental policy.

Ms. Soyeun Kim studies community development and rural tourism at Texas A&M University. Her Ph.D. research investigates the synergistic relationships between alternative food markets and agro tourism for sustainable rural development. In addition to having pivotal experiences in her native South Korea, Ms. Kim has conducted research in and for people in Mexico, Bangladesh, Nepal, and India. After graduation, she is interested in working for an organization focused on improving rural areas through investments in food security, environmental and cultural protection, and rural employment.

Mr. Austen Moore attends the University of Florida where he is a Ph.D. student in international extension and agricultural development. Mr. Moore served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Timor Leste and later worked with UNDP and Lawyers Without Borders. He has conducted research on the agricultural sustainability of indigenous agriculture in Timor Leste, information channels used by farmers in Trinidad and Tobago, climate change awareness in Belize, and extension service delivery in Liberia. Mr. Moore will graduate this fall.

Ms. Lowery Parker is a Ph.D. student at the University of Georgia studying geography and integrative conservation. Ms. Parker served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Niger. She has also conducted research in Zambia and Kenya. Her dissertation research is interdisciplinary and focuses on the role of biotechnology in agricultural development. Ms. Parker has received support for her work from the Social Science Research Council.
Ginya Truitt Nakata. Ginya Truitt Nakata first joined the Inter-American Development Bank in 1992. She has worked in various IDB departments and is currently an Operations Sr Specialist in the Office of Outreach and Partnerships where she is developing and implementing engagement strategies for food security, trade and integration, and broadband connectivity with those of the fast growing number of NGOs, foundations, private sector organizations and alliances, and development actors operating throughout the Latin American and Caribbean region. In addition to the IDB, Mrs. Truitt Nakata has worked for the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome, Italy, where she led the gender program in 42 Western, Central, and Eastern European countries. In this capacity, she also published research on the role of gender in agricultural and rural development. Mrs. Truitt Nakata holds a BA in International Management and Spanish, and an MA in International Development from the School of International Service at The American University. She is fluent in Spanish and Italian, and proficient in Portuguese.

Corinne Valdivia. Corinne Valdivia, associate professor of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Missouri, teaches the International Agricultural Development graduate and undergraduate courses, directs the Interdisciplinary International Development Minor at the Graduate School, and collaborates in interdisciplinary research to strengthen capacities to negotiate transformational changes. For more than 20 years she has worked in Bolivia, Peru, and Kenya through collaborative research that simultaneously focused on strengthening capacities, to enable sustainable livelihoods in changing contexts. Her translational research focuses on how people in vulnerable contexts make decisions and use new information, such as changes driven by immigration, globalization, and climate change. She received the first MU International Scholar Award from the University of Missouri for her contributions to internationalizing the university in the areas of research teaching and outreach. Her students have opportunities to train and conduct their research with and in local communities around the world.

Margaret Zeigler. Margaret M. Zeigler, Ph.D., is the Executive Director of the Global Harvest Initiative (GHI), a private sector voice for agricultural productivity growth throughout the value chain to sustainably meet the demands of a growing world. Dr. Zeigler is a thought leader in the international food security arena with expertise in international poverty alleviation, agricultural development, food and nutrition security policy, and youth leadership. She is known for working in non-partisan and multi-stakeholder engagement and collaboration with a variety of food security organizations and institutions, including United Nations agencies, NGO’s, U.S. government, foundations and the private sector. Prior to joining GHI, Dr. Zeigler served as Deputy Director of the Congressional Hunger Center (CHC), where she founded the Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellowship Program and directed international policy initiatives that provided education and advocacy on agriculture, food security, nutrition, and sustainable development issues. Dr. Zeigler holds a BA from Miami University, Oxford Ohio, and an MA and PhD in Geography and International Development from University of Cincinnati and has taught as an adjunct faculty at the Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University.

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Bob Rahatsky. As Fintrac’s director to the Feed the Future Partnering for Innovation program, Bob leads that team in identifying and commercializing innovative agricultural technologies to smallholder farmers and developing private sector partnerships to help USAID missions meet their Feed the Future program goals. He has three decades of global experience in smallholder income generation, food security analysis, and agribusiness development in Africa, Asia, the NIS and Central America. Prior to joining Fintrac in 2002, he held management positions with Chemonics and MSI. He holds a BS in agriculture, an MBA in finance.

