Wednesday, May 16th

10:00 – 10:30  Registration & Morning Refreshments  
*Student Learning Center (SLC), Lobby*

10:00 – 11:30  Faculty Meeting  
*SLC, room 105*

Student & Postdoc Seminar – Moderated by Doug Eudy
**Doug Sammons** – Monsanto & **Zack Shearin** – Pioneer  
Panel Discussion – The Transition from Graduate School to Industry  
*SLC, room 104*

12:00 – 1:00  Lunch  
*Pavilion*

1:00  “Georgia’s Systems Approach to Improved Cultivars”  
*SCL, room 104*
Introduction  
**Joe Bouton**, UGA CAES-IPBGG

1:10  Overview – UGA Cultivar Development, Release, and Licensing  
**Roger Boerma**, Georgia Seed Development Commission (GSDC)

1:35  Breeding Process and IPBGG  
**Paul Raymer**, UGA CAES-IPBGG

2:00  UGARF: MTA/RTA/Disclosures/License Development  
**Brent Marable**, University of Georgia Research Foundation (UGARF)

2:25  Plant Cultivar & Germplasm Release Committee  
**Joe Bouton**, UGA CAES-IPBGG

2:50  Break

3:15  License Development and Plant Licensing Committee  
**Shelley Fincher**, UGARF

3:40  Post License Compliance  
**Debbie Kuppersmith**, UGARF

3:50  GSDC: Foundation Seed and Plants  
**Blake Fleeman**, GSDC
4:15  Georgia Crop Improvement Association (GCIA): Quality Assurance, Royalty Collection, and Auditing
   **Terry Hollifield**, GCIA

4:40  General Discussion
   **Joe Bouton**

6:00 – 7:00  Social & Poster set up and viewing
   *Griffin Welcome Center*

7:00 – 8:00  Dinner
   *Griffin Welcome Center*

8:00 – 9:00  **Keynote Speaker – Dr. James Sutton**
   Chief Administration Officer, Georgia Department of Agriculture
   “Importance of Plant Breeding to Georgia Agriculture and Future Challenges”

9:00 - 10:00  Poster Judging

**Thursday, May 17th**

7:30 – 8:00  Morning Refreshments
   *SLC, Lobby*

8:00 – 8:30  **Peng Chee** - Professor, Crop & Soil Sciences, UGA
   “Resistance to Root-Knot Nematode in Cotton”
   *SLC, room 104*

8:30 – 9:00  **Cecilia McGregor** - Assistant Professor, Horticulture, UGA
   Is this Watermelon Ripe?”

9:00 – 9:45  **Tommy Carter** - Research Leader & Research Geneticist; Soybean & Nitrogen Fixation Unit, USDA-ARS
   “Game Changing Plant Breeding – Imagine That!!”

9:45 – 10:15  **Scott Jackson** – Professor, Crop & Soil Sciences, UGA
   “Crop Wild Relatives: Genomics and Utilization”

10:15 – 10:30  Morning Break

10:30-11:15  **Doug Sammons** – Monsanto
   “Glyphosate Resistance; How Nature Finds a Way.”

11:15-12:00  **David Bertioli** – Professor, University of Brasilia, Brasília, Brazil
   "Genome structure and evolution of cultivated peanut and its wild relatives: can better understanding lead to better use of genetic resources?"

12:00  Closing Remarks
   **Paul Raymer**