

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Vietnam Education Foundation  
Fellows and Scholars Conference  
Agenda**

January 3-5, 2014

***Interdisciplinary, International, and Interconnected***

**University of Missouri, Columbia, MO**

**Holiday Inn Executive Center  
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Columbia, MO 65203  
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**University of Missouri  
Christopher S. Bond Life Sciences Center**

<b><u>Thursday, January 2, 2014</u></b> All Events at the Holiday Inn		
<b>4:00 – 8:00 pm</b>	<b>Conference check-in</b>	Lobby
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>VEFFA Book Drive begins</b>	Polo
<b>8:00 – 9:00 pm</b>	<b>Meeting of Vietnamese Government Officials with Students</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>His Excellency, Mr. Nguyen Quoc Cuong</b>, Ambassador of Vietnam to the United States</li><li>2. <b>Dr. Tran Ngoc Ca</b>, Ministry of Science and Technology of Vietnam (MOST)</li><li>3. <b>Mr. Nguyen Gia Lap</b>, Deputy Director, International Cooperation Department, Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology (VAST)</li></ol>	Windsor
<b>9:00 – 10:00 pm</b>	<b>2013 New Fellows Forum</b>	Windsor I & II

**Friday, January 3, 2014**

Breakfast at Holiday Inn, All other Events at Mizzou

<b>6:30 – 7:45 am</b>	<b>Breakfast buffet</b>	Windsor III & IV
<b>7:30 am</b>	Buses depart for Life Sciences Center; Poster presenters should travel on the first bus to the Life Sciences Center and set up their posters on arrival.	Main Entrance (Holiday Inn)
<b>8:30 – 9:00 am</b>	<b>Conference welcoming remarks</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Dr. Lynne McNamara</b>, Executive Director</li><li><b>2. Dr. Isaac Silvera</b>, Chair, VEF Board</li><li><b>3. Dr. Mannie Liscum</b>, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, University of Missouri</li><li><b>4. Dr. Jerry Nelson</b>, Professor Emeritus, University of Missouri</li><li><b>5. His Excellency, Mr. Nguyen Quoc Cuong</b>, Ambassador of Vietnam to the United States</li><li><b>6. Mr. Nguyen Gia Lap</b>, Deputy Director, International Cooperation Department, Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology (VAST)</li></ol>	Life Sciences Auditorium
<b>9:00 – 10:00 am</b>	<b>Importance of International Connections</b> Ambassador Michael Michalak	Life Sciences Auditorium
<b>10:00 – 10:30 am</b>	<b>Break with Group Photo at 10:20 am</b>	Life Sciences Atrium
<b>10:30 am – 12:30 pm</b>	<b>Scientific Poster Session and Poster Judging</b>  Sponsored by: <b>Monsanto</b> <b>Adatao, Inc.</b> <b>Dr. Quyen Chu</b> , 2009 and 2010 VEF U.S. Faculty Scholar, Member of VEF Board of Directors <b>Vietnam Education Foundation Fellows Association (VEFFA)</b>  Division 1: Fundamental Sciences: Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics Division 2: Clinical Sciences: Medicine, Pharmaceutics/Pharmacology, Public Health Division 3: Life and Environmental Sciences: Biology, Plant Sciences, Earth Sciences Division 4: Computer Science and Engineering	Life Sciences Atrium
<b>12:00 noon – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch in Poster Area</b> <b>Sponsored by Monsanto</b>	Life Sciences Atrium
<b>11:30 am – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>VIP Lunch by invitation</b> Dignitaries and Speakers <b>Sponsored by the University of Missouri</b>	Life Sciences Building