Deborah Rubin. Deborah Rubin is the co-director and co-owner of Cultural Practice LLC, a women-owned consulting firm based in Bethesda, MD. She is a senior social development analyst, working primarily in the fields of agriculture, food security, and economic growth, with an emphasis on gender integration into development policies and programs in those sectors. Since 2011, Rubin has been the project coordinator for the Digest Project (www.cnps.net) which compiles and analyzes information about U.S. land-grant university-led agricultural research and training programs formerly known as the Collaborative Research Support Programs and currently known as Feed the Future Innovation Labs for Collaborative Research. Rubin was lead author of “Promoting Gender Equitable Opportunities in Agricultural Value Chains: A Handbook” for USAID, used by a number of USAID missions. She has led efforts to improve gender integration in USAID programs and policies, as team leader for multiple gender assessments and the only full gender audit in Africa. She is currently working on a guide for practitioners on addressing gender and assets in agricultural projects as part of IFPRI’s Gender, Agriculture, and Assets Project (GAAP) and recently completed another guide on integrating gender into forestry research for another CGIAR center, CIFOR. Prior to starting Cultural Practice, LLC, in 2000, Deborah held an American Association for the Advancement of Science Diplomacy Fellowship at the United States Agency for International Development. Deborah has a PhD and MA from the Johns Hopkins University and BA from Brown University, all in Cultural Anthropology.

Kateryna Schroeder. Kateryna Schroeder, PhD, is a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute at the University of Missouri and a 2012 AIARDFuture Leaders Forum alumna. She has also worked with the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs anecdotally. In her latest work she focuses on analyses of commodity markets and trade in the former USSR region. She is also extensively involved in the evaluation of agricultural and food security policies in the same region. Dr. Schroeder holds a PhD in Agricultural Economics from the University of Missouri and three MS degrees from both the US and Ukraine. She is originally from Ukraine.

Roger Thurow. Roger Thurow joined The Chicago Council on Global Affairs as senior fellow on global agriculture and food policy in January 2010 after three decades at The Wall Street Journal. For 20 years, he was a foreign correspondent based in Europe and Africa. His coverage of global affairs spanned the Cold War, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the release of Nelson Mandela, the end of apartheid, the wars in the former Yugoslavia, and the humanitarian crises of the first decade of this century—along with 10 Olympic Games. In 2003, he and Journal colleague Scott Kilman wrote a series of stories on famine in Africa that was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in International Reporting. Their reporting on humanitarian and development issues was also honored by the United Nations. Thurow and Kilman are authors of the recent book ENOUGH: Why the World’s Poorest Starve in an Age of Plenty. In 2009, they were awarded Action Against Hunger’s Humanitarian Award.

Thurow’s most recent book, The Last Hunger Season: A Year in an African Farm Community on the Brink of Change, was published in May 2012. Roger is an expert on agricultural development and speaks often on high-visibility platforms related to nutrition, hunger, and agriculture in the US, Europe, and Africa. In 2013, Roger Thurow spoke about the power smallholder farmers in Africa at TedxChange Seattle event, hosted by Melinda Gates. Roger Thurow graduated from the University of Iowa. He lives in Washington, DC with his wife Anne, and their two children, Brian and Aishling.

Giselle Aris. Giselle Aris is Senior Technical Advisor for Enterprise Acceleration, Technology and Gender for Land O’Lakes International Development. Land O’Lakes International Development is a division of Land O’ Lakes, Inc., the second largest agriculture cooperative in the United States and a Fortune 200 company. Prior to joining Land O’Lakes, Giselle worked in India’s dairy sector for two years, where she designed, managed, and sustainedly brought to scale a farmer-owned dairy business. She has also worked with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Women’s Campaign International, and the U.S. Department of State Africa Bureau. Giselle holds a master’s degree in International Development from the University of Oxford, where she was a Thouron Scholar, and a summa cum laude bachelor’s degree in African Studies from the University of Pennsylvania. She has several years of experience working across sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, with a primary focus on strengthening small and growing businesses.

