

SRIEG-33 2003 Minutes

SRIEG-33 met Tuesday, August 19, and Wednesday, August 20, 2003 in Raleigh, North Carolina. Daryl Bowman, North Carolina State University, hosted the group. Daryl Bowman and Frank Patton served as co-chairmen.

The meeting began with a tour of the Upper Coastal Plain Research Station near Rocky Mount, North Carolina. A cotton OVT, corn OVT, soybean OVT, and tobacco OVT were visited. The group also saw how flue-cured tobacco was cured and machinery used in the harvest operations. Later that evening, the group ate North Carolina barbecue at the Longbranch and participated in country dancing.

Wednesday began with a visit of the machinery used by the North Carolina OVT program and the lab. Field plan creation was demonstrated using a software program designed specifically for the N.C. OVT program. The N.C. OVT program demonstrated how they arranged seed packets for planting and equipment used in preparing seed packets and packaging seed.

Dr. Herb Kirk and Sue Walsh from SAS demonstrated SAS EG (Enterprise Guide) and how one could use it without having to know how to write SAS code. A SAS learning package is available for \$125 but is free for the academic community. Contact Sue Walsh at susan.walsh@sas.com if interested in either of these.

Dr. Clarence Watson, advisor to the group, passed a hard copy of the SRIEG-33 website (www.mafes.msstate.edu/srieg33/ieg.html). along with the latest mail listing. A copy of the minutes from the 2002 minutes was needed.

A general discussion of topics, meeting times, and meeting places followed. Intellectual property rights, testing agreements, exclusive rights, Cotton States, and other similar topics were mentioned. The group thought that a meeting coinciding with the Milan, Tennessee field day (normally held during the last week of July) would be appropriate. The group would meet in Memphis (hotel yet to be determined but preferably downtown).

Attendees included:

Paul Rose – U.G.A.
Debbie Ahrent – U.Ark.
Frank Patton - Pioneer
Clarence Watson – Miss. State
Fred Allen – Tenn.
Lingxiao Zhang – Miss. State
Larry Ganann – Monsanto
Daryl Bowman – N.C. State