



September
Highlights from the Dale Bumpers National Rice Research Center
Stuttgart, AR

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1. Recently Accepted Publications

2. New Significant Research Collaborations

International

USA

3. New Awarded Grants

4. Technology Transfer

a. Formal Events:

To Non-research stakeholders

To Research Community

b. Informal Contacts

On September 27, 2016 Dr. Yulin Jia of Dale Bumpers National Rice Research Center provided method for sheath blight inoculation to a scientist from Netherland.


c. New MTAs


d. Germplasm Exchanged:

During September, 13 rice accessions from the Genetics Stocks *Oryza* (GSOR) collection were distributed to researchers in the US.

5. Educational Outreach

September 20, scientists and staff from the Dale Bumpers National Rice Research Center, Stuttgart, AR made presentations to 120 third grade students at Park Avenue Elementary





school in Stuttgart, AR, as part of their celebration of September as National Rice Month. Dr. Shannon Pinson supervised activities that demonstrated the importance of agriculture to the daily lives of every US citizen, and the fun and importance of conducting agricultural research. Dr. Ming Chen, Mr. Matthew Schuckmann, and Ms. Heather Box and Allison Bednar supervised a taste testing of three rice samples having different cooking and sensory qualities and thrilled the students with a test-tube chemical reaction that demonstrated color changes linked to the differences in sensory quality the students experienced in the three rice samples. The excitement and number of questions from all students demonstrated the success of this event that brought rice crop science to the classroom.

Rice samples and ‘How to grow rice in your backyard’ were shared with 55 middle school students at Carlisle Public Schools. The students are currently studying early colonization in American History and since September is National Rice Month the teacher handed out the rice when they discussed South Carolina, mentioning that rice first came to the US at Charleston, South Carolina.

6. Awards/Honors

