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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ CONGRATULATIONS to the Center for Farm Financial Management on their most recent federal grant award! USDA/CSREES has awarded \$17.5 million to CFFM to establish the National TAAF (Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers) Training Coordination Center. They will provide leadership and will partner with four Extension regional risk management education centers to deliver TAAF technical assistance to every eligible producer within the timeframes and framework required by TAAF regulations. This is a major undertaking for CFFM and we're confident they will be successful in their work here as in their many other programs.

SEMINARS

- ▶ TRADE & DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR – Eugenie Maiga, Ph.D. candidate, Applied Economics will speak on “The Impact of Mother’s Education on Child Health and Nutrition in Developing Countries: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Burkina Faso”, on October 23 from 10:30 to 11:45 am in Room 119 Classroom Office Building.
- ▶ APPLIED ECONOMICS SEMINAR – Joe Ritter, Associate Professor and David Bael, Ph.D. candidate, Applied Economics will speak on “Testing for Racial Profiling in Minneapolis Traffic Stops”, on Thursday, October 22 from 10:30 am to Noon, Room 119 Classroom Office Building.
- ▶ GLOBAL NETWORK ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA - A U of M student organization presents Dr. Kumar G. Belani, MD and Visiting Professor, speaking on "Globalization - The Impact on Global Health" on Friday, October 23 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Presidents Room, Coffman Memorial Union. Presentation Overview: How globalization affects health-care issues? The concept of globalization is not new. What is new is a very significant improvement in the speed of communication, transportation and capability to transport biological materials and consumables across the globe. Because of the high speed of sharing medical knowledge and information, technological advances are often available before they have restrictions and limited from federal oversight. This presentation will highlight these health care issues related to globalization. Again, free Lunch will be served!! If you are interested the seminar, please register online at <http://www.iss1.umn.edu/ccreg/s1.lasso> Visit our website for more information: <http://www.tc.umn.edu/~gnam/events.html>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND DEADLINES

October 21 – Wednesday Department Coffee Break at 10:00 am, South End, 2nd Floor COB
October 22 – Applied Economics Seminar: Joe Ritter & David Bael, 10:30 am, Room 119 COB
October 23 – Trade & Development Seminar: Eugenie Maiga, 10:30 am, Room 119 COB
October 26 – Job Market Workshop: Jay Coggins, 10:00 am, Room 119 COB
October 30 – Halloween Potluck from 11:30 am-1:00 pm in Room 119 COB

OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ **JOB MARKET WORKSHOP SERIES** – On three Mondays, October **19** and **26** and November **2**, Jay Coggins will lead a series of workshops for all graduate students on managing the job market. The series will be aimed both at students who plan to be on the market this year and at students who are a year or two away. One can't begin planning too early. The sessions will be held in 119 Classroom Office Building from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The first covers how to prepare for and participate effectively in the academic and government/international agency markets. The second covers the search process from the department's perspective and, closely related, how to handle interviews. The third will be led by Professors Glewwe and Roe and will cover the markets at USDA, IFPRI, the World Bank, and other public institutions.

JOBS

For further information on these jobs, visit the October Job File in Waite Library.

INNOVATIONS FOR POVERTY ACTION (IPA) - is looking for a Country Director to manage operations in Peru. Country Directors help IPA grow by initiating new partnerships and projects in their countries. This position provides a unique opportunity to have important management responsibilities while being closely involved in cutting-edge research projects, and to work with top academics. Country Directors also play a key role in disseminating our results to local practitioners and policy makers, as well as in building local research capacity. The position offers significant field time as well as many occasions to interact with key players in development organizations, donors, and governments. Current research projects in Peru are aimed at increasing policy-relevant knowledge on expanding access to finance. Key topics include the nature of demand for financial services; the extent of impacts of financial access on incomes, businesses, and broader aspects of well being; and mechanisms that can increase impact and scale. We are also expanding our research scope into areas such as education, business regulation, agriculture, environment, and health. Candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to jobs@poverty-action.org with subject "Peru CD".

INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK - The Research Department of the IDB seeks Assistant Researchers. Interested individuals should fill out the registration form before Friday, November 13, 2009 at <http://www.iadb.org/res/ra.cfm?language=English> Responsibilities/Activities: Selected candidates will work with RES researchers and will perform the following functions: Review of literature on particular topics and on their respective empirical developments as applied to developing countries, particularly in Latin America and the Caribbean; Identification, compilation and organization of databases suitable for the study of research topics; Econometric and statistical analyses; Preparation of research reports; Participation in academic discussion workshops on research findings. For more information, please visit us at <http://www.iadb.org/res>