

NETL-RUA Professor Chosen for Fulbright Program

[Dr. Larry Banta](#), WVU engineering professor and NETL-RUA PI, was recently chosen for the [Fulbright Scholar Program](#) sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State. The Fulbright Scholar Program is a highly prestigious international award designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries.

Dr. Banta was invited to the University of Genoa (UNIGE) in Italy to work on advanced energy generation and management. He will spend from January through June 2013 working with Dr. Alberto Traverso and others at UNIGE on hybrid generation systems and smart grid concepts. Dr. Traverso worked with Dr. Banta and Dr. David Tucker at NETL during 2010-11. Banta applied to the Fulbright Program to help fund his trip to Genoa, and received notice of the award in March of this year.

During his visit to UNIGE, Dr. Banta will be conducting research on several aspects of fuel cell and gas turbine hybrid electric generation and is looking forward to strengthening existing ties between UNIGE, NETL, and WVU. Dr. Banta has worked in the area of energy efficiency for 30 years.



Upcoming Events

- **Thanksgiving Day**, November 22, 2012
- **[NETL-RUA 2012 Fall Conference: 2nd Annual Energy & Innovation Conference](#)**, November 28–29, 2012 | Southpointe Hilton Garden Inn | Canonsburg, PA



Dear Readers,

As we mark the one-year anniversary of the NETL-RUA e-Newsletter with this issue, it is my sincere hope that our newsletter team has been successful in bringing you the most up-to-date news and information about our collaborative efforts. Our goal has been to showcase the important research and innovations that are a result of our unique partnership, as well as to highlight the individual success stories of our members that have benefitted from the NETL-RUA relationship. I thank you for your patronage and for your contributions to the newsletter, and I look forward to sharing our continuing successes with you this upcoming year.

Julianne Klara
 JULI KLARA, NETL-RUA MANAGER

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