<b>1:00 – 2:00 pm</b>	<b>“Use of data analytics for collaboration, e.g., linking VEF Fellows and Alumni according to scientific interests”</b> <b>Dr. Chi-Ren Shyu</b> , Director of Informatics Institute, Shumaker Endowed Professor of Bioinformatics, Computer Science Department, University of Missouri	Life Sciences Auditorium
<b>2:00 – 2:30 pm</b>	<b>"Critical connections in our business"</b> <b>Dr. Raymond Dobert</b> , Biotech Regulatory Policy Lead, Monsanto Company	Life Sciences Auditorium
<b>2:30 – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Responses from Vietnam</b> <b>Dr. Tran Ngoc Ca</b> , Ministry of Science and Technology of Vietnam <b>Mr. Nguyen Gia Lap</b> , Deputy Director, International Cooperation Department, Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology (VAST)	Life Sciences Auditorium
<b>3:00– 3:15 pm</b>	<b>Break and refreshments</b>	Life Sciences Atrium
<b>3:15 – 6:15 pm</b>	<b>Research facilities tours:</b> (about 75 min each, Select 2) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Engineering, Nanotechnology</b></li> <li>2. <b>Energy systems (Power Plant)</b></li> <li>3. <b>Biotechnology (Bond Center, Plant Transformation Facility)</b></li> <li>4. <b>Research Reactor:</b> (advance clearance required; first 20 who registered online may attend)</li> <li>5. <b>Biocontrol and Business Incubation Facility</b></li> <li>6. <b>Food Sciences</b></li> <li>7. <b>Campus walk:</b> Mizzou Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) volunteers lead a tour to the Entomology Collection, Anthropology Museum, Journalism Facilities, and Student Center</li> </ol>	Mizzou Campus
<b>6:30 – 8:00 pm</b>	<b>Reception/Dinner</b> <b>Hosted by the Mizzou Vietnam Students Association (VSA)</b>	Student Union, Stotler I, II, and III
<b>8:00 – 9:00 pm</b>	<b>VSA Program</b> Fellows may stay until 10:00 for additional activities, such as karaoke	Student Union, Jesse Wrench Auditorium
<b>9:00 – 9:30 pm</b>	<b>Buses Return to Holiday Inn</b> Mizzou vans will return Fellows to the hotel if they stay at the Student Union later than 9:30 pm	
<b><u>Saturday, January 4, 2014</u></b> Morning and Early Afternoon Sessions at the Holiday Inn		
<b>7:15 – 8:15 am</b>	<b>Breakfast buffet</b>	Windsor III & IV
<b>8:30 – 9:30 am</b>	<b>Immigration Issues</b> <b>Sandarshi Gunawardena</b> , Senior Program Officer, VEF	Windsor I & II
<b>9:30 – 10:30 am</b>	<b>“Boron Neutron Capture Therapy as a Safe and Selective Treatment of Cancer”</b> <b>Dr. M. Frederick Hawthorne</b> , Director, International Institute of Nano and Molecular Medicine, and Curators' Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Radiology, University of Missouri	Windsor I & II
<b>10:30 – 10:45 am</b>	<b>Break and Refreshments</b>	Foyer

<b>10:45 – 11:45 am</b>	<b>“The Mizzou Advantage: Promoting comprehensive multi-disciplinary studies on energy and sustainability”</b> <b>Dr. Cerry Klein</b> , LaPierre Professor of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering, University of Missouri	Windsor I & II
<b>11:45 am – 12:45 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	Windsor III & IV
<b>12:45 – 1:45 pm</b>	<b>Connecting Research and Industry</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Jeffrey S. Goss</b>, Associate Vice Provost, Vietnam/SE Asia Programs and Assistant Dean/Executive Director, School of Engineering, University of Arizona</li> <li><b>Chris Knight</b>, Senior Vice President, Research &amp; Development, Novus International, St. Louis, MO</li> </ol> <p><b>Short Presentations Followed by Discussion</b></p>	Windsor I & II
<b>1:45 – 2:45 pm</b>	<b>Science to Commercialization</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Speaker from Office of Technology Management and Industry Relations</b>, MU Life Science Business Incubator</li> <li><b>Dr. Mike Hoeflich</b>, John H. &amp; John M. Kane Distinguished Professor of Law, University of Kansas</li> </ol> <p><b>Short Presentations Followed by Discussion</b></p>	Windsor I & II
<b>2:45 – 3:00 pm</b>	Break	Foyer
<b>3:00 – 3:15 pm</b>	<b>Buses Depart for the Mizzou Recreation Center</b>	
<b>3:30 – 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Sports Tournaments / Activities</b> Sponsored by: <b>University of Missouri</b> <b>VEFFA</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basketball and Volleyball (Men teams and Women teams)</li> <li>Badminton (Single man/woman; Double men/women)</li> <li>Relay race (Mixed teams with 3 men: 2 women)</li> <li>Table tennis</li> </ol> <p>Outdoor Soccer, only if weather permits (no snow)</p>	University Recreation Center
<b>6:30 – 6:45 pm</b>	<b>Buses Return to Holiday Inn</b>	
<b>6:45 – 8:00 pm</b>	<b>Spaghetti Buffet</b>	Holiday Inn, Parliament I and II
<b>8:00 – 10:00 pm</b>	<b>VEF Idol Night</b> Sponsored by: <b>University of Missouri</b> <b>VEFFA</b>	Holiday Inn Expo I
<b>Sunday, January 5, 2014</b> All Events at the Holiday Inn		
<b>7:30 – 8:45 am</b>	<b>Breakfast buffet</b>	Windsor III & IV

