



Top left to right: Krishna Bhattarai, Saroj Parajuli, Xiaobao Ying, Jianjian Xu, Angelica Castro, Patrick Hooks, Rowdy Driggers.
Bottom row: Xinjie Yu, Gail Bowman, Vinny Dang, Penny Kahn

New and Familiar Faces in Deng Lab
Group photos can be taken anytime you can get your staff together. Just come up to the front desk to get a snapshot taken. We have a few new additions to the Deng Lab as noted in this photo—Angelica Castro now working as a new OPS Employee in the lab.

Patrick Hooks, who just started his new position as an ag assistant and just moved here from Kentucky.

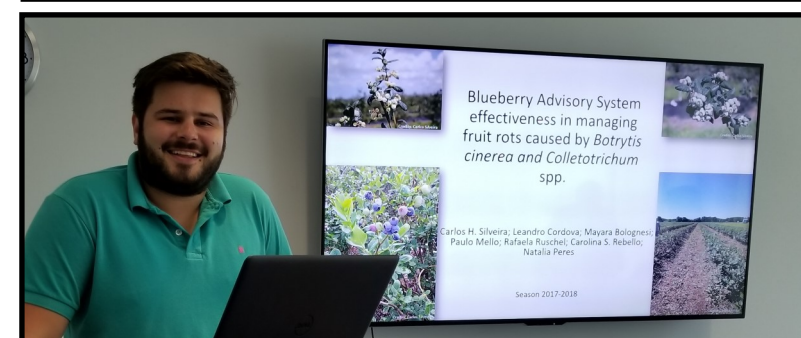
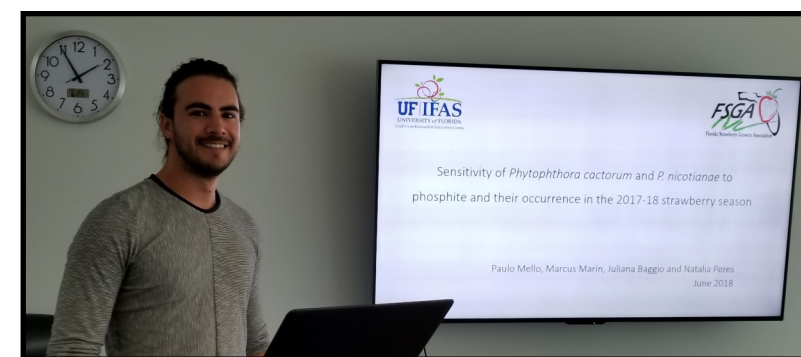
Rowdy Driggers is also a new face and is working as a summer intern.

Penny Kahn is another new OPS employee.



Nice smiles everybody!

2018 Hops Harvest a Big Success—Deng and Agehara Labs work to get the hops ready to dry for distribution to local breweries.



Three Interns + One Research Scholar = Four Completed Seminars

Each strawberry season the Peres Lab welcomes interns and research scholars to learn about the Florida strawberry production season and this year was no different. Here you see the individuals who participated this year and each was asked to give a presentation. These practice seminars prove essential allowing presenters the opportunity to hone their public speaking skills. From the top—left to right:

Mayara Bolognesi de Moraes, Bee Vectoring Technology
Paulo Pinto de Mello Neto, Sensitivity to *Phytophthora cactorum* and *P. nicotianae* to phosphite and their occurrence in the 2017-18 strawberry season

bottom—left to right: **Rafaela Gomes Ruschel**, Integrated strategies for management of Charcoal Rot caused by *Macrophomina phaseolina*

Carlos Henrique Silveira, Blueberry Advisory System effectiveness in managing fruit rots caused by *Botrytis cinerea* and *Colletotrichum spp.*



