

# Scientific Congress on Organic Agricultural Research (SCOAR)

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**SCOAR is a collaboration of producers and scientists who are developing, conducting and sharing research for organic agriculture.**

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*This is the ninth in a series of occasional bulletins providing selected information on organic research programs, jobs, funding, and reports, as well as news about the SCOAR project. These reports are sent via email to registered SCOAR participants. For previous bulletins, registration and other information about SCOAR, see <http://www.ofrf.org/scoar/index.html>*

1. **USDA Integrated Organic Program 2006 RFA Released – Deadline Dec. 20!**
2. 2005 Integrated Organic Program Grants Announced.
3. UC-Davis Search for Director of Sustainability Institute
4. Washington BioAg Director Search
5. Conference on SusAg Education
6. Oregon State Project Coordinator Search

1. USDA 2006 Integrated Organic Program Research Grant Proposals due December 20!

The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) has announced the release of the 2006 Integrated Organic Program's Request for Applications (RFA). The Request was posted Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, as soon as Congress has passed the FY 2006 Agriculture Appropriations bill. The RFA can be found at the CSREES Funding Opportunities website: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/funding.cfm> or at grants.gov: <http://www.grants.gov/>. Proposals must be received at CSREES headquarters by close of business **December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005**.

2. 2005 USDA Organic Research Grants Announced.

News about the awards for the USDA-CSREES 2005 Integrated Organic Program grants is available at <http://www.usda.gov/2005/11/0481.xml>. For a list of all grants made by the program in previous years, see <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fonum=1141>.

3. University of California Seeks Director for New "Agricultural Sustainability Institute"

The UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CA&ES) and the UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) seeks an internationally recognized leader to serve as Director of the CA&ES Agricultural Sustainability Institute (ASI) and the systemwide ANR Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SAREP). In addition, the selected candidate will be appointed as a full professor and the first holder of the UC Davis W.K. Kellogg Endowed Chair in Sustainable Food Systems. Details about this opportunity, position responsibilities and the application process, can be found at: <http://asidirectorsearch.caes.ucdavis.edu/>

4. Washington State U. Seeks "BIOAg" Coordinator: Multi-Million Dollar Program Planned

Washington State University is gearing up for a significant infusion of research funding for biologically intensive and organic agriculture (BIOAg). We are already a global leader in BIOAg, with more than 30

WSU faculty and 15 graduate students involved in research projects that are advancing the regional bioeconomy. We are looking for a visionary leader to serve as our new BIOAg Coordinator. This faculty position will help develop and strengthen the network of researchers, educators, farmers and consumers who are transforming our food and farming system. Find more details on our research program at <http://csanr.wsu.edu/BIOAg/> and <http://www.organicfarming.wsu.edu/>. Although screening of applications begins on November 1, this search will remain open until a suitable candidate is selected. For position description listing all qualifications and application process, visit: <http://www.hrs.wsu.edu/employment/FAPvacancies.asp> (Search #4110) Contact Sherri Frederick, WSU CSANR Search, PO Box 646230, Pullman, WA 99164-6230, (509) 335-2933, (509) 335-2926 (Fax).

5. January National Conference on Sustainable Agriculture Education – Register Now.

The UC Davis College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences & Student Farm and the UC Santa Cruz Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems (CASFS), are jointly convening a national sustainable agriculture education conference on January 24-25, 2006.

Facilitating Sustainable Agriculture: A Participatory National Conference on Post-Secondary Education will take place at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, California. Please see <http://studentfarm.ucdavis.edu/FSA/FSAPNCPSE.htm> for more details.

The goal of the conference is to facilitate a national, cross-disciplinary dialogue on learning and teaching that informs and promotes the continued development of educational programs in sustainable agriculture. The conference will use an interactive, participatory format. Specific conference content will be determined largely by the conference participants. To help identify the specific goals and objectives of conference participants, all registrants will be asked to fill out a Needs Assessment and Interest Form.

Early Registration Deadline: November 15, 2005. (After this deadline, late fees apply.)

For more information on the conference, contact Albie Miles at [afmiles@ucsc.edu](mailto:afmiles@ucsc.edu) or (831) 459-4661.

6. Oregon State Seeks Coordinator for Organic Vegetable Project.

Oregon State University is hiring a coordinator for a SARE-funded participatory research and extension project on integrated management of organic potatoes with experienced diversified vegetable growers in Oregon and Washington. The position begins Dec 1. For more information please contact Alex Stone at the Department of Horticulture, Oregon State University at (541) 602-4676 or e-mail him at: [stonea@science.oregonstate.edu](mailto:stonea@science.oregonstate.edu)

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