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Message from the President

Greetings! NAPA valued members, well-wishers, potential members, and readers.

We are pleased to share with our community readers that we have accomplished many projects/activities thus far. Despite being less than two years old, NAPA has been developed from scratch into a rapidly growing vibrant professional association. I sincerely thank those who have contributed to one or another way and worked tirelessly and diligently to make 2017 a great leap year forward.

As of the end of January, 2018, NAPA has grown to 239 members from 38 States in the US, Canada, Nepal and Australia. Strongly supported by an Advisory Council, NAPA is moving forward with the full phase support by various committees: Book Publication, Global Journal of Agricultural and Allied Sciences, Research/Policy Brief, Professional Talk Sessions, NAPA Scholarships for Academic Excellence, Biennial Scientific Conference Organization Committee to mention a few with several dedicated members. **We are overwhelmed to have received 87 submissions for oral and poster presentations at the Biennial Conference to be held in Oklahoma from May 26-27, 2018 from nine different countries.** Hats off to all hard working individuals of the Scientific Sub-Committee and beyond.

As we move forward, **32 scholarships** have already been pledged by generous people amounting more than NRs 250,000.00 (two hundred and fifty thousand Nepali Rs.) and annual NAPA **Scholarship for Academic Excellence** program been launched in Nepal. Thank you all big hearted generous donors for your solidarity.

Finally, I would like to thank and appreciate all the dedicated and hardworking members for their voluntary contribution in expanding NAPA across the globe. Last but not the least, we highly appreciate all hardworking individuals for their contribution to offer this Fourth Issue of **Agri-Connection**. See you all in Oklahoma City, USA.

Together, we can make a difference.



Lila B Karki, PhD

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Update on Book Publication

NAPA Book Publication Committee has received chapters submitted by authors whose abstract proposal were selected for possible publication in “**Sustainable, Sufficient, Safe and Healthy Food in Nepal: Principles and Practices of Food Security**”. The chapters are under review. For more information about book publication, visit: <http://www.napaamericas.org/napa-book-project.php>.

More updates will be provided at the NAPA Biennial Conference in Oklahoma.



Research Brief

The second issue of Research/Policy Brief, *Remittance Received by Households Varies by Migrant’s Destination* by Prem Bhandari will be at your hand soon.

Abstract

This research brief explores whether a household’s receipt of remittances as well as the amount of remittances received varies with place or country of work of the migrant member of the family. Using household level data from Chitwan Valley in Nepal, the study shows that the net of controls, both the receipt as well as the amount of remittances received by a household depends on the place of work of the migrant. Remittances from countries with high earning potentials (such as the Middle East, East or South-east Asia, United States, Australia and Europe) were significantly higher when compared to migrants from other destinations like Nepal and India.

NAPA at the ASA-CSSA-SSSA Tri-Society Meeting (Specialty Group Meeting), Tampa, Florida

On October 23, 2017, Dr. Upendra Sainju, NAPA Adviser and Ambika Tiwari, Treasurer shared information about NAPA at the Specialty Group Meeting, a group of scientists and students of Nepali origin at the Tri-society meetings [ASA-CSSA-SSSA Meeting, Oct 22-25, 2017; <https://www.aaspolicyfellowships.org/events/asa-cssa-sssa-2017-annual-meeting>], Tampa, Florida. They provided a review and update of NAPA (www.napaamericas.org) activities and upcoming NAPA Conference to be held on May 25-26, 2018 (Memorial Day weekend) in Oklahoma City, OK. A total of 38 participants were present in the meeting.



Talk Session Summary

Poverty Alleviation and Prosperity: Strategy, Policies, and Programs

Dr. Y.B. Thapa (NAPA Advisor)

Vice-Chair, Poverty Alleviation Fund, and Adjunct Professor, Agriculture and Forestry University, Nepal



