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# National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges Food and Agricultural Science Exhibition/Reception March 5, 2002 In Washington, DC

## Sponsoring Institutions:

Cook College/Rutgers University, University of Florida; Michigan State University, University of California, Davis and New York Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva/Cornell University

## Exhibit Title:

Interregional Research Project No. 4 (IR-4): Partnerships in Providing Pest Management Solutions for Specialty Crop Growers

## Brief Description of Exhibit:

The IR-4 exhibit highlighted the model federal/SAES/industry partnership and the long time successes of this program in facilitating the regulatory approval of safe and effective pest management options for growers of fruit, vegetable, herb and other specialty crops. The IR-4 exhibit consisted of several interactive stations (laptop computers) that displayed digital images of IR-4 research activities at numerous locations across the United States. Also included in the exhibit were tasty samples of specialty crops that benefit from IR-4 research activities.

Article by Jerry Baron

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## 56th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Weed Science Society

The 56th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Weed Science Society (NEWSS) was held in Philadelphia, PA, January 7-10, 2002. Around 200 participants attended the meeting.

Marija Arsenovic, Jerry Baron, Daniel Kunkel and Ray Frank represented the IR-4 Project. Marija Arsenovic gave a presentation (coauthored with Frederick Salzman, Michael Braverman, Dan Kunkel and Jerry Baron) on Herbicide Registration Update at the Vegetable & Fruit Section, while Ray Frank gave a presentation on Herbicide Registration in Ornamentals at the Ornamental Section.

At the General Section, Jerry Baron received the Northeastern Weed Science Society Award as an Outstanding Researcher. The Outstanding Researcher Award was established to recognize NEWSS members for their outstanding research contributions, in public or private sector, that have a significant impact on weed management practices in the Northeast. Over the last 16 years, Jerry has played a key role in the success of the IR-4 Project. He has managed research throughout the United States and Canada that was conducted to support regulatory clearance of pest control products on fruits, vegetables, herbs and other specialty crops.

In addition, IR-4 Project cooperator, Bradley Majek, Rutgers University, NJ received NEWSS Award as a Distinguished

Member and Robin Bellinder, Cornell University, NY, was elected as a NEWSS Vice -President.

**Some highlights from the meeting:** The Meeting was organized in Sections: General Section, Research Posters, Agronomy Section, Vegetables & Fruits, and Turfgrass & Plant Growth Regulators. In addition, two symposia were organized: "Biotechnology: The Next Generation", and "Invasive Plant Symposium".

**Vegetables and fruits section:** Papers presented in this session were focused on weed management options in carrot, cucumber, pepper, sweet corn, strawberry, potato, and vineyards.

**Posters Section:** Rob Hedberg/WSSA, Washington DC, J. Retzinger, BASF, Harry Wilson, Virginia Tech, and James Parochetti, USDA-CSREES, gave an excellent poster presentation and discussed how new worker standard interpretations reflect researchers training and job tasks.

**Overall impression:** Attending this meeting was an effective way to present information on the IR-4 Project to researchers, growers, and industry representatives from the Northeast region. During the meeting, we also had the opportunity to discuss weed management problems in different minor crops with weed scientists from the region.

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