

Viticulture Consortium - East

SPEAKER TRAVEL SUBSIDY AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR ENOLOGY AND VITICULTURE-EASTERN SECTION ANNUAL MEETING JULY 13 – 16 2005

Project Report

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Title: Speaker travel subsidy

Objective:

- 1) To promote Viticulture Consortium: East-funded research by providing partial travel reimbursement to Principal Investigators who wish to present Consortium-funded research at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Enology and Viticulture-Eastern Section.

Background:

During its March 2003 meeting, the VC: East Regional Guidance Committee, with suggestions from Tom Bewick, discussed how the Consortium might advertise how its funding is being used among member states. One proposal was to provide a portion of Principal Investigator's travel expenses to attend a regional research summit, such as the annual meeting of the American Society for Enology and Viticulture-Eastern Section (ASEV-ES). Tony Wolf, technical program co-chair for the ASEV-ES meeting, pursued that proposal in 2004. Seven papers were presented during a special session, the Viticulture Consortium East Research Summit. The summit was very well received by the audience and ASEV-ES members. In 2005, Bruce Bordelon, technical program chair for the ASEV-ES meeting, requested similar funding. Reports for three VC: East funded projects were presented at the 2005 meeting and a total of \$1,487 in travel subsidies was distributed to those speakers.

Report for 2006:

Bruce Bordelon, Chair of ASEV-ES in 2006 submitted a proposal for continued funding in 2006. The Call for Papers was sent out in March, soliciting papers from VC-East sponsored researchers. It contained the following specific information for VC-East principal investigators:

Special notice to Viticulture Consortium: East Principal Investigators

The ASEV-ES is pleased to announce that the Viticulture Consortium: East is providing up to \$500 in travel reimbursement to the presenting author of Viticulture Consortium: East-funded research. The objective of this financial support is to promote and advertise the regional diversity of VC: East research, using the 2006 ASEV-ES annual meeting as a public forum. A total of \$5,000 has been granted by VC: East for this purpose. Principal Investigators who will seek reimbursement will agree to the following conditions:

- the monies are available to any Principal Investigator (PI) or co-PI who has been a recipient of Viticulture Consortium: East funding in the past three years. Only one author per presentation will be eligible (the presenting author of an oral presentation) and only one award per person will be made.
- the PI will indicate on the submitted abstract if s/he intends to seek travel reimbursement. If the number of requests/abstracts exceeds 10, the ASEV-ES technical program committee will use the date of abstract receipt as the primary criterion for selection for reimbursement, and the presenting author will be so notified. Several "pending" abstracts will be selected in the event of cancellations and with the expectation that not all speakers will use a full \$500. The submitted abstract must be for an original research presentation, and the title/year(s) of the project award must be stated on the abstract submission form.
- The research can comprise viticulture, enology, and any allied discipline such as agronomy, pest management, entomology, or climatology.
- the PI will consent to briefly exhibiting one slide during his or her presentation that states that a portion of the research funding was provided by Viticulture Consortium: East. A PowerPoint template slide will be provided in advance by the ASEV-ES for this purpose.
- The ASEV-ES technical program committee will seek to structure a 4-hour module of the program that will be billed as a "Viticulture Consortium: East research presentation."
- Travel expenses will be provided on a reimbursement basis for up to \$500 per presenter, following reimbursement procedures of Purdue University, including appropriate, original documentation of expenses. Allowable expenses could include transportation, local lodging (\$104/room is base rate for Hyatt Regency Hotel), and Purdue University allowable per diem expenses (based on the CONUS system, currently \$44/day for Rochester, NY).
- Expenses must be submitted to Dr. Bruce Bordelon, Purdue University Horticulture, 625 Agriculture Mall Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2010 by 1 August 2005. If you have questions, contact Dr. Bordelon at bordelon@purdue.edu or (765) 494-8212

The 2006 ASEV-ES annual meeting was held in Rochester, New York July 9-12. The venue was the Hyatt Regency Hotel downtown. The meeting featured a technical program and a symposium focusing on the Multicolored Asian Lady Beetle. The technical program consisted of 20-minute research presentations, and the symposium consisted of 30-90 minute invited presentations. One VC: East funded project were presented during the three day conference. However, that speaker had budgeted travel expenses into the grant request, so reimbursement

through this grant was not requested. Attendance at the 2006 annual meeting was about 100 people.

The VC-East funded project presentation was:

1. Sensory Characteristics of Red Frontenac Wines by Descriptive Analysis. Anna Katharine Mansfield, University of Minnesota.

Budget: Since no travel subsidies were distributed to speakers in 2006, a no-cost extension will be requested for the carry-over funds, to be used to support travel subsidies to the 2007 American Society for Enology and Viticulture – Eastern Section annual meeting to be held in Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania.

Future of this project: It is difficult to predict when Viticulture Consortium: East funded Principal Investigators will be ready to present their research at the Annual meeting of the American Society for Enology and Viticulture-Eastern Section. These projects run in cycles and in any given year, some projects may be at or near completion and ready for reports, while others are only in the preliminary stages. As past chair of the ASEV-ES, I urge the VC: East Regional Guidance Committee to continue to support some form of travel subsidy for Principle Investigators and their students. I suggest that consideration be given to increasing the level of funding up to \$800 per person per meeting. Most travel that includes airfare, lodging, and meeting registration will cost approximately \$1,000 so an increase in the funding seems justified.