

MU Center For Agroforestry To Host Research Symposium Jan. 6

COLUMBIA, MO.

The University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry will host a Jan. 6, 2010, symposium to showcase research in agroforestry – the practice of integrating trees into traditional agriculture to provide wildlife habitat, diversify farm income, and improve soil and water quality.

Andy Mason, interim director of the USDA National Agroforestry Center, will be the keynote speaker.

Presenters include David Burner of the USDA's Dale Bumpers Small Farms Research Center in Booneville, Ark., who will talk about regional collaborative research on biofuel grasses.

Other speakers include Ranjith Udawatta, Stephen Anderson and Peter Motavalli of the MU Department of Soil, Environmental and Atmospheric Sciences; and Mike Gold and Larry Godsey of the Center for Agroforestry.

The symposium will take place at Stotler Lounge, Memorial Union, on the University of Missouri campus. Posters will be on display beginning at 8:30 a.m. Addresses and presentations commence at 9 a.m. and run until noon.

The event is free and advance registration is not required.

Poster display space is available to MU graduate students performing research in fields related to agroforestry, including water quality, entomology and rural sociology. To reserve a display board, contact Julie Rhoads at 573-882-3234 or rhoadsj@missouri.edu before Dec. 21.

For more information about the symposium, contact Shibu Jose, director of the MU Center for Agroforestry, at 573-882-0240 or joses@missouri.edu. For information about the center, see www.centerforagroforestry.org. Δ



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