8:45 – 9:45 am	<b>Board Forum</b> Board Members answer your questions <b>Dr. Isaac Silvera</b> , Chair of the VEF Board of Directors <b>Quyen Vuong</b> , Member of the VEF Board of Directors <b>Lesly Wilson</b> , Senior Assistant General Counsel, General Services Administration	Windsor I & II
9:45 – 10:15 am	<b>VEFFA Announcements</b> <b>Binh Thanh Nguyen</b> , 2010 VEF Fellow	Windsor I & II
10:15 – 10:30 am	<b>Break</b>	Foyer
10:30 – 11:30 am	<b>“Ancient Cahokia: America's First City and its Connections throughout the Mississippian World”</b> <b>Bill Iseminger</b> , Assistant Site Manager, Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, Cahokia, IL	Windsor I & II
11:30 – 12:30 noon	<b>Panel on Developing Interconnections</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Sang Kim</b>, Director, Asian Affairs Center, University of Missouri, “Developing Meaningful Connections with Asia”</li> <li>2. <b>Dr. Jerry Nelson</b>, Professor Emeritus, University of Missouri, “Challenges of Starting a New ISI Multidisciplinary Journal”</li> <li>3. <b>Dr. James Cremer</b>, University of Iowa, 2010 and 2012 U.S. Faculty Scholar, “Connecting Between U.S. and Vietnamese Universities”</li> <li>4. <b>E. Rachel Mutrux</b>, Director, Missouri Telehealth Network, University of Missouri Health System, “Telehealth to Improve Access and Quality of Rural Healthcare”</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Short Presentations followed by Discussion</b></p>	Windsor I & II
12:30 – 1:30 pm	<b>Buffet Lunch</b>	Windsor III & IV
1:30 – 2:30 pm	<b>Panel on Developing Careers and Interconnections</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Dr. Sara Vassmer</b>, Office of Research University of Missouri, “Identifying Funding Sources using On-line Databases”</li> <li>2. <b>Dr. Mong-Hong Lee</b>, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, 2014 U.S. Faculty Scholar, “Strategies and Best Approaches for Locating and Getting a Professional Position”</li> <li>3. <b>Christian Basi</b>, Associate Director, MU News Bureau, “Learning how to Rapidly Describe Your Research to the Public”</li> <li>4. <b>Dr. Gordon DeFriese</b>, Senior Faculty Fellow in Health Services Research, UNC-Chapel Hill, “Exploring Health Care Improvement in Vietnam”</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Short Presentations Followed by Discussion</b></p>	Windsor I & II
2:30 – 3:00 pm	<b>Break-out Sessions</b>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Dr. Sara Vassmer</b>, University of Missouri, “Identifying Funding Sources using On-line Databases”</li> </ol>	Windsor I
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. <b>Dr. Jerry Nelson</b>, Professor Emeritus, University of Missouri, and <b>Sang Kim</b>, Director, Asian Affairs Center, <b>Nguyen Gia</b></li> </ol>	Windsor II

	<b>Lap</b> , Deputy Director, International Cooperation Department, VAST, “Mechanics of Starting a New ISI Multidisciplinary Journal”	
	3. <b>Dr. Mong-Hong Lee</b> , M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, 2014 U.S. Faculty Scholar; <b>Dr. James Cremer</b> , 2010 and 2012 U.S. Faculty Scholar, University of Iowa; and <b>Dr. Liem Phan</b> , 2005 VEF Fellow, Postdoctoral Researcher, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, “Strategies and Best approaches for Locating and Getting a Professional Position”	Parliament I
	4. <b>Christian Basi</b> , Associate Director, MU News Bureau; <b>Nong Pham</b> , MU Journalism Student, <b>Long Thanh Kap</b> , Association of Vietnamese Students and Professionals in the United States, “Learning How to Rapidly Describe Your Research to the Public”	Parliament II
	5. <b>Dr. Gordon DeFriese</b> , UNC-Chapel Hill, <b>Dr. Ross Simpson</b> , UNC Medical School, and <b>Dr. Mark Massing</b> , The Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence; <b>E. Rachel Mutrux</b> , Director, Missouri Telehealth Network, University of Missouri Health System “Exploring Health Care Improvement in Vietnam”	Parliament III
<b>3:00 – 3:15 pm</b>	<b>Ice Cream Break</b>	
<b>3:15 – 3:45 pm</b>	<b>Same Break-out Sessions as Listed at 2:30</b>	
<b>3:45 – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>VEFFA Meeting</b> (All Fellows and Scholars are invited)	Parliament I & II
<b>3:45 – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>VEF Board Meeting</b> (Board Members and VEF Staff only)	Executive Board Room
<b>7:00 pm – Midnight</b>	<b>VEF Final Dinner (Gala)</b>  1. Conference Closing 2. Performances by IDOL Contest finalists 3. Acknowledgements and Awards	Windsor III & IV
<b>Monday, January 6, 2014</b>		
<b>6:00 – 8:00 am</b>	Buffet Breakfast	Windsor III & IV
<b>8:00 – 11:00 am</b>	Check out of Hotel	
<b>Buses leave hotel for airports on the MO-X Shuttles for Kansas City and St. Louis</b>		