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## ACES Partners with Jilin



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### ACES partners with major university in China's corn belt

A delegation from Jilin University, China signed a memorandum of understanding with the College of ACES during their early July visit to campus. Interim Provost designee Dr. Robert Easter signed the agreement with Jilin President Wenyu Han on July 9. The agreement should increase research collaboration between the two universities in areas such as crop sciences and natural resources.

### ACES Global Academy Prepares for China Trip

The seven members of the ACES Global Academy 2009 class are preparing for a 14-day visit to China September 6-19. The group is planning to visit Beijing, Changchun, Lanzhou, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong. Watch the ACES Global website for more information.



### Gates announces BREAD program for African agriculture programs

The Bill & Melinda Gates foundation announced a \$48 million collaboration with the National Science Foundation to fund research on ways to make crops resistant to drought, disease and pests; and improve soil quality and tackle a wide range of problems that limit agricultural productivity in Africa and other poor corners of the world. Pre-proposals are open and some teams are formed in the College of ACES to put forth a full proposal. For more information contact our office or Richard Vogen at [vogen@illinois.edu](mailto:vogen@illinois.edu).

### College of ACES to Host International Welcome Center at Farm Progress Show

With the large number of international visitors attending the Farm Progress Show, scheduled in Decatur September 1-3, the College of ACES, and ACES Global Connect are partnering with the Decatur Convention and Visitors Bureau to host an international welcome tent. International visitors can register online prior to coming to the show, request meetings with vendors at the show, and check email inside the tent. We will also provide translators onsite available to visitors needing assistance. If you are interestd in helping with this tent contact Meredith Blumthal at [mblumtha@illinois.edu](mailto:mblumtha@illinois.edu).

### USAID/USDA announces grant opportunities for higher education in agriculture

Many new opportunities are becoming available for CRSP programs, and other grants tying higher education to agriculture in developing countries. These opportunities are listed on our website: <http://global.aces.illinois.edu/funding>. If you are interested in pursuing any of these grants, please contact our office to see if we can be of assistance.



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