NAPA's seventh talk session was held on November 4, 2017 by Dr. Y.B. Thapa (NAPA Advisor). In this session, Dr. Thapa talked about support to the economically disadvantaged communities towards entrepreneurship, skilled employment and transformations using the framework of multi-dimensional poverty indices. He

highlighted poverty rates/trends in relation to the occupational patterns and labour market; economic growth rates by industry in relation to product market and trade. He further discussed investment patterns by agency and industry in relation to the fiscal/monetary policy, and financial markets. He further discussed about poverty reduction approaches in Nepal and her neighbors with a focus on the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) implementation mechanism, and institutional capital. He also discussed the linkages among poverty, employment, social protection, and investment with particular emphasis on the role of agriculture, food, and nutrition activities, and other basic services. His detailed and interesting talk session was well received by a large number of NAPA members.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Dr. Drona P. Rasali, Director, Population Health Surveillance and Epidemiology, British Columbia Center for Disease Control, Canada, and Chair of NAPA Book Publication Committee, was recently invited as a keynote speaker at the International Buffalo Symposium held at Agriculture and Forestry University, Nepal. His talk was entitled Buffalo Production for Food Security in Nepal. He discussed various aspects of buffalo production for improving food security in Nepal. Power Point slides of his presentation can be found here: (http://afu.edu.np/vet/sites/default/files/4.%20KN3_Rasali%20D._9.pdf).

Dr. Rasali can be reached at d_rasali2@yahoo.ca



Interactions and Collaborations

Meeting at Campus of Live Sciences, Dang



On December 23, 2017, NAPA General Secretary Dr. Prem B. Bhandari had a meeting with Dr. Sah Deo Sah, Chief, Campus of Live Sciences, Mr. Manoj Basnet and Mr. Anup Tiwari (both Assistant Professors at the Institute of Agriculture and Animal Sciences, Tribhuvan University, Nepal) at the campus premises in Tulsipur, Dang. We had a fruitful interaction regarding future possible collaboration between the campus and NAPA (a formal Talk Session was cancelled due to election). Dr. Sah expressed his keen interest to join hands with NAPA for the mutual benefits of campus faculty and students and NAPA professionals.

**NAPA Talk Session
Organizing Committee**

Dr. Lila B. Karki
Dr. Prem B. Bhandari
Dr. Megha N. Parajulee

Respected NAPA
members and be-
yond

Greetings!

I cordially invite you
to attend the up-
coming NAPA's
EIGHTH talk session.
Please do not miss
the opportunity to
interact in a live dis-
cussion forum on
**'BIOTECHNOLOGY IN
AGRICULTURE.'** Join
us to add value on
our collective
strength and re-
source pool.

Together, we can
make a difference.

Respectfully,

Lila B Karki, PhD
President, NAPA

**FORTHCOMING Talk Session On
Biotechnology in Agriculture**

BY:

Khusi R. Tiwari, PhD
Plant Breeder, Monsanto Company
(NAPA Member and Forthcoming AGM Chair)

E-mail: tiwarikr@hotmail.com

Discussant: Dilip Panthee, PhD

Talk Summary

Biotechnology or genetic engineering is the application of scientific techniques to modify and improve plants, animals, and microorganisms to enhance their value. Modern biotechnology represents a unique application of science that can be used to feed the growing population and for the betterment of society through development of crops with improved nutritional quality, resistance to pests and diseases, and reduced cost of production. Several crop species with biotech traits have been successfully grown in North America, South America, Africa and Asia for the last 20 years with major benefits.



Speaker Bio: Dr. Khusi R Tiwari holds a Ph.D. degree from University of Manitoba, Canada in Genetics and Plant Breeding. He received his undergraduate education from Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science (IAAS) Rampur, Nepal and worked for Department of Agriculture/NARC as an agronomist for 10 years.

Dr. Tiwari is a Plant Breeder with several years of plant breeding expertise working with NARC, Pioneer Hi-Bred and Monsanto seed company. Currently, he is a Senior plant breeder for Monsanto Seed Company. He is also an adjunct faculty at Mississippi State University. Dr. Tiwari has published several research articles in peer reviewed journals and has been granted 51 patents from the US patent office. Dr. Tiwari is a member of Crop Science Society (CSSA) of America, American Society of Agronomy (ASA), National Association of Plant Breeders (NAPB) and Association of Nepalese Agricultural Professionals of Americas (NAPA). Dr. Tiwari enjoys working with Nepalese community in the US and is involved with Florida Nepal Association (FNA), Nepalese Association of Southeast America (NASeA), and Institute of Rubber and Jatropha Research Nepal (IRJR).