Rob Bertram. Rob Bertram is the Director of USAID’s Office of Agricultural Research and Policy in its Bureau for Food Security. The office is responsible for USAID strategies and investments in technology, research and policy under the Feed the Future, the U.S. government’s global food security initiative. In carrying out the office’s mandate, Dr. Bertram works closely with the international research centers of the CGIAR system, U.S. university-led research Innovation Labs in science and policy, and a range of public and private international partnerships in biotechnology, policy, extension and education. Coming from a plant breeding and molecular genetics background, he has worked in international agricultural research and development programs at USAID for more than 25 years, emphasizing science for development partnerships across Asia, Africa and Latin America. Prior to that, he worked at the CGIAR’s International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. His professional interests are in genetic resources conservation and policy, biotechnology, agriculture-nutrition linkages, and the broader role of science in development.

**Agenda**

**Tuesday, June 3 (continued)**

10:45 a.m. Roundtable discussion

In this session, table-top groups will be asked to address and record thoughts on a series of questions such as: how past successes are relevant to today’s issues and tomorrow’s anticipated challenges; how alternative futures might affect our thinking about priorities; and impressions about innovations that deserve further investigation, research, or advocacy. Moderators and Executive Committee members will be at each table to assist the process. The documents prepared in these table-top discussions will become the basis for the online dialogue and vision statement for AIARD.

11:30 a.m. Reflections from Future Leader Forum participants

12:00 p.m. Conference Summary

Dick Rortvedt, AIARD Vice-President

12:35 p.m. Lunch, Discovery 1

1:35 p.m. Business Meeting

Mike McGirr, AIARD President

3:00 p.m. Adjourn

**Speakers**
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Dana Brooks. Dana Brooks joined Elanco Animal Health as director of Government Affairs in October 2013. Dana has been in Washington, D.C. for more than 13 years representing agricultural interests on Capitol Hill as a congressional staffer and a federal lobbyist for American Farm Bureau Federation, National Milk Producers Federation, and now Elanco. Dana has had the privilege of working for two great former Members of Congress—Marion Berry, a blue dog Democrat from Arkansas, and JoAnn Emerson, a republican from Missouri. Dana earned degrees in agriculture from the University of Arkansas-Monticello in 1996 and a Masters of Agribusiness from Kansas State University in 2013. She is from rural southeast Arkansas but calls Florida her second home.

Tag Demment. Dr. Montague W. Demment is Vice President for International Programs at APLU, former Director of the Global Livestock Collaborative Research Support Program, a program funded by USAID and the US university community, and professor emeritus of ecology at the University of California, Davis. In his position at APLU he leads APLU’s international programs, has been involved in advocacy for higher education support for Africa, been instrumental in the creation of APLU’s Africa U.S. Higher Education Initiative and organized the process by which the research community provided input to the USAID’s Feed the Future strategy. Dr. Demment conducts research on nutritional ecology of herbivores and nutrition of children in developing countries. He is past president of AIARD (Association for Agriculture and Rural Development) and chaired then NASULGC’s International Agriculture Coordinating Committee that advocates for international issues in agriculture. Demment served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ethiopia. Dr. Demment earned his BA from Harvard and his MS and PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Zoology and was an NIH postdoctoral fellow in animal nutrition at Cornell.

Liam Downey. Dr Liam Downey is a graduate of bio-chemistry from University College Cork, and spent the first decade of his career researching milk and dairy products. Awarded a PhD from Reading University, he then went to work in the agricultural research institute of Moorepark, County Cork. In 1979, he was made Chief Executive Officer of An Foras Forbartha, followed in 1983 by directorship of An Chomharaí Oiliúna Talamhachtaíochta (ACOT). One of his major research interests lay in the eradication of bovine tuberculosis and he was made director of ERAID (Eradication of Animal Disease Board) in 1988. In 1992, he became director of Teagasc and remained in that position until his retirement in 2002. Post retirement he was appointed Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Agriculture, University College Dublin. He has also been awarded with a Doctor of Laws from the National University of Ireland, in recognition for his contribution to science, nationally and internationally.

