



## Missouri State University – Mt Grove

NACTA member Dr. Dale A. Law, Missouri State University-Mt. Grove recently received a \$2.9 million, four-year grant from the National Science Foundation to establish the Regional Center of Excellence in Viticulture and Enology. The Regional Center is a partnership of colleges in Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and Oklahoma and will offer viticulture and enology courses on-line to place-bound students throughout a 12-state area in the Midwest. Kudos to Dr. Law!

## Abilene Christian University

Long time NACTA member, Dr. Ed Brokaw, Bray Cook Professor of Animal Science in the Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at Abilene Christian University served last year as National Block and Bridle vice-president. He was installed as national president in October Kansas City at annual convention. Great service, Ed!

## State University of New York

Dr. Zhongchun Jiang (ZJ), Department of Plant Science at State University of New York College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill, was promoted to the rank of professor in September 2007. He continues to teach Introduction to Golf Course Management, Sports Field Management, Botany, and Applied Plant Physiology. He is a recipient of the Above and Beyond Award given by the College's Academic Affairs and the Faculty Appreciation Award given by the College's Student Affairs. He served as the Chairperson of the College's Curriculum Committee. ZJ also serves on the NACTA Journal Review Board. Congratulations to ZJ!

## 2008 NACTA Judging Conference

The host institution for the 2008 NACTA Judging Conference is Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas. Selected dates for the conference are April 16 to 18, 2008. Dr. Ted Ford (Ford@tarleton.edu) is serving in the capacity of coordinator with Ms. Karen Broeder (st\_broeder@tarleton.edu) as his assistant.

### *The following competitive events will be held:*

Agriculture Knowledge Bowl\*  
Crops\*  
Dairy Judging\*  
Horse Judging  
Horticulture  
Livestock Judging\*  
Poultry Judging  
Soils\*

Consideration is also being given to hosting an Agriculture Computer Contest and a Meats Judging Contest.

All of the required contest (\*) are being held and Tarleton State University is to be complimented for expanding the contest areas to include poultry and the possibility of a contest centered around Meat Science.

Tarleton State University is in the process of establishing a 2008 NACTA Judging Conference webpage which will be linked to the College of Agriculture page on the university's website. This webpage is projected to be accessible by the first of December 2007.

The 2009 Host Institution will be Ohio State - ATI - Wooster

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