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Asia Forum Gathers Global Thinkers, Concludes UM’s 150th Year

The University of Maryland has had an enduring and important relationship with Asia, beginning as early as 1891 when the university graduated its first international student, Pyon Su, from Korea. Since then, the international presence on campus has grown immensely, with students from China, India, South Korea and Taiwan together comprising more than half of Maryland’s total international student population today, and more than five percent of UM’s total enrollment.

The Taiwan Alumni Association, led by W.S. Lin (president) and Dr. Ming-teh Hsu (vice-president) has grown to be the largest UM alumni organization, with more than 800 members. To mark the end of the University of Maryland’s sesquicentennial celebration, the university and the Taiwan Alumni Association co-sponsored the Asia Leadership Forum: Managing Resources for a Safer World, held in Taipei, Taiwan from October 27-29, 2006. The forum focused on three themes – global security, environmental protection, and disease prevention and control – and the participants discussed their possible impact on Asian political and economic development.

At the forum, Taiwanese leaders, including government and university representatives, expressed that they look to the University of Maryland as a
model for advancing higher education in Taiwan. To a private audience, Taiwan’s President Chen Shui-bian lauded UM’s achievements and used the occasion for a television broadcast focusing on Taiwan’s educational and technological aspirations, including the intention of becoming a leader in the solar energy industry.

Vice President Lu Hsiu-lien, the first female vice president of the Republic of China (Taiwan), gave opening remarks to forum participants who gathered at Taipei’s famous Grand Hotel, originally built by Chiang Kai-Shek in 1949 to host foreign ambassadors. Lu Hsiu-lien’s work as vice-president, since 2000, has focused on promoting human rights, peace, and the high-tech industry, a pillar of Taiwan’s economy.

Vice President Lu’s speech was followed by UM President C.D. Mote, Jr., who discussed the “State of the University of Maryland.” Dr. Mote highlighted Maryland’s rankings and partnerships, including that the Shanghai Jiao Tong Ranking of World Universities places UM 37th in the world and 28th in the United States, that UM receives $350 million for research annually, and that we have a broad international reach, having signed close to 200 international agreements with universities in 55 countries.

The Nobel Laureate in Economics for 2005, Dr. Thomas C. Schelling, a professor in UM’s School of Public Policy, gave the conference keynote address, “An Astonishing Sixty Years,” which focused on the reasons that nuclear weapons have not been used since the United States bombed Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. Schelling received the Nobel Prize for his game-theory analysis, which has been applied to better understand the dynamics of
SECURITY IN THE 21st CENTURY:
Recommendations for United States Policy from
Jacques S. Gansler, UM Vice President for Research,
former US Under Secretary for Defense

1. Assume that most future U.S. military operations will involve multi-national coalitions; and plan and train accordingly.

2. Assume globalization in all our policies; and maximize the benefits — geopolitically, economically and industrially; as well as militarily.

3. Recognize the critical need for multilateral agreements to control weapons proliferation—not just nuclear weapons and missiles — but, also bioweapons.

4. Recognize the need for intelligence sharing — not just between CIA, NSA, DIA, FBI, etc. — but with our allies.

5. Recognize that the 21st century battlefield can be everywhere — from New York, to Madrid, to Riyadh, to Beirut. U.S. citizens, and the citizens of our allies, are vulnerable, no matter where they are.

6. Recognize that U.S. “National Security” now involves far more than just the Department of Defense — it is a multi-agency issue (involving Commerce, State, Energy, Health, Treasury, Homeland Security, etc.) and that, as a nation, we are not structured to handle security in a multi-agency way.

7. Recognize that in this globalized world, where security is a multi-national issue, the U.S. is not adequately prepared to deal with the multi-cultural aspects of multi-national security. (Everyone in the world doesn’t speak or think the way we do; and we must learn to understand them better.)

8. Recognize that to address the wide range of likely 21st century security concerns within a realistic annual budget requires a significant shift in not only resources but in “mind set.” We must clearly recognize that “economic security” is an absolutely critical element of a nation’s long-term security. So this transformation to an effective, but highly agile, force, will have to be achieved within severe resource constraints.

