

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF J.E. ROSS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AWARD COMPETITION**

The International Agricultural Trade and Policy Center invites nominations for the J.E. Ross Travel Award for 2004.

### **The Award**

The award was endowed by a gift from Dr. James E. Ross. It is intended to support graduate students traveling abroad for the purpose of conducting research and/or data gathering on trade related issues. The funds are not intended to support travel to attend international meetings/conferences unless it can be demonstrated that such activities are an essential component of the research to be conducted. The award provides a financial grant of up to \$1,000.

### **Duties/Responsibilities**

A recipient of the J.E. Ross Travel Award is expected to prepare a paper to be published by the Center and may be required to give a seminar.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants will be considered from graduates who:

- Are in the Masters or doctoral program
- Are pursuing research that supports the mission of the IATPC

### **Application Procedure**

Faculty who wish to nominate a graduate student for the travel award should send the nomination materials to Wayne Austin. Nominations should include the following information:

- A two-page proposal describing how the funds will be used. In particular, the proposal should include a brief description of the travel activity and objective(s), and it should clearly state how the activity will contribute to the graduate student's academic program and/or research activities as well as to the objectives of the International Agricultural Trade and Policy Center (see below)
- A budget detailing the use of the funds (airfare, per diem, etc)
- A letter of recommendation for the award from the nominating faculty member (presumably the student's chair or a member of his/her committee)

### **Closing Date**

The closing date for receipt of nominations is Friday, September 17, 2004. The award will be announced on Thursday, September 23, 2004.

## THE INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND POLICY CENTER (IATPC)

The International Agricultural Trade and Policy Center (IATPC) was established in 1990 in the Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida (UF). The mission of the Center is to conduct a multi-disciplinary research, education and outreach program with a major focus on issues that influence competitiveness of specialty crop agriculture in support of consumers, industry, resource owners and policy makers. The Center facilitates collaborative research, education and outreach programs across colleges of the university, with other universities and with state, national and international organizations. The Center's objectives are to:

- Serve as the University-wide focal point for research on international trade, domestic and foreign legal and policy issues influencing specialty crop agriculture.
- Support initiatives that enable a better understanding of state, U.S. and international policy issues impacting the competitiveness of specialty crops locally, nationally, and internationally.
- Serve as a nation-wide resource for research on public policy issues concerning specialty crops.
- Disseminate research results to, and interact with, policymakers; research, business, industry, and resource groups; and state, federal, and international agencies to facilitate the policy debate on specialty crop issues.