



**4th Annual Global Health Fall Conference: Partnering for a Healthy Ecosphere
Des Moines University, Des Moines, IA
Wednesday, October 17, 2012**

Speaker Introductions

Raymond Offenheiser, President, Oxfam America

Des Moines University is pleased to host Raymond Offenheiser as part of World Food Prize Week in honor of the Prize's founder, the late Dr. Norman E. Borlaug. This lecture is part of an annual statewide dialogue, this year consisting of 14 World Food Prize Lectures at Iowa colleges, universities, and other venues on issues of great importance in providing a nutritious and sustainable food supply for the world's people. The World Food Prize will be presented on Thursday, October 18 in the Iowa Capitol to the 2012 Laureate Dr. Daniel Hillel for developing and implementing a radically new mode of delivering water to crops in arid and dryland regions, known as "micro-irrigation." The Award Ceremony will be broadcast by Iowa Public Television, 7:00-8:30 PM. The World Food Prize Norman E. Borlaug International Symposium, "Partnerships and Priorities: Transforming the Food Security Agenda," on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at the Des Moines Marriott Hotel brings together around 1200 scientists, policy makers, students and educators, business and government leaders, and farmers to participate in a rich dialogue about global food and agriculture.

Ric Jurgens, Chairman of the Board, CEO (retired), Hy-Vee Inc.

Ric Jurgens was born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa. He is a graduate of Des Moines North High School and Iowa State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. He has spent his entire business career with Hy-Vee, Inc. serving as a store manager, district manager, regional manager, President of Perishable Distributors of Iowa, Ltd. (PDI), Sr. Vice President, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, President, and his current capacity as Chairman, Chief Executive Officer of Hy-Vee, Inc.

Ric presently serves on the board of Hy-Vee, Inc. and on the boards of its subsidiaries: Perishable Distributors of Iowa, Lomar and Florist Distributing. He serves as chairman of the Food Marketing Institute and vice chairman of the Healthy Weight Commitment. He is a member of the Iowa State University Foundation, the Iowa State Business College Dean's Advisory Council and the Iowa State University Order of the Knoll. Ric is also a member of the Iowa Business Council, serves on the Ballet Des Moines' Advisory Board, and serves as a board member of the Greater Des Moines Partnership. Ric has received the Governor's Volunteerism Award; the Citation of Achievement Award; the John D. DeVries Service Award from Iowa State University's College of Business; the Heart Award, which is Variety the Children's Charity's highest honor; the Iowa Grocery Industry Association's Retailer of the Year 2009; and was inducted into the North High School Hall of Fame.

In the past, Ric has served on many boards including the Food Bank of Iowa, the Variety Club of Iowa, Iowa Prison Industries, the Ankeny Industrial Development Corporation, Food Distributors International, the Iowa Games, the Civic Center of Greater Des Moines, YMCA of Greater Des Moines, the Greater Des Moines Committee, and Topco.

Ric's hobbies include golf, skiing, bicycling, swimming, boating, reading, and playing guitar. He and his wife, Carol, have two children: son, Mic, and daughter, Katie, who are both married. They also have four grandchildren, Ben, Sam, Luca and Ruby.

Patricia Quinlisk, M.D., M.P.H., Medical Director, Iowa Department of Public Health

Dr. Quinlisk is the Medical Director and State Epidemiologist at the Iowa Department of Public Health. Her background includes working as a clinical microbiologist, training microbiologists while a Peace Corps Volunteer in Nepal, a Masters of Public Health from Johns Hopkins, a medical degree from the University of Wisconsin, and training in the CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service. For twelve years she conducted epidemiologic courses in Europe, and is a professor at Des Moines University, University of Iowa, University of Wisconsin, and Iowa State University. She is an Editorial Board Member for CDC's MMWR and served on the National Vaccine Advisory Committee, the DoD's Panel to Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Acts Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction (the Gilmore Commission), and as President of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE). She was on the Institute of Medicine's committees on Microbial Threats to Health in the 21st Century, Preparing for the Psychological consequences of Terrorism, and Antivirals for Pandemic Influenza, and on the National Research Council's Animal Health at the Crossroads. In 2009 she received an honorary Doctorate of Science from Iowa State University, and between 2007-2012 served as chair for the National Biodefense Science Board.

Yashar Vasef, Executive Director, Iowa United Nations Association

Yashar Vasef is the executive director of the Iowa United Nations Association, a statewide non-profit with a mission of engaging Iowans globally through UN programming and humanitarian fundraising. Prior to joining Iowa UNA, Yashar was employed by the University of Iowa Foundation and the Brooklyn based BoomGen Studios, a studio aiming to provide Middle Eastern cultural and entertainment media to a Western audience. He has interned at the political think tank The Stanley Foundation and graduated from the University of Iowa in 2008.

David Courard-Hauri, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Environmental Science & Policy Program, Drake University

Dr. David Courard-Hauri received a Masters in Public Affairs from Princeton University and a PhD in Physical Chemistry from Stanford. After a post-doctoral position in atmospheric modeling at UNC Chapel Hill, he came to Drake in 2000, where he now teaches a range of courses in environmental science. Dr. Courard-Hauri has co-authored two textbooks, and has published journal articles in areas as diverse as bacterial cell-signaling, butterfly movement, and ecological economics.