9. Recognize that the U.S. must think “long-term” (not just focus on what can happen tomorrow).

10. Instead of trying to make Mainland China a future enemy, start now to negotiate on common areas of interest.

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conflict and cooperation. Dr. Schelling also gave interviews in Taiwan with several major newspapers, including the Economic Daily News and the Commercial Times, and lectured on climate change at National Central University and on nuclear arms control at National Tsing-Hua University and Providence University.

Schelling’s keynote speech was followed by a panel discussion on “Security in the 21st Century,” moderated by Dr. Chuan Sheng Liu, professor of physics at UM and the director of the Confucius Institute at Maryland. Jacques S. Gansler, vice president for research at UM and a former U.S. Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, discussed what the United States should be doing to better address national and global security (see ten policy recommendations at left). Dr. Bert J. Lim, professor and president of the World Economics Society, also participated in this discussion. Gansler’s suggestions for policy changes included that the United States recognize that security operations require multi-national coalitions, and that we are not adequately prepared to deal with the multi-cultural aspects of multi-national security.

Returning to a focus on Maryland, Dr. William E. Bentley, the Herbert Rabin Distinguished Professor and chair of the Fischell Department of Bioengineering at UM, gave the address, “Bioengineering – Maryland’s Next Great Enterprise.” Last year, a $31 million gift from inventor and entrepreneur Robert E. Fischell and family established the Fischell Department of Bioengineering and the Robert E. Fischell Institute
for Biomedical Devices, which will enable the University of Maryland to lead in the development of tools and techniques that will serve the molecular underpinnings of health care in the coming years.

Dean Cheng-i Wei of UM’s College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Dean Nariman Farvardin, of UM’s A. James Clark School of Engineering, participated in a panel discussion, “Modeling Pathways in Education, Science, and Technology,” along with Dr. Jian-Kuo Wu, president of Tatung University. Dean Farvardin discussed the impact of technology trends, globalization and the Internet. He emphasized the need for universities to reorganize in ways that allow for cross-disciplinary education and research and to continue to invest in basic research which can generate intellectual property that can be commercialized. Dean Wei discussed the “land grant” mission of the university and the role of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources in promoting economic development and environmental stewardship. He talked about the challenge of integrating the teaching, research, and extension missions of the college and emphasized the importance of a global perspective, especially as it becomes increasingly involved in international partnerships. The college was a founding member of a consortium of U.S. universities seeking to develop programs jointly with Chinese universities, and is working with partners in India, including Haryana Agricultural University (HAU) in Hisar (see details in the article on India, page 8).

The closing panel of the program, “Envisioning the University in Asia in the New Era” included President Mote; Dr. Lou Chuang Lee, president of National Central University in Taiwan; and Dr. Chan-Mo Park, president of Pohang University of Science and Technology in Korea. Using the University of Maryland as a model, Dr. Mote stressed four characteristics he believes are key to a university’s success: innovation, entrepreneurship, partnership and an international focus. He also discussed the dual role that a university must play in simultaneously delivering knowledge and talent to the global market while also meeting the needs of the local population for education and economic development.

The Asia Leadership Forum organizing team was led by Dr. Ming-teh Hsu (6th from left), Dr. Saul Sosnowski (5th from right)
ENGAGING STRATEGIC GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS:

UM Delegation Visits Innovative Enterprises on Tour of India

As the University of Maryland passes its 150th year milestone, President Mote seeks to broaden international partnerships and solidify relationships with Asia’s second most populous country – India. University of Maryland (UM) leaders are building and strengthening ties to government, private sector and educational institutions in India, as its economy rapidly accelerates towards levels rivaling China’s. President Mote visited India from October 30- November 4, 2006 with a UM delegation that included Saúl Sosnowski, Associate Provost of International Affairs; Cheng-i Wei, Dean, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (AGNR); V.S. Subrahmanian, Director, University of Maryland Institute for Advanced Computer Studies (UMIACS), and Professor of Computer Science; and Ashok K. Agrawala, Director of Maryland Information and Network Dynamics Laboratory, and Professor of Computer Science.

