

Willem van Leeuwen Appointed Interim Director of School of Natural Resources and the Environment

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Colleagues,

After seriously vetting several nominees, I would like to announce that Professor Willem van Leeuwen has accepted the position of Interim Director of the School of Natural Resources and the Environment.

With a background in soils and remote sensing, Wim earned his Ph.D. in 1995 from our then-Department of Soil, Water and Environmental Science. He spent a decade as a research scientist in posts here at UA and at the Météo-France Centre National de Recherche Météorologiques and Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (equivalent to the National Science Foundation). In 2005, Wim joined the faculty of the Office of Arid Lands Studies, which became part of SNRE, with a joint appointment in the School of Geography and Development. He is also director of the Arizona Remote Sensing Center, housed in SNRE, and chairs the Remote Sensing and Spatial Analysis GIDP.

I want also to take this opportunity to thank Dr. John Koprowski for his invaluable service to the University of Arizona over the last 20 years. John will become Dean of the University of Wyoming's Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources.

Please join me in wishing Wim well in his new position and in thanking John for his service and dedication to SNRE.

Regards,
Shane

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