

January Birthdays

Mason Taylor	January 9
Shane Sellers	January 10
Annabelle Yoder	January 10
Bob Hunger	January 14
Riley Seymour	January 14
John Damicone	January 21
Ken Jackson	January 22
Brandon Lyons	January 22
Barbara Cook	January 23
Brett Johnson	January 24
Marietta Hoisington	January 29

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January Calendar of Events

New Year's Day – University Holiday	Jan	1
Advanced Registration Deadline for Southern Division APS	Jan	4
Faculty Meeting	Jan	11
Spring Classes Begin	Jan	14
Hotel Reservations Due for Southern Division APS	Jan	15
Seminar – Greg Hogan	Jan	16
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – University Holiday	Jan	21
Regular Registration Deadline for Southern Division APS	Jan	25
New OCES Educator Interaction	Jan	29
Student Abstracts Due for FAPC Research Symposium	Jan	29
Seminar – Dr. Allen	Jan	30
Paper and Poster Deadline for Southwestern Branch ESA	Jan	31

February Calendar of Events

Seminar – University of Arkansas Graduate Students	Feb	6
Southern Division APS Meeting	Feb	7-9
OCIA/OGI Joint Annual Meeting	Feb	13-14
Seminar – Matt Bolek	Feb	20
Seminar – Dr. Murrell	Feb	27

New Graduate Students

Leo Santos is beginning his M.S. degree with **Dr. Wyatt Hoback**. His research will focus on American burying beetle habitat use and overwintering in Oklahoma. Leo received his B.S. degree in Agronomic Engineering from the Faculty of Agronomic Sciences - Sao Paulo State University in Botucatu, Brazil in 2018.

Viviana Zapata is beginning her M.S. degree with **Dr. Carla Garzón**. Her research will focus on microscopic and molecular aspects of fungal metabolism during fungicide hormetic responses *in vitro*, and during plant colonization. She received her B.S. degree in Biotechnology Engineering from the Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas ESPE in Ecuador in 2017.

Departmental Seminars

Seminars are held at 3:30 p.m. in Room 207 NRC.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Title</u>
Jan. 16	Greg Hogan	Hazard Communication
Jan. 30	Dr. Kelly Allen	Surveillance to Better Understand <i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i> Endemicity within the State of Oklahoma

Congratulations!

Charlie Konemann is a first-time grandfather! Symphony Dovahkiin Konemann was born at Stillwater Medical Center on January 7, weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces, and was 19½ inches in length. The proud parents are Will and Meske Konemann.

During the DASNR Fall Faculty Meeting on September 28, 2018, faculty were presented service pins from Provost Gary Sandefur. The following faculty received pins based on their years of service as of January 1, 2018:

5 year pin: **Dr. Bruce Noden**

10 year pin: **Dr. Carla Garzón, Dr. Francisco Ochoa Corona, Jennifer Olson, Dr. George Opit, and Dr. Andrine Shufan**

15 year pin: **Dr. Stephen Marek**

Necrology

Dr. Rami K. Soufi, age 53, died on September 7, 2018 from cancer. He was the Head of Product Development for Bayer Environmental Science at Research Triangle Park, North Carolina and had held that position since October 2014.

Rami was born in Damascus, Syria on July 4, 1965, the son of Rajaa and Khaled Soufi. He graduated from Al Andalus High School in Damascus in September 1983. He received his B.S. degree in Agriculture/Plant Protection at Damascus University in 1987, and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Plant Pathology from OSU in 1991 and 1996, respectively. His M.S. thesis was titled, "Influence of the Peanut Host on Fluctuations of *Pythium* spp. Populations in Soil." His advisor for his thesis was **Dr. Alex Filonow**. His Ph.D. dissertation was titled, "Use of Organic Amendments and Cropping Sequences to Manage Peanut Soilborne Diseases and Quantification of Infection Cushions formed by *Sclerotinia minor*." **Dr. Hassan Melouk** served as his advisor for his dissertation. Rami later received his MBA degree from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He was a leader is helping start the OSU Graduate Student Association and received the Phoenix Award from that organization in 1995.

Dr. Soufi was a Research Technician with the USDA – University of Arizona at the Yuma Valley Agricultural Center from May 1991 to May 1992, Technical Sales Manager for Gempler's in Madison, Wisconsin from January 1996 to September 1997, Technical Sales Representative and Senior Scientist for Fungicide Discovery at Rohm and Haas Company from September 1997 to January 2001, Molecule Discovery Leader for Uniroyal Chemical Company/Chemtura from January 2001 to June 2002, Vice President of Global Controls Research and Development with The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company from 2002 to September 2011, Vice President, Global Technology Leader for Controls and Garden Research and Development at The Scotts Company from September 2011 to September 2012, Science Director for Dublin Innovations Group from September 2012 to November 2012 in Dublin, Ohio, and Vice President of Development and Regulatory at Control Solutions, Inc. in Pasadena, Texas from November 2012 to October 2014.

He is survived by his parents; daughter Sanna, a freshman at The Ohio State University studying criminology and pre-law; son Khaled who is about 14 years old; and sister, Ghada Soufi Siada of Rochester Hills, Michigan.