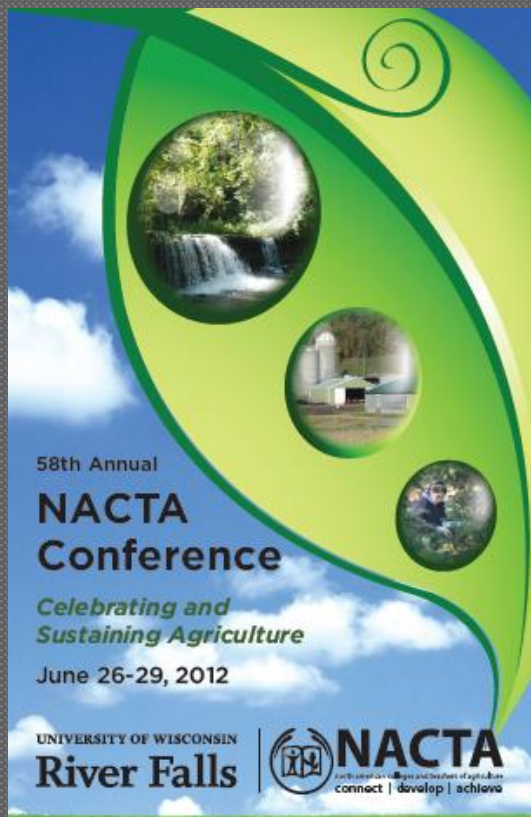


Cross Disciplinary Boundaries by Hosting the NACTA Conference

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Overview

- Determining the conference theme
- Planning committee
- Opening reception activity
- Facilitating tours and sessions

Determining the Conference Theme

- Invited all faculty & staff in the UWRF College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES) to suggest topics
- Encouraged to tie in the CAFES centennial
- Held meeting to narrow choices
- Invited all faculty & staff to vote on final theme

Planning committee

- ◉ Invited all CAFES faculty & staff to join
- ◉ Final committee included faculty from all 5 departments
- ◉ Created a rare opportunity to discuss teaching improvement with colleagues across departments

Opening Reception Activity

- Wanted to give conference attendees the opportunity to visit various CAFES facilities
- Committee members identified places to feature for various programs

Facilitating tours and sessions

- Tours were set up by location, not specific disciplines and most included multiple disciplines
- Oral presentation sessions were organized around topical themes, not specific disciplines
- Facilitators met counterparts from a variety of disciplines during the tours and sessions

Summary

Hosting the 2012 NACTA Conference was a lot of work, but it also...

- Created numerous opportunities for cross disciplinary discussions of teaching
- Demonstrated the value of the NACTA Conference to CAFES faculty & staff

What questions do you have?

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