When: Saturday, March 24, 2018

Time: 8:30 PM US Eastern Standard Time

How to Join the Session?

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android Click:

<https://zoom.us/j/431846748>

Or iPhone one-tap (US Toll): +14086380968,,431846748# or
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**Interested to Present Your Scientific Work at
NAPA TALK Session?**

Submit your proposal to: napa2072@gmail.com

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations

New Graduates (NAPA Members)

NAPA congratulates valued members for their outstanding achievements. NAPA is proud of your accomplishments. Congratulations to all of you! We are honored to count on all of you among us and **wish your continued success and recognition in the future.**



Binod Ghimire
M.Sc., Soil Science
New Mexico State University



Rajen Bajgain
Ph.D., Ecology and Evolution-
ary Biology
University of Oklahoma



Srijana Thapamagar
M. Sc., Environmental Studies
Kentucky State University



Dr. Buddhi Raj Gyawali, a graduate from IAAS in 1993, earned tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor of GIS, Remote Sensing and Climate Studies at Kentucky State University. His research interests are multidisciplinary and relate to using agricultural, socio-economic, environmental, Geographic Information System (GIS), and remotely sensed data for scientific research on land-use change, human-environment relationship, climate change and variability, surface mining and impacts on microclimate and quality of life, small farms diversification, efficiency and sustainability, and agroecosystems management. **Congratulations Dr. Gyawali.**



Dr. Kishor Gautam has recently taken a dairy nutritionist position with Brown's Feed Inc., Frankfort, New York. **Congratulations Dr. Gautam.**



Congratulations

Agri-Connection invites member related information such as: graduations, new jobs, promotions and other accomplishments for publication in our next issue.

Please send information to:
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For more information:

<http://www.napaamericas.org/newsletter.php>

NAPA at the 2017 Society of Overseas Nepalese Entomologists (SONE) Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado

Dr. Megha N. Parajulee, NAPA Vice President and Life Member, shared information about NAPA at the 2017 Society of Overseas Nepalese Entomologist (SONE) Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado on November 7, 2017. Dr. Parajulee provided an update of NAPA activities and upcoming Conference to be held from May 25-26, 2018 (Memorial Day weekend) in Oklahoma. Dr. Parajulee urged SONE leadership to encourage all of its members to join NAPA for collaborative synergy between SONE and NAPA.

Dr. Parajulee awarded the **Megha Parajulee SONE Student Award** for Academic Excellence, an annual SONE award, to Sulochana Paudyal (NAPA member) of Oklahoma State University.

Congratulations!!!





Shailesh Bhattarai, Master's in Animal Science at Tuskegee University, Alabama won **First Prize** in Graduate Poster Competition on December 2017 at the 75th Professional Agriculture Workers Conference (PAWC).

Research Title: Diurnal behavior and distribution pattern of Kiko Wethers and Katahdin Rams in Woodlands.

Congratulations Shailesh!

Congratulations

Sonu Koirala B K, Master's student in Plant and Soil Science at Tuskegee University, Alabama won **Second Prize** in Graduate Poster Competition held on December 2017 at the 75th Professional Agriculture Workers Conference (PAWC).

Research Title: Efficacy of entomopathogens for the management of blue pumpkin beetle (*Aulacophora nigripennis* motschulsky, 1857) in sponge gourd (*Luffa cylindrica*) under laboratory conditions at Pakliha-wa, Nepal. **Congratulations Sonu!**



Anish Sapkota, graduate student, Montana State University, Bozeman, won **Second Prize** in the Robert F. Barnes Graduate Student Poster Competition for his poster entitled "Effects of Irrigation and Boron Fertilization on Yield and Forage Quality of Alfalfa" at the joint ASA, CSSA & SSSA International 2017 Annual Meeting.

Congratulations Anish!

Anju Giri, Ph.D. student at Kansas State University was awarded Crop Science Graduate Student Scholarship at Crop and Soil Science America (CSA) annual meeting, Tampa, Florida.

Congratulations Anju!



