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# Science Five

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# Promote communication of APHIS scientific information across all programs

- Coordinate cross-APHIS science initiatives and programs
- Coordinate Agency responses to Departmental requests for specific scientific expertise
- Maintain and improve the process for identifying and prioritizing APHIS research needs
- Provide time-specific scientific input to APHIS and USDA leadership

to help ensure efficiency and scientific integrity

# Implementation of Interim Policy on S&T Agreements



WAIT!  
Don't sign  
yet...



*Does the STA  
Interim Policy  
apply to your  
arrangement?*

## S&T Arrangement with a

- ✓ Foreign Country?
- ✓ Foreign Government Instrumentality?
- ✓ Domestic Partner who utilizes a Foreign Government or Instrumentality?



*then*





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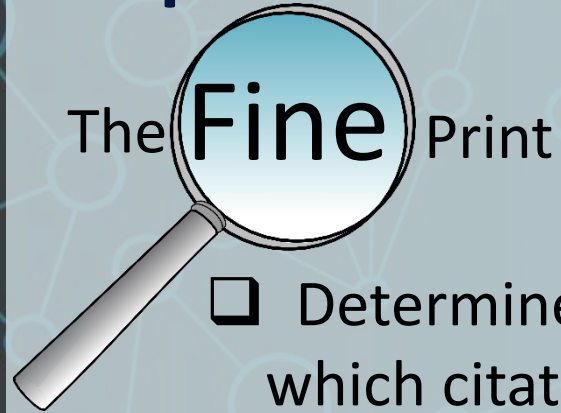
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## Implementation of Interim Policy on S&T Agreements



- Determine whether the arrangement is legally binding so you can determine which citation you should incorporate.
- Work with your agreements specialist BEFORE entering into arrangements with a foreign government/instrumentality that are *not legally binding* OR *subject to international law* (Office of the Chief Scientist must be notified).
- When in doubt or if you have any questions, contact your agreements specialist.

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## APHIS Science Committee Leadership



Donna Lalli – *Chair*  
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## APHIS Science Committee Members



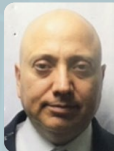
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Coming  
Soon!

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Ron Sequeira, Plant Protection & Quarantine



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TBD, Wildlife Services

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- Have a scientific idea on a current APHIS challenge?
- Have a question about APHIS science?
- Have a topic for a future science talk?
- Would you like to weigh in on our science hot topic?

**We would love to hear from you**

Contact the APHIS Science Committee at  
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*Hot Topic*

What are your concerns  
about public access to  
APHIS digital scientific data?