In New Delhi, the world’s seventh largest metropolis and the economic capital of northern India, the Maryland delegation met with government representatives, including Dr. M.K. Bhan, secretary of the Department of Biotechnology, and Dr. T. Ramaswami, secretary of the Department of Science and Technology, both in the government’s Ministry of Science and Technology, as well as Mr. Shri Chandrashekhar, secretary of the Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology and Dr. P.S. Goel, secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

The delegation also visited private sector enterprises, including the IBM Indian Research Lab, located on the campus of the India Institute of Technology, which focuses on IT innovation, and the Management Development Institute, a business school which partners with UM’s R.H. Smith School of Business. In addition, the delegation stopped at NASSCOM, India’s National Association of Software and Service Companies, where they were hosted by Mr. Rajdeep Sahrawat, Vice-President. NASSCOM,
a not-for-profit organization, which was set up to facilitate business and trade in the IT industry and to encourage advancement of research in software technology, has been a major player in encouraging free trade in India. The delegation also visited the Research and Information System for Developing Countries, an autonomous institution established with support from the Government of India, that acts as a think-tank on global issues in the field of international economic relations and development cooperation. At the India Institute of Technology (IIT), one of seven publicly funded IIT campuses in India, they met Director Surendra Prasad. T. Venky Venkatesan, UM professor of Physics and Electrical and Computer Engineering, joined the delegation for all of its stops in Delhi.

Dean Wei also led a UM College of Agriculture and Natural Resources delegation, including Raymond J. Miller, Director, International Programs in Agriculture and Natural Resources (IPAN); Richard Weismiller, Professor and Associate Director, IPAN; and Prabhakar Tamboli, Adjunct Professor and Director, International Training Program (IPAN), on a visit to the north Indian state of Haryana. The group met with Haryana Governor Dr. A. R. Kidwai; Professor R. P. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, Guru Jambheshwar University; Professor R. S. Dhankar, Vice-Chancellor, Maharshi Dayanand University; and Dr. R. P. Bajpai, Vice Chancellor, Haryana Agricultural University. Haryana, which means “land covered with greenery,” is a small but prosperous state in which the majority of the population is engaged in agriculture. Research plans

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are being developed for a partnership between the University of Maryland and the Haryana Agricultural University in the areas of plant biotechnology, horticulture utilizing Integrated Pest Management, and animal biotechnology. Specifically, two students from HAU will participate in the Veterinary Medicine senior internship at UM in the spring of 2007 and two UM students will go to HAU. A joint research program in wheat biotechnology is being developed, under the leadership of José Costa, Assistant Professor in UM’s Department of Agronomy. Dr. Ray Miller will lead joint video conferences on curricula modernization, once HAU has adequate video conferencing capability.

From New Delhi, the core delegation headed to Bangalore, in southern India, the city that boasts the highest per capita income in the country. The group visited the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) where it met with Professor Padmanabhan Balaram, Director, IISc, and Professor Rahul Pandit, Chairman, International Relations Cell, IISc. At the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the delegation met with G. Maghavan Nair, Chairman, ISRO; Chairman, Space Commission; Secretary, Department of Space, Government of India.

The UM group’s third stop was Mumbai, India’s largest city, which is home to approximately 13 million people as well as India’s prolific film and television industry, known as “Bollywood.” They visited Tata International, one of India’s largest conglomerates with companies in the sectors of information systems and communications, engineering, consumer products, and chemicals, among others. The delegation was hosted by Mr. Syamal Gupta, Manager, and was impressed by the high value Tata places on corporate social responsibility. The company funds academic and artistic institutions and provides grants that benefit poor rural communities and social causes. President Mote also
met with Ratan Tata, the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the great grand-son of Jamsetji Tata, the founder of the Tata Group of companies.

From Mumbai, the group drove to Agra, a medieval city which is home to the World Heritage Site, the Taj Mahal, built in the mid-17th century to honor the deceased wife of the Mughal Emperor, Shah Jahan. On the outskirts of Agra, the delegation visited the Dayalbagh Educational Institute, where they were hosted for lunch by Professor V.G. Das, the institute’s director. This unique university, located in a community organized around cooperation, creative work, living in harmony with the land, and upholding high spiritual ideals, focuses on multi-disciplinary education and offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in a range of disciplines.

