



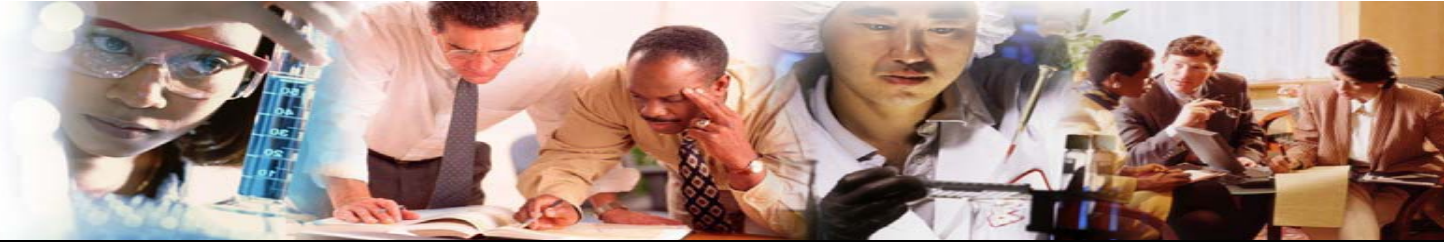
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- FLC Member-at-Large (2004-present)
- FLC Executive Board, Program Committee (national and Mid-Atlantic Region), Education and Training (E&T) Committee
- USDA Agency Representative to FLC (*28 agencies in USDA*)
- Recipient of FLC Technology Transfer Award (1989), ARS Technology Transfer Awards (2), ARS Outstanding Scientist of the Year Award (1997)
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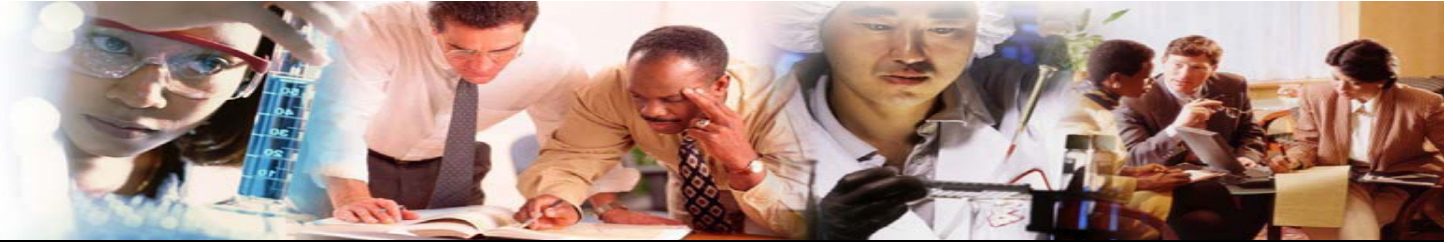
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***Budget deficits (national, states), \$122 / barrel,
global warming, food shortages, water issues,
housing meltdown, weak \$, unemployment rising,
erosion of global competition, natural disasters ---***

***When has there ever been a more urgent need for
innovation and technology transfer?!***

***How can we do better as technology transfer
professionals?***

***What must we do to encourage innovation and
enhance economic well-being for the U.S?***



Suggested Topics

- Is there value in innovation to the U.S. economy? If so, are the labs appropriately supporting, incentivizing, & recognizing T2 and innovation?
- Role of labs in economic development -- importance? constraints? Importance of foreign patent filings? Resources to do this?
- In a changing govt. infrastructure (consolidating / centralizing / diminishing) are new business processes affecting T2? New impediments? HR issues as “baby boomers” retire?
- Role of T2 offices to mold business models in response to the global economy? Strategic partnerships for complementary assets? New transactional tools?
- How can we operate better across agencies to serve scientists, customers, stakeholders, and economic well-being?
- Responsiveness to mitigate natural disasters?
- Are there other burning issues of the times?



Photo: Quiet Waters Park, Annapolis, MD
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