



**October 17 - 18, 2024**

**Funk ACES Library, 1101 S. Goodwin**

**Hosted by the ACES Office of International Programs and the  
Agroecology and Sustainable Agriculture Program**

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**Thursday, October 17 – Focus: The International Scene**

**9:30** *Coffee Heritage Room*

**10:00** *Welcome Monsanto Room*

[Mary Arends-Kuennig](#), Professor and Acting Associate Dean, College of ACES International Programs, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

**10:15** **Overview of Symposium Program and Summary of Global Challenges Facing Wildlife and Food Security** *Monsanto Room*

[Michelle Wander](#), Emeritus Professor and Director of the Agroecology and Sustainable Agriculture Program, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

**10:30** **Food Security and Opportunity Crops – New Sciences Needed to Succeed** *Monsanto Room*

[Sieglinde Snapp](#), Sustainable Agrifood Systems Program Director CIMMYT

**11:30** **The Vision for Adapted Crops and Coils (VACS) – A Roadmap for Sustaining Humans and Wildlife** *Monsanto Room*

[Jeff Herrick](#), Research Scientist at USDA-ARS and Senior Advisor to the US Special Envoy for Global Food Security

**12:00** *Lunch Heritage Room*

**1:30** **Mexico Case study – Wildlife Considerations Within Local Production Systems** *Monsanto Room*

[Mike Ward](#), Professor and Stuart L. and Nancy J. Levenick Chair in Sustainability, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

**2:30** **Discussion of Issues and Opportunities** *Heritage Room*

## Friday, October 18 – Focus: The Domestic Scene

**8:30** **Coffee** *Heritage Room*

**9:00** **Summary of Questions and Observations From Day 1** *Monsanto Room*

[Michelle Wander](#), Emeritus Professor and Director of the Agroecology and Sustainable Agriculture Program, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

**9:15** **Domestic Examples of Things That Work! Targeting Areas and Programs to Protect Critical Habitat for Wildlife** *Monsanto Room*

[Mike Ward](#), Professor and Stuart L. and Nancy J. Levenick Chair in Sustainability, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

**10:15** **Review of EPA's Pesticide Management Plans and Compliance With The Endangered Species Act** *Monsanto Room*

[Aaron Hager](#), Professor and Extension Specialist, Weed Science and IPM.

**11:00** **Pesticides and Plant Damage in Illinois Natural Areas** *Monsanto Room*

[TJ Benson](#), Principal Research Scientist and Critical Trends Assessment Program Coordinator, Illinois Natural History Survey, Prairie Research Institute

**11:45** **Lunch** *Heritage Room*

**1:00** **Considering Policy Options for System Wide Issues - A Case Study in Pesticide Drift** *Monsanto Room*

[Kim Erndt-Pitcher](#), Director of Ecological Health, Prairie Rivers Network

**1:45** **Table Discussions and Observations** *Heritage Room*

Conversation facilitated by speakers

**3:00** **Report Out and Next Steps** *Heritage Room*