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We are pleased to announce the publication of Inaugural Issue of **Global Journal of Agriculture and Allied Sciences (GJAAS)** (Online ISSN 2575-1670 and Print ISSN 2575-1662), a flagship publication of the Association of Nepalese Agricultural Professionals of Americas. We cordially invite you to submit your original (not published, submitted or under consideration anywhere) research or review articles on any topic related to agricultural and allied sciences to the journal for publication consideration. Refer to <http://napaamericas.org/journal-authors-guidelines.php> for publication guidelines. All submitted papers are subject to double-blind peer review.

We would also like to request you to forward this notice to your colleagues/researchers. We look forward to receiving your submissions for the first issue and on-going issues, but the submissions are encouraged throughout the year for consideration in future issues.



Please contact at (gjaasjournal@gmail.com) or Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Megha N. Parajulee at: m-parajulee@tamu.edu for further details.

Call for Working Papers

This is an announcement for the publication of Working Paper Series on agricultural and related disciplines. NAPA members are requested to submit their relevant work to Dr. Panthee. You may submit it in a journal article format such that it helps you publish with minimal effort later. Publishing as a working paper will not hinder you from future publication in any peer reviewed journal in any way whatsoever. It will in fact help you streamline your manuscript such that you will receive fewer reviewer comments for improvement. Please contact Dr. Panthee, Editor-in-Chief, at drpanthee@yahoo.com for further details.





CALL FOR STUDENTS' WRITING CONTEST

NAPA-Student Coordination Committee is pleased to announce 2018 college and university students' essay writing contest. A full time student enrolled in a college including community or vocational college, and/or university around the globe pursuing a degree in agricultural or related fields¹ is eligible to participate.

Essay Topic: *Global Food Security through Agricultural Transformation*

General Guidelines:

- ◆ The essay should be written in English language. The essay must be author's own work and should attest it by inserting a statement² followed by his/her name.
- ◆ The essay should follow a standard academic essay structure and format including an introduction, body of supporting arguments and a conclusion.
- ◆ The essay can be developed based on student's own experience, online research, and literature review.
- ◆ The essay will be disqualified for the competition if any evidence of plagiarism is established. The committee is strict against plagiarism and advise each candidate to avoid engaging in such plagiarism.
- ◆ The essay should not exceed 3,000 words, excluding footnotes, tables, figures and references, and should be formatted double-spaced. The essay should have author's name, affiliated university, degree program, mailing address, and email with a proof of student's status e.g. ID card or unofficial transcript.
- ◆ A pdf copy of the essay can be submitted electronically via email at NAPA2072@gmail.com. **The deadline for submission is March 12, 2018** (please note it is extended from February 28, 2018).
- ◆ Only one essay can be submitted per contestant.
- ◆ The results will be announced by the first week of April.
- ◆ The first, second and third place winners will be awarded plaques and cash prizes of **\$300, \$200 and \$100** respectively at NAPA Biennial Conference on May 26-27, 2018 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA. Therefore, winners are encouraged to be present at the award distribution ceremony. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact



Chair, 2018 Student Writing Contest Sub-committee, Dr. Bharat Pokharel at
Bharat.Pokharel@gmail.com and/or napaconference2018@gmail.com

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UPDATE ON NAPA MEMBERSHIP

SN	Member Name	State/Country
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1	Mahendra B. Adhikari	Indiana
2	Aditya Khanal	Tennessee
3	Manoj Karkee	Washington
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1	Menuka Bhandari	West Virginia
2	Dinesh Dhakal	Missouri
3	Krishna Poudel	Missouri
4	Santosh Thapa	Tennessee
5	Gautam Joshi	Alabama
6	Girija Regmi	Washington
Joint (family) member		
1	Binayak Prakash Mishra	Nepal
Associate members		
1	Pratima Sharma	Nepal
2	Kalyani Mishra Tripathi	Nepal
3	Krishna Bahadur GC	Nepal
4	Man B. Thapa	Nepal
5	Shashi Shekh	Nepal
6	Kiran Ojha	Nepal
7	Laxmi Narayan Prasad Sah	Nepal
8	Arun Thapa	Nepal
9	Bishnu Raj Upreti	Nepal
10	Yamuna Ghale	Nepal
11	Deepak Kumar Rijal	Nepal
12	Ratna Karki	Nepal
13	Narahari Ghimire	Nepal

NAPA Mission

To foster/enhance the quality of life of human kind and environment through scientific research, capacity building, dissemination and charitable activities.

