



CFCS PROGRAM

July 16-22, 2017

Verdanza Hotel, Isla Verde, Puerto Rico

“The Role of the Caribbean as a Research Hub to Advance Global Agriculture and Food Security”

Schedule	Participating professional organizations: CFCS, FES, CAEPNet, CACHE*	Rooms
Sunday, July 16, 2017		
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CFCS Board of Directors Meeting	Opera
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	FES Board of Directors Meeting	Roof Top Terrace
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	CAEPNet Executive Committee Meeting	Candenza
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	CFCS, FES, and CAEPNet Welcome Cocktail	Outside Gardens
Monday, July 17, 2017		
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	<p>CFCS, FES, CAEPNet, and CACHE Opening Ceremony</p> <p>Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Norma Samuel, Chair CAEPNet and Senior Extension Director, 4-H and Family Life, South Carolina State University, South Carolina, USA • Dr. Wayne Ganpat, Chair CACHE and Dean of the Faculty of Food and Agriculture, University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago • Dr. Rui-De Xue, President FES, Executive Director Anastasia Mosquito Contril District and Adjunct Professor, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, USA • Dr. John Fernández Van Cleve, President CFCS and Chancellor of the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus, Puerto Rico • Hon. Carlos Flores, Secretary of the Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture (Invited) • Dr. Wilfredo Colón, Chair and CEO, CFCS, and Vice Chancellor, Universidad Ana G. Méndez, Puerto Rico 	Grand Ballroom



9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Victor Villalobos, Director General, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, San José, Costa Rica (Invited)	Grand Ballroom
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Coffee Break	
11:00 AM - 12:00N	Dr. Robert Vander Meer, Research Leader, USDA-ARS, Center for Medical, Agricultural, and Veterinary Entomology, Gainesville, Florida, USA. Dr. Vander Meer will present the Florida Entomological Society Pioneer Lecturer honoring Dr. William Buren. Dr. Buren described the red imported fire ant with the specific epithet name <i>invicta</i> meaning invincible because of its resilient nature and the belief that it would be difficult to manage. The ant has proven to be appropriately named in the US as well as the Caribbean where it is causing billions of dollars in damages annually and impacting human health, crops, domestic animals, and wildlife.	Grand Ballroom
12:00N - 1:30 PM	CFCS and CAEPNet Lunch	Yees and Burger Bar
1:30 PM - 5:00 PM	CFCS Technical Session	Grand Ballroom
1:30 PM - 5:00 PM	CAEPNet Extension Session	Aria
1:30 PM - 5:00 PM	FES Technical Session 1	Grand Opera
1:30 PM - 5:00 PM	FES Technical Session 2	Opera
1:30 PM - 5:00 PM	FES Technical Session 3	Candenza

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

8:00 AM - 12:00 N	CFCS Root and Tuber Forum	Grand Ballroom
8:00 AM - 12:00 N	CAEPNet Extension Session	Aria



8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	CACHE Business Meeting	Boardroom
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	FES Technical Session 1	Grand Opera
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	FES Technical Session 2	Opera
12:00 - 1:30 PM	FES Student Lunch	Yeess
1:30 - 5:00 PM	CFCS Technical Session 1	Grand Ballroom
1:30 - 5:00 PM	CFCS Technical Session 2	Aria
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	CAEPNet Business Meeting	Candenza
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CAEPNet Creating Country Fora Workshop	Candenza
7:00 - 9:00 PM	CFCS, FES, and CAEPNet Poster Session & Cocktail	Grand Ballroom
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Wednesday, July 19, 2017	Grand Ballroom
	CFCS Agroecology Symposium Agroecological Farming in the Caribbean: Myth or Reality	
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	CFCS Technical Session	Aria
8:00 AM - 12:00 N	CACHE Business Meeting	Boardroom
8:00 AM - 12:00 N	FES Technical Session 1	Grand Opera
8:00 AM - 12:00 N	FES Technical Session 2	Opera
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	CAEPNet Extension In-service Training	Candenza
12:00 - 2:00 PM	FES Awards Luncheon and Business Meeting	Yeess
7:30 PM - 10:30 PM	CFCS and CACHE Awards Dinner	Grand Ballroom



Thursday, July 20, 2017

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Farmer's Forum	Grand Ballroom
8:00 AM - 8:15 AM	Agro. Pedro Vivoni, Acción y Reforma Agrícola, Inc. Introduction to the Current Food and Agricultural Situation in Puerto Rico	
8:15 AM - 8:30 AM	Agro. Héctor I. Cordero, Asociación de Agricultores de Puerto Rico. Current Situation of the Dairy Industry in Puerto Rico (Invited)	
8:30 AM - 8:45 AM	Agro. Pablo Jiménez, Colegio de Agrónomos de Puerto Rico Current Legislation that Impact the Food and Agricultural Sector of Puerto Rico (Invited)	
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Biotechnology Cluster: Ms. Beatriz Carrión, Puerto Rico Agricultural Biotechnology Industry Association (PRABIA)	
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Mr. Edwin Pérez, President, Puerto Rico Supplies Marketing and Distribution of Imported Food Products in Puerto Rico (Invited)	
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Coffee Break	
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Coffee Cluster: Mr. German Negrón, Puerto Rico Coffee Roasters (Invited)	
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Ornamental Cluster: Agro. Héctor Santiago, Cali Nursery (Invited)	
11:00 AM - 12:00N	Vegetable Cluster: Mr. Carlos González, González Farms (Invited)	
12:00N - 1:30 PM	Lunch	



1:30 PM - 1:45 PM	Tropical Fruits Cluster: Agro. Peter Hernández, Martex Farms (Invited)	
1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	Plantain Cluster: Agro Reinaldo Feliciano (Invited)	
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Ms. Marta Candela, Caribbean Produce Exchange, Inc. Marketing and Distribution of Locally Produced Food Products in Puerto Rico (Invited)	
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Coffee Break	Grand Opera
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	CFCS General Members Meeting	
7:30 AM - 5:30 PM	FES Field Trip to Southern Region	

7:30 AM - 5:30 PM **Friday, July 21, 2017**

Field Trips:

1. Northwestern Region (Crops and Livestock): Puerto Rico Coffee Roasters; University of Puerto Rico, Agricultural Experiment Station in Isabela; University of Puerto Rico Finca La Montaña in Aguadilla
2. Southern Region(Crops): Finca Fabre; University of Puerto Rico, Agricultural Experiment Station in Juana Diaz; Martex Farms; Mike Santiago’s Farm

7:00 AM – 10:00 PM **Saturday, July 22, 2017**

Delegates return home

*CFCS, Caribbean Food Crops Society, <http://cfcs.eea.uprm.edu/>
 FES, Florida Entomological Society, <http://www.flaentsoc.org/>
 CAEPNet, Caribbean Agricultural Extension Provider’s Network
 CACHE, Caribbean Council for Higher Education in Agriculture, <http://www.cache-caribbean.org/>



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