Overall, the Presidential delegation’s trip to India confirmed its sense of the dynamism and manifold opportunities for collaboration there. It is hoped that trips such as this one will become a regular feature of the President’s calendar, as various ongoing and new initiatives between Indian institutions and UM develop further. OIP will continue to foster these ties, through support of the activities of UM entities such as the India working group (see details below).

Office of International Programs (OIP) Convenes UM India Working Group

In keeping with its charge to facilitate communication and cooperation between individuals and units across the university working in the same international region or on related international issues, the Office of International Programs has been coordinating a group of faculty and administrators who have research and other professional ties to India. A recent meeting brought together Ashok Agrawala (CMPS); Sonalde Desai (BSOS); Robert Friedel (ARHU); Anil Gupta (SMITH); Raymond Miller (AGNR); Sumant Nigam (CMPS); Siba Samal (CLFS); Joe Scholten (OIP); Saúl Sosnowski (OIP); Prabhakar Tamboli (AGNR); Reeve Vanneman (BSOS); and Cheng-I Wei (AGNR). Participants shared with the group their own India-related activities, and heard a recap of UM President Mote’s recent trip to India from OIP Director Saúl Sosnowski, who accompanied him on that trip. Dr. Sosnowski indicated that India is now one of the leading areas of interest internationally for the University; that high-level relationships are being built; and that OIP stands ready with resources to facilitate initiatives that the India group decides to pursue. The group decided that one of its first priorities should be to expand its membership. The group will also move toward organizing an annual conference, initially with some overarching India theme, to build on the momentum now present in UM-India relations. The group plans to meet regularly, to ensure its continued progress, with smaller working groups pursuing specific objectives (e.g., planning the annual conference). Members of the campus community who have research or other professional interests in India or South Asia who wish to be included in this working group may contact Joe Scholten (scholten@umd.edu) for further information.
UM Joins Initiative to Increase Student International Volunteerism

On Tuesday, December 5, 2006, the Brookings Institution sponsored the Building Bridges through International Service conference to promote the Brookings Initiative on International Volunteering and Service which seeks to “enhance cross-cultural understanding by expanding American volunteer service efforts internationally.” Joe Scholten, Associate Director, OIP, and Jehiel Baer, an International Business/Government and Politics student and a Brookings intern, represented the University of Maryland at the meeting. This initiative brings together a broad variety of top-level public and private sector actors to capitalize on the steady growth of volunteerism in the United States (now at a 30 year high) to foster service in international development.

The initiative takes its inspiration from President Kennedy’s call to action in creating the Peace Corps, an organization whose size President Bush has pledged to double. House and Senate members from both parties present at the Brookings meeting indicated that there is a Congressional movement to establish a program similar to the military academies, but in the area of National Service. The Brookings Initiative intends, however, to move beyond the traditional Peace Corps model. They hope to engage the Baby Boom generation, one of the largest pools of potential international volunteers since they are either in or approaching retirement, and many have a wealth of experience and material resources, as well as a strong inclination to volunteer.

They also hope to capitalize on the private sector, which increasingly views voluntary activities, and international development projects in particular, as a standard element of good corporate citizenship. By bringing together these disparate groups, the Brookings Initiative hopes to substantially increase the number of Americans volunteering internationally.

The Brookings Institution seeks the participation of the University of Maryland for a subcommittee on increasing campus engagement in international volunteerism. Dr. Robert Pastor, VP of International Relations at American University, chairs the subcommittee which includes representatives from 10 universities: American (AU), Catholic (CUA), Gallaudet, Georgetown (GU), George Mason (GMU), George Washington (GWU), Howard (HU), UDC, Maryland (UM), and Miami-Dade (Fla). The subcommittee’s general charge is to develop incentives, and identify impediments, for campus international voluntary involvement. Professor Deborah Goodings, UM Department of Environmental Engineering, attended an organizational meeting of the subcommittee in November to help set its agenda.

It is seeking data on current involvement of undergraduate students, graduate students, and recent graduates in voluntary and/or international activities. The Campus Engagement Subcommittee of the International Volunteerism Initiative will hold a separate conference in March or April, 2007, at AU. The next scheduled general meeting is a videoconference, set for January 25, 2007, 12:00 noon, at Brookings. Visit www.brookings.edu/global/volunteer/.

