

Foundation California/Nevada Trip Part 2

On January 29, CropLife Foundation consultant Leonard Gianessi visited with students and faculty at UC Davis, Davis, California. His faculty visits included Brad Hanson (weed science-tree and vine crops), Kassim Al-Khatib (California IPM Coordinator), Larry Godfrey (entomologist, collaborator with Leonard on paper outlining benefits of pesticides), and Albert Fischer (weed scientist, President of the International Weed Science Society, who described his interest in developing close ties between CropLife and IWSS). For lunch Leonard met students representing the UC Davis Aggie Ambassadors, the student outreach and recruitment organization for the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. Leonard will be returning to UC Davis in April to present a talk to the student Ambassadors.

On January 30, Leonard returned to Las Vegas, NV where he presented his talk *The Consumer is Always Right and That's Why Farmers Use Pesticides* at the annual meeting of the Mint Industry Research Council. It was a bittersweet occasion for Leonard as long-time friend and MIRC Executive Director Rocky Lundy's retirement was announced at the meeting. In his 20+ years at MIRC, Rocky worked tirelessly with CropLife member companies and USEPA to secure a large number of full and emergency registrations for the mint industry. For 14 years, Rocky served as chair of IR-4's Commodity Liaison Committee and a large increase in federal funding to IR-4 is credited to his tireless efforts. He will be missed.



Leonard with UC Davis students



Leonard speaking at MIRC Meeting



Leonard with Rocky Lundy