**Call for nominations of new members to US Rosaceae Genomics, Genetics and Breeding Executive Committee (RosEXEC)**

The mission of the RosEXEC is to:

* Serve as a communication and coordination focal point for the US Rosaceae genomics, genetics and breeding community.
* Define and promote research priorities based on input from the industry and research community.
* Coordinate educational efforts from the research community to the industry and the public.

After 3 years of excellent service the following US members (**John Clark, Kevin Folta, Ksenija Gasic, Amy Iezzoni,** and **Jim McFerson**) will be rotating off the RosEXEC in January of 2013.

In Fall, 2012 five new RosEXEC members will be elected to a 3 year term starting January, 2013. All members of the Rosaceae community are invited to nominate candidates for election. Nomination of candidates who have not previously served on the RosEXEC including younger scientists and new faculty are encouraged. Industry representation is currently lacking and candidates from industry are also strongly encouraged. Members rotating off RosEXEC in January 2012 are not eligible for nomination (see list above). Members who will continue to serve in 2013 include, **David Byrne, Thomas Chao, Bob Curtis, Sook Jung, Cameron Peace, Kate Evans, Mercy Olmstead, Janet Slovin, JD Swanson, Vance Whitaker, Jay Norelli,** and **Chris Dardick**- so no need to nominate them as they will already be serving. Other former members of RosEXEC are eligible for nomination (see list below).

We are also seeking nomination of 2 new international liaisons to a 2 year term on RosEXEC. International liaison members, **Michela Troggio** (EU) and **Thomas Debener** (EU) will be rotating off in January after 2 years of excellent service. **Emily Buck** (Australia/New Zealand) and **Lee Meisel** (S. America) will continue to serve in 2013.

Prior to nomination, the nominator is required to contact the nominee and confirm their willingness to serve on RosEXEC. Committee members are expected to participate in quarterly telephone conference meetings and provide several hours of work in support of the RosEXEC mission. **Nominations should be sent to Chris Dardick** (chris.dardick@ars.usda.gov), Chair of the RosEXEC membership committee **by September 21, 2012**. Nominees will then be contacted by the membership committee and asked to provide a CV or bio, and a brief vision statement. The community wide election will be held in October.

Former RosEXEC members: **Bert Abbott**, **Abhaya Dandekar**, **Tom Davis**, **Amit Dhingra**, **Gennaro Fazio**, **Chad Finn**, **Stan Hokanson**, **Schuyler Korban**, **Kim Lewers**, **Jim Luby**, **Vladimir Shulaev**, **Dariusz Swietlik**, **Gary van Sickle**, **Angela Baldo, Nahla Bassil, Jim Hancock, Bryon Sosinski**, **Phil Stewart** and **Gayle Volk**.

Former international liaisons: **Pere Arús**, **Sue Gardiner**, **Jasper Rees**, **Dan Sargent**, **Herman Silva**, **David Chagné** and **Eric van de Weg**.