40 Under 40 Honor for Krishna Bhattarai

Typically, few graduate students are named to Greenhouse Product News' 40 Under 40. Mostly industry professionals or young faculty receive the honor. This year, our own Krishna Bhattarai is one of two graduate students named to the 2018 class. A native of Rajapur, Nepal, Krishna Bhattarai came to the University of Florida for graduate school to continue his education in improving disease resistant crops. Though Bhattarai has been in the United States for less than a decade, his research on the Gerbera daisy and strong presence in local and academic communities has been noticed by his peers. Keep an eye out as we're sure there are great things to come from this guy! **Congrats Krishna!**

Presenting GCREC Research Worldwide



Rodrigo Onofre, Grad Student, and his mentor, Dr. Natalia Peres, presented research at the 12th International Epidemiology Workshop, in Lillehammer, Norway. The meeting happens every 4-5 years and next one will be in Brazil. Quite the honor to be a presenter at this workshop.

GCREC is hosting a free Workshop: Using Drones for Crop and Field Monitoring

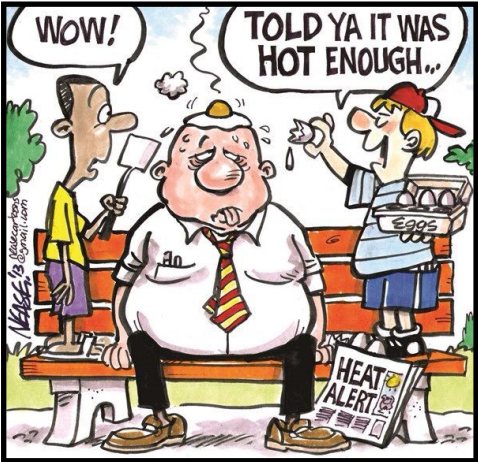
When: Tuesday, July 10th, 2018 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Where: UF/IFAS Gulf Coast Research Center
14625 CR 672, Wimauma—auditorium

Join **John Rouse** from the University of Florida’s UAV Program for an informative free workshop on Safety and Compliance for Unmanned Aircraft Systems/Drones – Learn about:

- FAA Compliance
- UF Compliance
- Registration Information
- Remote Pilot Information
- Airspace Restrictions
- Local Airspace Orientation





Florida Summer Heat is No Joke

Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water. The center sells Gatorade for only \$1, so come to the front desk to get your electrolytes back on track with an ice-cold Gatorade in your favorite flavor.




GCREC Employee News

July 2018

JULY BIRTHDAYS

4.....Katherine Britt
10...Juliana Pereira-Martin
12...Man Bo Lee
17...Seehong Lee
20...Lukas Vallad
29....Natalia Peres



The Dog Days are Here

The “dog days of summer” refer to the weeks between July 3 and August 11 and are named after the Dog Star (Sirius) in the Canis Major constellation. The dog days of summer are the hot, sultry days of summer. They were historically the period following the heliacal rising of the star Sirius, which Greek and Roman astrology connected with heat, drought, sudden thunderstorms, lethargy, fever, mad dogs, and bad luck. They are now taken to be the hottest, most uncomfortable part of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. *For Florida, the dog days stretch from May to September. LOL.*




Congratulations to our new Associate Professors

We are excited to announce that two of our faculty members have been promoted to Associate Professors. Drs. Sam Hutton and Hugh Smith are now tenured faculty members as well. The tenure and promotion process is lengthy with faculty members compiling six years of progress in a package in order to be considered. Letters from peers outside UF are also required. It can take up to a year before the faculty member is promoted or denied promotion. Congratulations to both Dr. Hutton and Dr. Smith on their accomplishments.



Research Matters Seminar Series Continues Friday, July 20

Our next speaker for our Seminar Series is Dr. Natalia Peres, Professor of Plant Pathology here at GCREC. Dr. Peres has a very active program full of exciting, cutting-edge technology, so don’t miss out on learning all about her program later this month.



Now through Friday 7/27 you can donate your spare change at the front desk for St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital.

\$5 All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast will be Friday 7/27 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium, all proceeds will be donated to this event. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee and OJ.