UM Students Win Study Abroad Scholarships

**National Security Education Program (NSEP) Scholarship**
Anson Knausenberger, Government and Politics major, Summer and Fall 2006, American University in Cairo.

**Freeman-ASIA Scholarships**
Esther Tecle - Letters and Sciences, Spring 2007, National Taiwan University (UM exchange)
Benjamin Lane - Chinese, Summer 2006, National Taiwan Normal University

**Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship**
Anabella Aspiras - GVPT, Spring 2007, University of Cape Town (through Interstudy)
Apryl Stevens-Finlayson - Women’s Studies, Spring 2007, University of Cape Town (directly enrolled)

Congratulations to all!
Study Abroad Summer 2007

University of Maryland students who choose to study abroad next summer will have a difficult time narrowing their choice. With over 20 offerings throughout the world, students will have the option of enrolling in new courses or those that have been successful in the past, including cultural anthropology in the Brazilian rain forest, British law and politics at Oxford University, or ethnographic fieldwork in Jamaica. In addition, several new programs will entice—students may travel to Cameroon to learn about the impact of colonialism in Africa, or opt for China where they will dissect the historical significance of martial arts. No matter their decision, students will benefit from the close mentoring and excellent teaching by UM faculty members on study abroad programs. Visit www.umd.edu/studyabroad for program details!

Confucius Institute Welcomes New Teachers, Increases Students

The Confucius Institute at the University of Maryland (CIM) welcomes two new teachers this month from China, Mr. Jianxin Cui and Mr. Shengyu Li, who will provide Chinese language instruction to students of all levels and train area Chinese school teachers in instructional methodology. Cui is from Nankai University in Tianjin, northeast of Beijing, where he has taught Chinese as a foreign language for nearly 20 years. He also has experience in curriculum development and teacher recruitment. Li comes from Beijing Normal University, where he specialized in teaching Chinese as a second language.

Ms. Elaine Yun-Mei Ting, Assistant Director of the Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Education (OMSE), and Ms. Rain Xiao, who is a free-lance teacher, translator, and interpreter have led classes for the Confucius Institute this fall. Both have extensive experience teaching Chinese language.

CIM language and related classes will begin in January, with evening and weekend instruction. In addition, several programs highlighting Chinese art, language, and culture are planned for Spring 2007. They include: an exhibition of materials relating to Confucius’ life and teachings; the Chinese Bridge Competition; a symposium on Nature through Chinese Eyes, including the annual Wang Fangyu Lecture in Chinese Calligraphy Education; and an international symposium, “Bridging East and West: The Bicentennial of Robert Morrison,” which examines the role of foreign missionaries in China’s development in science, medicine, and technology.

The Confucius Institute will also administer the Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK) Chinese language proficiency test in May for non-native Chinese speakers interested in employment or study in Chinese speaking countries. Visit www.international.umd.edu/cim/ for detailed information on classes and events for Spring 2007.

Students can spend their summer on an environmental partnership with the Kayapo indigenous community in Brazil, among other exciting opportunities!
Ambassador of Spain Carlos Westendorp Discusses US-Spain Connections

His Excellency Carlos Westendorp y Cabeza, Spanish Ambassador to the United States, discussed Spain’s relationship with the United States and Latin America during his November 13, 2006 lecture at the University of Maryland. Ambassador Westendorp’s visit was part of the Office of International Programs ongoing Ambassadorial Lecture series.

Amb. Westendorp joined Spain’s Foreign Service in 1965 and has served as Ambassador to the European Community in Brussels (1985-1991) and to the United Nations (1996-97). In 1991 he was appointed Secretary of State for European Affairs and in 1996 he became Spain’s Minister for Foreign Affairs. He assumed the position of Ambassador of Spain to the United States on September 15, 2004. Since 1977, Westendorp has been a member of the Spanish Socialist Party, the political party of Spain’s current President José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero.

