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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, POLICY (STeP) FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

COMMUNICATION: webinar October 28, 2020

We are pleased to inform you about the upcoming webinar on the STeP Professional Development Plan:

Title: INTRODUCTION TO SCIENCE-POLICY INTERFACE AND ITS APPLICATION IN LATIN AMERICA

The webinar introduces Fellows to the SPI (Science-Policy Interface) environment focusing on the Mexico and Argentina ecosystems. The presentation aims to outline the key characteristics of SPI as well as provide an introduction on the building of public policies. Fellows are encouraged to question the rationale for planning and the strengths and weaknesses of differing systems of policy and regulation.

This reflection leads in turn to a discussion of the Science Policy Interfaces in practice which includes a range of practical scenarios Fellows must address in interactive and role-playing sessions.

Learning outcomes:

- Critically analyze the variety of approaches that have driven and characterized SPI activity over time.
- Critically analyze the role of policy makers, scientists and society in modern economies and societies.
- Critically evaluate the role of the SPI professional.
- Explain and appreciate the importance of scientific evidence in public policy.
- Explain how SPI works in at least two systems (legislative and executive).

Speaker: Dr. Alma Hernández

Alma Hernández has a Bachelor's degree in biological pharmaceutical chemistry from Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, a master's degree in neuropharmacology and experimental therapeutics, and a PhD in the transdisciplinary program in Scientific and Technological Development for Society, both at Cinvestav. She currently works as Director of Science, Centers and Knowledge Transfer of the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation of Mexico City, and coordinates the program of Science-Policy Interface Fellowships in the government of Mexico City.

Moderator: Ricardo Negri

Ricardo L. Negri works to apply the insights from his work in both the public and private sectors to enhance risk management in agricultural production systems from national to individual farm levels. Negri served as Argentinian Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and as President of SENASA, an institution that oversees sanitary regulation for agricultural products. He is now a faculty member at the Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires (ITBA).

Webinario

Day: October 28, 2020. Time: 10:00 (Mexico City); 13:00 (Montevideo, Buenos Aires)

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AGENDA

10:00: Welcome and Introduction (Kim Portmess)

10:05: **INTRODUCTION TO SCIENCE-POLICY INTERFACE AND ITS APPLICATION IN LATIN AMERICA**
(Alma Hernández)

10:50: Questions and discussion moderated by Ricardo Negri:

Comments on application in the private sector and discussion of the practice of science-policy interfaces

11:25: Closure and upcoming events announcement (Susanna)

11:30: Adjourn