NAPA Member Benefits

Members are at the heart of NAPA. NAPA offers various benefits to its members to advance their career success at all stages. Benefits include (but not limited to):

- ◆ Regular updates and information through **Agri-Connection** on NAPA activities and opportunities.
- ◆ Opportunity to publish your scientific works via NAPA's various outlets: *NAPA Journal, Book Publication, Working Paper Series, Research/Policy Brief, and Agri-Connection*.
- ◆ Online access to the full archive of NAPA publications.
- ◆ Opportunity to share your scientific works and experiences and live engagement with a larger audience via **NAPA's Talk Sessions**.
- ◆ Eligibility for various NAPA awards and Scholarship for Academic Excellence programs.
- ◆ Opportunity to share your expertise and experience in Nepal and beyond via its **Distance Teaching-Learning Program**.
- ◆ Access to resources related to teaching, research, extension, and community development activities.
- ◆ Eligibility for receiving support from **NAPA Endowment Fund** at the time of NEED.
- ◆ Opportunity to work, engage and network with a group of specialized experts 'resource pool' on various professional development initiatives.
- ◆ Volunteering opportunities.
- ◆ Discounted registration and hotel reservation during NAPA scientific conferences.
- ◆ And more....

Total Members as of January 2, 2018	
Member Type	Number
Life	5
Regular	93
Joint	15
Student	97
Associate	29
Honorary	0
Total Members	239

Please mark your calendar to participate in the first **NAPA Biennial Conference during the Memorial Day Weekend (from May 26-27, 2018) in Oklahoma City, OK, USA**. Make sure to Early Register by April 9 and save some money.



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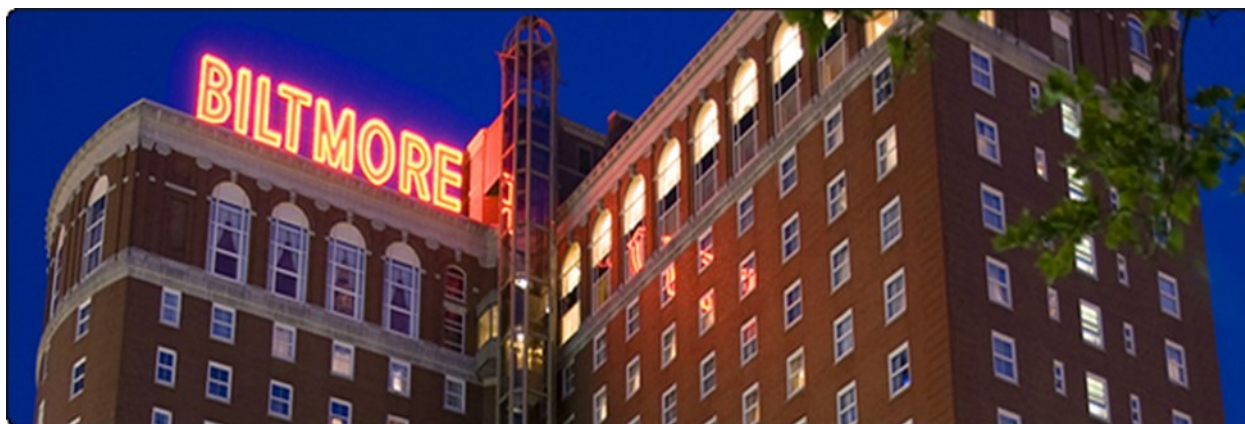
EARLY REGISTRATION BY APRIL 9, 2018 RATES (US \$)	
Regular member	100.00
Student member	75.00
Spouse (Joint member)	75.00
Spouse (Non-member)	100.00
Professional (Non-member)	175.00
Guest	50.00



Note:

Registration fee includes four meals (lunch & dinner, May 26 & 27), cultural night ticket, & door prizes. An additional \$15 fee will be charged for each category of membership after April 9, 2018 or for ONSITE registration.

