

SOUTHERN REGION

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Steven A. Lommel held numerous research administration positions, including interim president of the David H. Murdock Research Institute and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research at North Carolina State University, before he was named Associate Dean and Director for the North Carolina State Agricultural Research Service in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University in 2013.

Dr. Lommel is a William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor of Plant Pathology and a Fellow of the American Phytopathological Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Steve also serves on numerous University, State, Federal and international scientific boards, committees, and funding panels.

Dr. Lommel's distinguished scientific accomplishments and extensive leadership prowess has been extended to significant roles at the regional and national association levels. Steve serves as Administrative Advisor for several regional multistate projects and National Research Support Projects. His active service to agInnovation on the Budget and Legislative Committee, National Research Support Project Review Committee, Finance Committee, and as a founding member of the agInnovation 501(c)3 non-profit has helped propel the organization forward.

Steve has been instrumental in the development of the Plant Sciences Initiative, which is a multidisciplinary enterprise partnering with government agencies and the private sector. His vast leadership experience in building effective partnerships was key to hosting the agInnovation Annual Meeting themed "*Reimagining the Land-grant University and Industry Relationship.*"

Dr. Lommel earned his B.S. degree in Biology at the University of San Francisco, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Plant Pathology/Phytopathology from the University of California, Berkeley.