

## Soil and Water Sciences Department UF Invited Speaker Seminar

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**Title:** **International Collaborations- A Couple of Experiences**

**Date:** Monday, February 18, 2019

**Time:** 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Location:** McCarty Hall A, Room G186

While traditional options such as Fulbright and Professional Development are well-known, a couple of others may be of interest to our faculty looking for internationalizing and expanding their teaching/research/extension programs. One such choice is UF Faculty Enhancement Opportunity Award, which very few of us have received. The UF FEO provides funds for creative and flexible faculty development activities, including educational experiences, conferences, work with consultants/experts, time devoted to intensive writing or creative work in support of a new direction for one's scholarly work. The funds provide for work-related expenses, travel and living, to the location of their choice. This is different from the Professional Development Leave or sabbatical and can be accomplished at one's own pace within the award term. Another opportunity is available specifically for Israel, through Media Watch International/Jewish National Fund, called Faculty Fellowship Program. The FFP selects about 20 faculty members from different Universities around the US for this 2-week long travel program, twice a year. Selected faculty members are usually from various disciplines and one-on-one meetings are pre-arranged with faculty in the respective area of expertise and of one's choice at different Universities and research institutes in the country. Also, a quick peek into the cultural and religious traditions and tensions of the region can be obtained. Experiences from these two unique opportunities, with a particular focus on research topics of potential interest to our faculty will be presented.

This seminar can be viewed via live or watched later via this link: [Dr. Rao Mylavarapu](#). Viewers of the live stream may now ask questions by clicking on the message icon at the bottom. Questions will be read at the end during the question and answer portion. In addition, all seminars are archived for viewing on our [SWSD Seminar Page](#).

