

# Silent Auction Proceeds to Support Global Experience



As agriculture worldwide is affected by globalization, it becomes increasingly important to foster and sustain plant pathological research and extension on a global scale. In fact, some U.S. land grant universities are now aiming to become “world grant” universities, taking international outreach to a different level. It is therefore important that today’s plant pathology students connect with researchers in other countries to establish collaborations and share intellectual resources. This is why the Office of International Programs (OIP) is launching the “OIP Global Experience,” a program aimed at helping young plant pathologists work with scientists and extension personnel in developing countries in training and outreach efforts. Funds garnered by OIP will be used to support graduate students, post-doctoral associates, and staff in conducting short courses, workshops, or training programs in collaboration with a host country cooperating institution. Development of outreach and extension materials as well as diagnostic tools will also be supported by this program. Up to \$2,500 will be available initially to successful applicants to support travel and training material costs. Depending on the level of interest and available funding, funded amounts may increase in the future. A call for proposals will be released soon. ■