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## Faculty Teach in Latvia



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Four faculty from the University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences participated in a week long teaching course on agrobiotechnology at the Latvia Agricultural University, the ending to a four-year grant from the U.S. Department of State. The project has included three trips from Illinois to Latvia for training and five scholars coming to Illinois for extended training in 2006. The course held this March surveyed plant, animal and environmental biotechnology in a modern context. Students hailed from Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia. The goal of the course was to increase knowledge and interest in biotechnology, and included lectures, laboratory work and database management. Jonathan Beever, Animal Sciences, Martin Bohn, Crop Sciences, and Richard Vogen, College of ACES, all provided content for the program in addition to Steven Pueppke, Director of the Michigan State University Agricultural Experiment Station.

## Three ACES Faculty Selected to Participate in WLI Workshop

Drs. Mosbah Kushad, Mohammad Babadoost, and Prasenta Kalita will represent the University of Illinois and ACES as invited university experts on a series of Water and Livelihoods Initiative meetings to be held in Aleppo and Amman this spring.

The NRES and ABE faculty will serve as experts to train M.S. and Ph.D. students in the Middle East on integrated water and land use management strategies. The seminars will be held in May.

## ACES Global Academy Hosts China's Challenge Seminar Series in April

The fourth class of the ACES Global Academy, a year-long faculty development program designed to internationalize early career faculty in the college, is hosting a series of seminars on China, the determined location for the group's end-of-program immersion trip. The series is focusing on China's livestock sector, food policy issues, and history of outreach initiatives in hopes to address food security issues in the country. The series continues April 8 at 12:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the ACES LIAC with Dean Robert Easter as the speaker, and will conclude April 15 at 12:00 p.m. in the same room featuring Dr. Robert Thompson, ACE on food policy. More information is available at <http://global.aces.illinois.edu>.

## Upcoming Visitors to ACES

A delegation from INRA, France is coming to campus Tuesday, April 21. Jilin University, China, is sending a delegation to the College with hopes of signing an MOU with their university May 5-7. For information or to participate in these visits, please contact Meredith Blumthal at [mblumtha@illinois.edu](mailto:mblumtha@illinois.edu).

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