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### July Calendar of Events

Hotel Reservations Due for APS Annual Meeting	Jul	1
Summer Session 3 Ends	Jul	1
Independence Day – University Holiday	Jul	4
Summer Session 4 Begins	Jul	5
Defense Seminar – <b>Dulanjani Wijayasekara</b>	Jul	6
Defense Seminar – <b>Krista Pike</b>	Jul	12
Defense Seminar – <b>Chris Timmons</b>	Jul	15
Faculty Meeting	Jul	22
Summer Sessions 2 and 4 End	Jul	29
APS Annual Meeting Begins	Jul	30

### August Calendar of Events

APS Annual Meeting Continues	Aug	1-3
Fall Classes Begin	Aug	15
Hotel Reservations Due for ICE 2016	Aug	26
Regular Registration Deadline for ICE 2016	Aug	31

## Congratulations!

**Dr. Haobo Jiang** was appointed as a Regents Professors by the Oklahoma State University A&M Board of Regents, effective July 1. The title of Regents Professor is bestowed to recognize a scholar or creative artist of exceptional ability who has achieved national and international distinction. A nominee must be recognized by colleagues, nationally and internationally, for past and current unique contributions and accomplishments in several areas within the discipline.

## New Graduate Students

**Claudia Diaz Proano** began her Ph.D. candidacy with **Dr. Li Ma** on June 6. Her research will focus on impact of grazing cattle withdraw periods on the occurrence of human pathogens in native pecan orchards. She has been working as a Senior Lab Technologist in the Plant Disease and Insect Diagnostic Laboratory (PDIDL) since June 24, 2015. Claudia received her M.S. degree in Plant Pathology from OSU in May 2015 and her B.S. degree in Biotechnology from the Polytechnic College of the Army in Sangolqui, Ecuador in 2012.

**Santiago Molina Cardenas** began his M.S. program with **Dr. Li Ma** on June 6. His research will focus on development of LAMP-based assays for rapid detection of foodborne human pathogens. He received his B.S. degree in Biotechnology Engineering from the Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas – ESPE in Sangolqui, Ecuador in 2015.

**Aastha Thapa** began her M.S. program with **Dr. Jeanmarie Verchot** on June 6. Her research will focus on soil transmission of canna viruses. Aastha received her B.S. degree in Biotechnology from the SANN International College in Kathmandu, Nepal in 2015.

## Alumni News!

**Drs. Dhiraj** and **Sandipa Gautam** are the proud parents of a baby girl. Srija Susan was born on June 12 in Kingsburg, California, weighed 5 pounds 1 ounce, and was 18 inches in length. Sandipa is an Assistant Research Entomologist specializing in integrated management of citrus pests of export significance at the Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Parlier, California. Dhiraj is looking for employment in the Fresno, California area. The family lives in Reedley, California.

## July Birthdays

<b>Jaclyn Martin</b>	July 2
<b>Kyah Featherston</b>	July 3
<b>Tom Royer</b>	July 3
<b>Cora Vandaveer</b>	July 18
<b>Krista Pike</b>	July 20
<b>Kevin Shufren</b>	July 23
<b>Jennifer Salazar</b>	July 27
<b>Nathan Walker</b>	July 28
<b>Jen Olson</b>	July 31