

**Minutes from the Southern Dairy Conference Planning Committee/SERA-IEG-15
Committee Meeting, August 8, 2003**

Attending:

Gary Hay, Louisiana State University
 Wayne Gauthier, Louisiana State University
 Angelica Chapa, Mississippi State University
 Bill Herndon, Mississippi State University
 Pete Moss, Auburn University
 Jodie Pennington, University of Arkansas
 Geoff Bensen, North Carolina State University
 Steve Washburn, North Carolina State University
 Jon Ort, North Carolina State University
 Tommy Shepherd, FMMA Atlanta Office

Southern Dairy Conference Planning Committee

First item on the agenda was discussion of date and location for the 2004 SDC. Geoff Bensen had visited with Bill Thomas to establish a preliminary date and location. Ann Young from Georgia has followed up and contacted Angelica with more details. As of now the date and location for the 2004 SDC is February 9-10, 2004 at the Westin Airport Hotel in Atlanta.

There was also a brief discussion on the current officers of both the SDC and the SERA-IEG-15. As of our last SERA meeting the following change was made: the Chair of the SERA-IEG-15 will also serve as the SDC Chair. The recording secretary for the SERA-IEG-15 will also serve as the Vice-Chair of the SDC and will take over the following year as Chair of both the SERA-IEG-15 and the SDC. Current officers are:

2003-04 SERA-IEG-15 Chair	Gary Hay, LSU
2003-04 SERA-IEG-15 Rec. Secretary	Geoff Bensen, NCSU
2004 SDC Chair	Gary Hay, LSU
2004 SDC Vice-Chair	Geoff Bensen, NCSU
2004-05 SERA-IEG-15 Chair	Geoff Bensen, NCSU
2005 SDC Chair	Geoff Bensen, NCSU

The next item on the agenda was selecting topics for the 2004 Southern Dairy Conference. The following preliminary topics, speakers and contact personnel were selected:

Topic	Speaker	Length	Contact
National Dairy Outlook	Bees Butler	45 minutes	Geoff Bensen
Economics of Organic Dairying	Bees Butler	30 Minutes	Geoff Bensen
National Dairy Policy Issues	Jerry Kozar	45 Minutes	Jodie Pennington
New Initiatives from SUDIA	Bob Earle	30 minutes	Tommy Sheppard
Alternative Energy Enterprises from Dairies	R. Waybright	30 minutes	Steve Washburn
Conjugated Linoleic Acids in Milk	Joe Herbein	30 minutes	Steve Washburn
Recent Consumer Issues Related to Dairy	Diane Storey	30 minutes	Bill Herndon
Threats and Concerns Associated with Zoonotic Diseases	B. Slenning	30 minutes	Geoff Bensen
Milk Protein Concentrate Issues	Bill Herndon	30 minutes	Bill Herndon
DFA's New MPC Venture	Elvin Hollon	30 minutes	Wayne Gauthier

SERA-IEG-15 Issues

We decided to hold a meeting during the SDC to discuss programs and elect officers for 2004-2005. We decided to poll the members when we send out the rough draft of the SDC to see when they would like to meet – either Sunday or Monday night or Tuesday after the SDC. The new objectives have been completed.

Dr. Ort mentioned he has a meeting next week with the Southern Director's Committee on SERA's and he was planning to recommend SERA-IEG-15 Dairy be renewed based on our revised objectives.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary M. Hay, Chairman
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