After an introduction by UM President Mote, Ambassador Westendorp opened his speech with a joke: “If a President of a country speaks three languages, you call him tri-lingual; if he speaks two languages, you call him bi-lingual; and if he speaks one language, you call him American.” After the audience chuckles subsided, he went on to admit that Spaniards tend to be monolingual like many Americans. Westendorp linked the United States to Spain through references to colonial history and reminded the audience of the role of Spanish conquistador Ponce de Leon in discovering and naming the state of Florida, and the lesser known Don Juan de Oñate Salazar (1552 – 1626), another Spaniard, who was the colonial governor of the settlement that is now New Mexico, and the founder of Santa Fe.

He drew other comparisons between the United States and Spain, including that we are allies who “share the same values and fear the same threats,” and both have an important relationship with Latin America. The United States and Spain are the two leading sources of foreign investment in Latin America, and Westendorp stressed the strategic role both play to insure the political and economic stability and development of this important region. The United States is also linked to Spain, he said, by its large and dynamic Hispanic community, which now exceeds 42 million people, a group almost the size of Spain’s total population of 44 million. Westendorp stressed the importance of Spanish culture and language, and referred to the crucial role of the Instituto Cervantes in promoting Spanish culture and language. Created by the Spanish government in 1991, this institute is a worldwide non-profit organization that teaches Spanish and has US locations in Albuquerque, Chicago, New York, and Seattle.

Westendorp proudly referred to the strength of the Spanish economy, which is the eighth largest in the world, and which has zero public deficit and provides its citizens with a universal health care system. More than 600 US companies work in Spain currently, and the country has drawn an 80 percent increase in tourists from the United States in recent years.
TALKING ABOUT THE GLOBAL MARKETPLACE: Eminent Economist Joins School of Public Policy

Shang-Jin Wei, an expert in international finance and trade, has joined the School of Public Policy as Professor of Public Policy. He is a non-resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution, and Director of the National Bureau of Economic Research’s Working Group on the Chinese Economy. He was previously Assistant Director and Chief of the Trade and Investment Division at the International Monetary Fund’s Research Department, an Associate Professor of Public Policy at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government, and the New Century Chair in Trade and International Economics at the Brookings Institution.

In addition to publishing in many top academic journals and reporting regularly in the news media, he has published several books, including The Globalization of the Chinese Economy (with James Wen and Huizhong Zhou, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2002), and Economic Globalization: Finance, Trade and Policy Reforms (Beijing University Press, 2000).

A ROYAL HONOR: Professor Emerita Recognized by Spain

Dr. Graciela Palau de Nemes, Professor Emerita in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, has been awarded the Great Cross of Alfonso X El Sabio, an honorary Spanish Order, established by Royal Decree, May 23, 1902, to award merits achieved in the fields of education, science, culture, teaching and research. The Great Cross is awarded to Spaniards or foreigners of exceptional merit who have contributed extraordinarily to the development of Spanish arts and sciences. Dr. Nemes will join a long list of prominent scholars, writers, and scientists who have also received this award, among them Mercedes Salisachs, Laín Entralgo, Joaquín Rodrigo, and Antonio Domínguez Ortiz. Dr. Nemes is the author of the authoritative biography of Juan Ramón Jiménez, the Spanish poet who taught at UM and was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1956.

PROTECTING THE FOOD SUPPLY: UM Forms New Center for Food Systems Security and Safety

Recent food-borne disease outbreaks, coupled with concerns about the food supply since 9/11, highlight the need for a more comprehensive approach to the defense and security of food systems and safety of the food supply. Disruptions to the food chain have major economic implications for the U.S. and other countries, whether the food is for export markets, domestic consumption, or imported. To address these issues, the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources has established the Center for Food Systems Security and Safety (CFS3). Food imports into the United States have increased in recent years to over 11% of our total food supply (according to USDA - ERS) and are an area of strategic concern in relation to homeland security and public health and safety. Using world-class expertise and facilities, the faculty and departments at the University of Maryland have the opportunity to lead national efforts toward a secure and safe food supply. CFS3 will provide the structure for development and growth of programs related to these efforts. Dr. Mickey Parish, chair of the Department of Nutrition and Food Science, will serve as acting director of CFS3. A search committee will be established shortly to help recruit a permanent director. Faculty with interest in Food Safety and Security are welcome to participate in or join the Center. Please contact Dr. Parish (m parish@umd.edu) for more information.