S711.11 FRANCIS E. CLARK DISTINGUISHED LECTURESHIP ON FRONTIERS IN SOIL BIOLOGY

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A. **Status:** Special Committee

B. **Composition and Tenure:**

The committee shall consist of the chair-elect, chair, and past-chair of the Soil Biology and Biochemistry Division. The chair of the division serves as chair-elect of the committee and then serves as chair of the committee when he/she is past chair of the division.

The committee members are encouraged to solicit ideas from the larger division.

C. **Responsibility and Activity:**

1. To recommend to the SSSA Executive Committee the name of a distinguished scholar as a proposed lecturer on soil biology or a closely related area. This should be done nine months prior to the annual meetings. The individual selected will present a lecture at the annual meeting of the SSSA. The lectureship will focus on topics in soil biology that are of interest to teachers, researchers, and students. The lecture will emphasize new frontiers in all aspects of soil biology and the importance of soil biology in addressing agricultural, environmental, and socio-economic issues. In addition to the formal lecture, the lecturer may meet informally with students, guests, and Society members during the annual meeting.

   The Executive Committee of SSSA has the authority to make the final selection of the lecturer based on the best fit of the criteria for the Francis Clark Distinguished Lecture in Soil Biology. The Chair of the Selection Committee may be asked by the Executive Committee of the SSSA to contact the suggested lecturer (early March) regarding acceptance of the lectureship.

   The lecturer will be a distinguished scientist who has made significant contributions to some aspects of soil biology. Typically, the lecturer will be a soil scientist at a major research institution or university. However, the lecturer may, on occasion, be an author, editor, or expert in an area related to soil biology.

2. To budget for Lectureship expenses. The Lectureship is being funded through a generous donation from Dr. and Mrs. Francis Clark to the Agronomic Science Foundation. The goal is to maintain the $80,000 endowment to provide an annual income of approximately 8 percent ($6,400) per year. The annual income will be used to pay for the lecturer=s travel, accommodation and registration expenses (traditionally up to $3,000), an engraved plaque of recognition, a reception for promoting the lectureship (past budgets were about $1,500), costs for managing the lectureship and an honorarium. The donor agreement states the honorarium be $1,000 or more.

3. To plan any Lectureship reception. Details and arrangements for the reception will be worked out between the committee chair and the Soil Biology and Biochemistry Division Program Chair, sending room and food requests to Headquarters 4-5 months prior to the annual meeting.

4. To coordinate with the Soil Biology and Biochemistry Division Program Chair, the scheduling of the lecture as well as integrating the lectureship with associated symposia or other Society functions related to soil biology. To provide the Soil Biology and Biochemistry Division Program Chair with recommendations, as appropriate, on the names of participants to be invited to the symposia or other society functions related to this lectureship.

5. To prepare a list of potential nominees before the annual meeting to be passed on to committee members. A list of past distinguished lecturers is available at SSSA Headquarters.

D. **Presidential Responsibilities:**

1. Cooperates with the committee in its activities, as appropriate or in response to need.

2. Serves as a liaison between the committee and the Executive Committee.