

*Retirement of
Dr. David R. Mertens
from the USDA-ARS
Friday, February 19
Holiday Inn West, Madison, WI
7:00 pm*



After 25 years of service with the USDA-ARS, David Mertens is retiring. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize Dave's accomplishments and wish him well in his future endeavors.

We will have a brief program and refreshments (hors d'oeuvres and cash bar) at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites-Madison West, 1109 Fourier Drive, Madison, WI at 7:00 pm on Friday, February 19, 2010. This event will follow the annual NIRS Consortium meeting. Cost will be \$15 per person. Please fill out the form below and return it with payment by Monday, February 8 if you plan to attend the reception.

If you wish to send a congratulatory letter, please mail it or e-mail it to the address below. We will put these letters in a book to give to Dave, and some will be read at the event. Also, we will gladly accept any "vintage" photos of Dave to add to our display!

Please return this half of the form (with payment) by February 8, 2010. Note: You may also distribute this invitation to any other interested individuals in your organization.

Name(s) of persons attending:

Number of persons attending reception:

Telephone Number (include area code):

E-mail address:

I have enclosed: \$ _____ **Make checks payable to: NIRS Consortium**
Please send payment to: U.S. Dairy Forage Research Center, 1925 Linden Drive West, Madison, WI 53706. Attention: Cindi Birch. Telephone: (608) 890-0050.
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