Please check the link for details
<http://napaamericas.org/conference2018/index.php>



Hotel Reservation

<http://napaamericas.org/conference2018/index.php>

NAPA discounted room rates are **\$55.00 per night for King and Double rooms, and \$70 per night for Suite rooms**. These room rates include breakfast for two guests per room. A block of the hotel has been allocated for NAPA conference participants. Please tell the code **PM 9004** when you call hotel to get the allocated block for NAPA at discounted rates. The discounted room rates will be available on a first come first serve basis until **May 10, 2018**.



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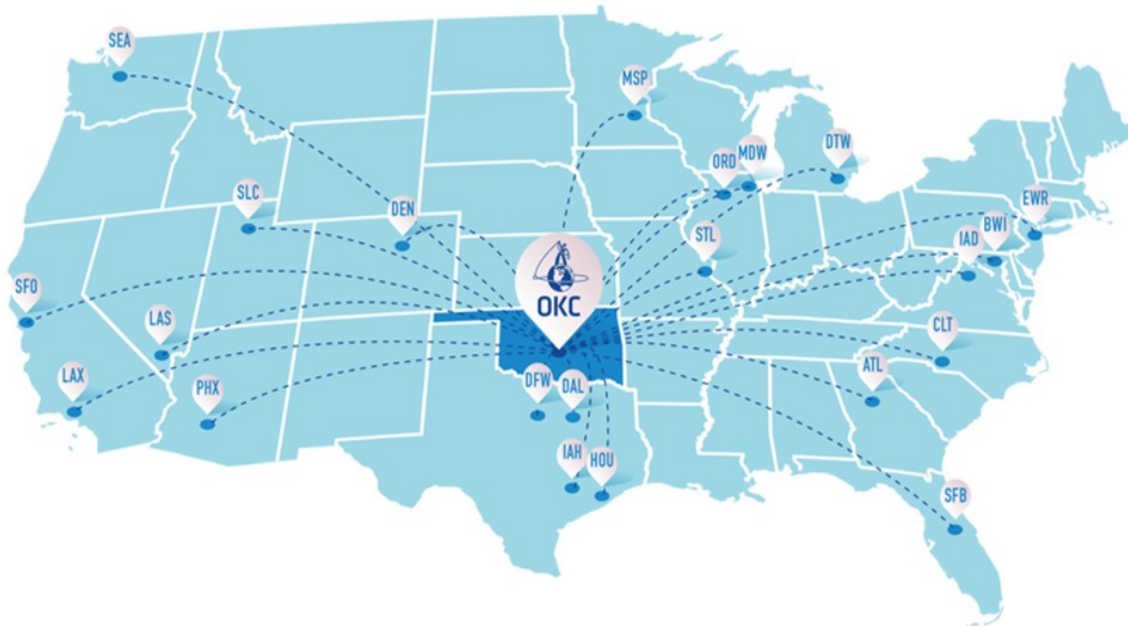
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Will Rogers World Airport, Oklahoma City (OKC)

Link for non-stop services from and to OKC: <http://www.flyokc.com/Cities.aspx>

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Dallas-OKC: 3 hours 20 min,
Lubbock-OKC: 5 hours,
Phoenix-OKC: 14 hours,
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Auburn-OKC: 12 hours 17 min,
Knoxville-OKC: 12 hours 15 min

Houston-OKC: 7 hours
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Baton Rouge-OKC: 9 hours
Lincoln, NE-OKC: 6 hours 20 min
Manhattan (KS)-OKC: 4 hours 20 min
Atlanta-OKC: 12 hours
Tuscaloosa-OKC: 10 hours 20 min
Starkville-OKC: 9 hours 15 min



NAPA SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Call for Sponsorships

Association of Nepalese Agricultural Professionals of Americas (NAPA) (www.napaamericas.org) announces a **Call for Sponsors** from interested individuals/families towards establishing **NAPA Scholarships for Academic Excellence**. This **Scholarship** is established with the goal of supporting diligent and qualified students from academic institutions that offer courses in agricultural sciences in Nepal. These institutions include but not limited to:

- ◆ Agriculture and Forestry University (AFU)
- ◆ Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science (IAAS, Tribhuvan University)
- ◆ Other universities, colleges, polytechnic institutions, and schools of agricultural sciences.

