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Tennessee State University Professor Receives International Honor

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NASHVILLE, Tn. -- At the 2011 annual meeting of the Association for International Agriculture and Rural Development (AIARD) in Washington, D.C., Tennessee State University Professor Sammy L. Comer received the AIARD Special Service Award. This award is given to individuals that have made important international contributions to alleviating global hunger, promoting community development, and implementing changes in agricultural practices and policies.

Professor Comer, in the School of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences in the Department of Agricultural Science, has devoted his career to research and teaching related to agribusiness, rural development, community development, and farm management. He has worked with the Farmer Home Administration and Tennessee Valley Authority. Professor Comer, an expert in agribusiness, has also served as a consultant on numerous international projects, which include work in Tanzania, Botswana, Malawi, Swaziland, Lesotho, Thailand, Indonesia, Turkmenistan, South Africa, Hungary, Cambodia, and India.

The Association for International Agriculture and Rural Development (AIARD) is devoted to promoting best practices in international agriculture and rural development with a strong focus on alleviating world hunger. Further information about AIARD is located at <http://www.aiard.org/index.htm>.