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Seminar Announcement

Tuesday, April 4, 2006 ♦ 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
GWCC ♦ 5601 Sunnyside Ave, Beltsville, MD 20705
Conference Room 4-1255/1125

Dr. Steve Evett
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“Increasing Water Resource Use Efficiency through International Cooperation”

Dr. Evett is Lead Scientist of the Crop Water Use and Irrigation Research Team in the Soil and Water Management Research Unit at Bushland, TX. He has been active internationally since 1975, when he began service in West Africa with the U.S. Peace Corps. Over the three decades since, Dr. Evett has worked on water and soil resource management and conservation issues in numerous countries. Before joining ARS in 1989, he worked on irrigation, small dams, and water well development and research programs in several African nations and Haiti. With ARS, Dr. Evett has collaborated with scientists on crop water use and irrigation research in Egypt, Israel, Jordan, the West Bank and Uzbekistan in projects sponsored by USAID, the State Department, and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). In 1999, he began a collaborative research effort, sponsored by the IAEA, with scientists from Australia, Austria and France to compare and improve soil water content sensing systems used in IAEA-sponsored water use research programs in developing countries. In 2002, Dr. Evett became involved in the Middle East Irrigation Management Information Systems (MERIMIS) project, in which he still serves. Dr. Evett received his B.S. from the University of Idaho, and a Master of Science and Ph. D. in soil physics & irrigation from the University of Arizona.

Dr. Evett will discuss how international collaborations improve the ability of ARS scientists to address water resource problems in the United States and world-wide, in particular the quest to increase crop yield per unit of water applied. In the context of existing and impending water shortages across the globe, he will focus on how ARS research unit objectives are met through international collaborations involving similar crops, soils, climates, and water resource limitations.



(Presentation includes Question and Discussion Time)

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