Sponsorship

Sponsors, in consultation with the **NAPA Scholarship Committee**, will have an opportunity to name the scholarship (e.g., sponsor's name, beloved ones, or any other professionally appropriate names). For information to sponsors, current meritorious scholarship amount is NRs 6,000.00 (Six Thousand Nepali Rupees) per year and freeship amount is NRs 3,800.00 (Three Thousand and Eight Hundreds Nepali Rupees) per year at AFU. In addition, other scholarships of any amounts may be established as per the interest of sponsors.

Criteria for Scholarship Recipients

Scholarship recipients may be selected based on academic excellence (within specified caste/ethnicity, gender, and region or any other academic criteria envisaged by sponsors). Sponsors will have the opportunity to name of the scholarship and define selection criteria, in consultation with NAPA Scholarship Committee, or sponsors may grant the selection authority to NAPA. NAPA will select recipients in consultation with the recipient institutions as per the memorandum of understanding (MoU) between NAPA and the scholarship recipient institutions. NAPA will proudly coordinate with the target institutions to formalize the scholarship.

We request interested individuals/families and institutions to show your generosity by sponsoring at least one or more or any amount of scholarships for a cause. As of January, 2018, fifteen sponsors have pledged scholarships of a total of over 250,000.00 Nepali Rupees annually. Drop by drop fills a pot. Your generous donation is our inspiration to serve the community back home.

Your Pledge and Required Information

Interested sponsors are requested to pledge your scholarship by providing the following information to NAPA at:

napa2072@gmail.com

- Name of sponsor(s):
- Contact information of sponsor(s)
- Name of scholarship(s)
- Amount of each scholarship(s)
- Number of scholarship(s)
- Desired institution(s) in Nepal for this scholarship
- Criteria for each scholarship recipient.

NAPA appreciates your generosity and support.

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- ◆ Uma-Lila Karki

NAPA Endowment Fund

It is our pleasure to see NAPA moving forward with many ongoing and exciting activities. Accordingly, our community is also growing steadily, with membership comprising from a wide range of agricultural and allied disciplines and geographical regions. Foreseeing NAPA's further expansion over time, it is imperative that we have a system of regular funding sources to ensure continued NAPA activities including emergency funds to support unforeseen events, such as the recent Louisiana flooding and Georgia car crash that affected our members. Such financial safety can be achieved via a carefully managed fund. Therefore, we now announce to establish a NAPA Endowment Fund. The Fund will be utilized as per the decision of the NAPA executive committee. Any NAPA members and interested generous individuals may contribute to this fund. Regulatory mechanism of the Fund will be developed and adopted by the NAPA executive committee in consultation with Advisory Council. Contributions toward this endowment will be recognized as below:



1. NAPA Contributor: Any amount an individual or institution would like to contribute.
2. NAPA Regular Contributor: \$1 daily, \$5 weekly, \$20 monthly, \$100 bi-annually, \$200 annually for a fixed term, or any amount an individual would like to contribute to this cause.
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What Occasion: NAPA Biennial Conference

Dr. Khusi Ram Tiwari (# 531 on the picture), NAPA Member and AGM Chair at the OK Conference is also a Marathon runner. We are glad to announce that he is going to lead the NAPA 'Walk & Run' for fun and health at the conference. Details will follow soon.

Notice: Do not forget to register for the event!



NAPA Cultural Night

Dear Conference Participants,

Enjoy a fun filled cultural night led and presented by the most popular singer, Honorary Consular General of Pennsylvania and Maryland States of America **Mr. Prem Raja Mahat** and his talented team on the closing night of the conference .

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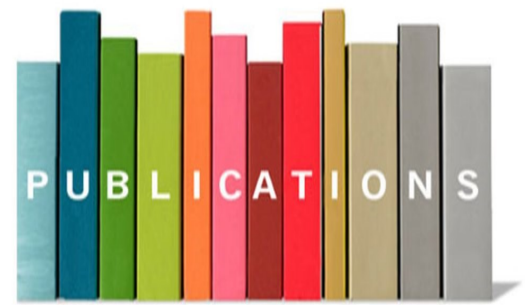
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Publications (*NAPA Members)



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