

CropLife Foundation Presents at Two Mississippi Universities

CropLife Foundation consultant Leonard Gianessi presented his talk on the Importance of Pesticides for Feeding the World on March 19th at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, MS and on March 20th at Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS. The talk at Ole Miss was a seminar for students and faculty of the Croft Institute of International Studies and was organized by Executive Director Kees Gispens and moderated by USDA ARS's Steve Duke who manages the Natural Products Utilization Research Unit housed at Ole Miss in the Thad Cochran Research Center. A very lively discussion followed the talk.

Leonard's presentation at Mississippi State was simulcast to the state's agricultural research and education centers and filmed for posting on the University's website. Following the talk, Leonard conducted a one-hour roundtable discussion with MSU students. Leonard's visit to Mississippi State was organized by David Shaw, Vice President for Research and Associate Vice President Bill Herdnon. On March 21st, Dr Herdnon accompanied Leonard on an organized tour of the University's research centers including stops at the bioenergy pilot plant, aquaculture species research, cellulose feedstock production and water quality/conservation. A press release was issued by the University summarizing Leonard's presentation and campus tour: http://msucares.com/news/print/agnews/an14/20140321_gianessi.html



Leonard at Croft Institute



Leonard with Steve Duke



Leonard at MSU Student Roundtable



Leonard with Bill Herdnon and David Shaw