Jean Gilson. In 1987, she headed off to the Fletcher School at Tufts University. Armed with an advanced degree in international law and economics, she began her first stint with DAI in 1990, leading the firm into new technical services such as finance and commercial services, and new geographic areas such as Eastern Europe, where there was a pressing need for socially responsible privatization assistance after the dissolution of the Soviet Union. She also oversaw DAI offices in Hanoi, Bangkok, and Manila. In 2000, Jean left DAI for a high-profile assignment with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) as its first representative in Hanoi since the end of the Vietnam War. She opened that office in September 2000, and it is now a full-fledged USAID Mission. Jean later worked for two years as USAID’s Senior Policy Advisor to the Millennium Challenge Account Secretariat. A leading figure in the international development community, Jean returned to DAI in 2006 and since 2008 she has led the firm’s work on strategy formulation and execution, market analysis, external relations, communications, and brand. She holds an MA in international law and economics from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Jeffery Haeni. Jeffery Haeni is a renewable energy advisor for the US Agency for International Development in Washington, DC. Jeff provides support to USAID Missions worldwide on the design, implementation, and evaluation of clean energy projects. In this role, Jeff has worked in 30 countries including Pakistan, Afghanistan, Mali, Bangladesh, Liberia, India, South Africa, Indonesia, Nepal, Colombia, Haiti and Guyana. Jeff has designed and launched Powering Health and Powering Agriculture - two programs focused on the nexus between energy and health and energy and agriculture. Before joining USAID, Jeff was an energy specialist on the Economic Policy Staff in the African Bureau at the Department of State and served as an energy advisor to Representative Rush Holt (D-NJ) in the U.S. House of Representatives. Jeff has a PhD in Materials Science and Electrical Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University.

Tony Hall. Three times nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, Ambassador Tony P. Hall is a leading advocate for hunger relief programs and improving human rights conditions in the world. In February 2002, President George W. Bush asked him to serve as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture. He was confirmed by the U.S. Senate and sworn in by Secretary of State Colin Powell in September 2002 and retired in April 2005. He retired from official diplomatic service in April, 2006, and is currently serving as the executive director of the Alliance to End Hunger which engages diverse institutions in building the public and political will to end hunger at home and abroad. The Alliance has more than 75 members -- corporations, non-profit groups, universities, individuals, and Christian, Jewish and Muslim religious bodies.

Dave Hansen. David Hansen is a Senior Fellow with the Association for Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), Washington, D.C. His major responsibilities include the Africa-U.S. Higher Education Initiative which promotes partnerships among U.S. and African Higher Education Institutions. He was involved in the development and funding of eleven higher education partnerships and works closely with staff at the Higher Education for Development Office which has primary responsibility for managing these partnerships. Dr. Hansen also retains a part-time appointment with Ohio State University. In this capacity he works on issues dealing with international programs in agriculture. Prior to these appointments, he was a tenured faculty member at Ohio State University, having worked overseas for that institution on university programs; as the Director of International Programs in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences; and as a professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology. He holds degrees from the University of Notre Dame and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, having served for two years in Bolivia.

Katrin Kuhlmann. Katrin Kuhlmann is President and Founder of the New Markets Lab, a non-profit organization created to pioneer an equitable approach to commercial legal and regulatory reform in developing markets. She is also an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University Law Center, a Senior Advisor at the Corporate Council on Africa, and a fellow with the Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs. Katrin was a 2002-03 Winters Institute for Public Interest Law Fellow at Harvard Law School. She has held several senior positions in the non-profit sector, including President of Transfarm Africa (now part of the New Markets Lab), transatlantic fellow at the German Marshall Fund, and Senior Fellow and Director at the Aspen Institute. Prior to joining the non-profit sector, Ms. Kuhlmann served for six years as USTR’s Director for Eastern Europe and Eurasia and practiced law in Washington, D.C. and New York. Ms. Kuhlmann holds degrees from Harvard Law School and Creighton University, and she was the recipient of a Fulbright grant in 1992.

Ku McMahan. Ku McMahan, PhD is a AAAS fellow and team lead for the Securing Water for Food Grand Challenge for Development. Ku has studied household drinking water testing and treatment as a mechanism to improve household drinking water quality and reduce diarrheal disease. In addition, he has developed a simple, low-cost water quality test for developing countries and emergency situations, including Vietnam, Peru, Laos, and Thailand. Ku was recently a program executive officer for the West Africa Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Program in GLOWS and assistant professor of research at Florida International University. Ku received his PhD in environmental sciences and a MPH in environmental health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill under NSF and EPA STAR Fellowships.