



The **CAST 2020 Annual Report** was released in May and can be [found on the website](#).

CAST's 2021-2025 strategic plan positions CAST to [achieve these desired results](#):

(1) Being a recognized source of scientific consensus on food, agriculture, and environmental issues, (2) To inform decision-making and empower to influence, (3) Identify and

attract new partners, sponsors, and members, and (4) Building trust in (and advocate for) food and agriculture.



- Build strong financial base
- Produce quality and relevant information in timely manner
- Communicate through social media and other means
- Maximize product value to stakeholder

The **CAST Board of Directors** held their spring meeting on April 8 and 9. The directors discussed the “Impact of CAST” report, plans for the 2021 and 2022 fall annual meetings, and 50th anniversary, as well as finance, EVP, committee, and adaptive planning reports.

The **2021 Borlaug CAST Communication Award (BCCA)** event was held on May 11.



Dr. Sarah Evanega

[Dr. Sarah Evanega](#), research professor in the Department of Global Development with a joint appointment in the School of Integrative Plant Science in the College of Agriculture at Cornell University, was announced as the 2021 BCCA recipient. Evanega is the founding director of the Cornell Alliance for Science and is an adjunct faculty member at the Boyce Thompson Institute. She has been described as a pioneer, international leader, and icon of young science communication professionals. [Dr. Alexa Lamm](#), 2020 BCCA recipient, presented on *Bouncing Forward: Capitalizing on the Current Societal Evolution to Strategically Communicate about Science*. During the past eleven years, this prestigious award has been presented to accomplished, influential scientists and communicators. The event can be [watched here](#).



Dr. Alexa Lamm

Forthcoming Publications Under Development

Goals, Strengths and Limitations Governing the Use of Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) in Food and Agriculture (Commentary)

GMO Free—The Impact on Consumers, Retailers, Farmers, and the Environment (Issue Paper)

Upcoming Events

June 14, 2021—Announcement of the 2021-22 CAST President-Elect

June 29, 2021—Release of Commentary, *The Role of Agricultural Science and Technology in Climate 21 Project Implementation*

Stay Aware and Connected Through CAST

CAST's Friday Notes newsletter, blog, and other social

media outlets regularly provide important updates about news headlines, announcements, and pertinent educational resource material related to agriculture, science, and COVID-19's impacts on the ag industry. A new CAST resource includes self-study guides focused on CAST's papers that can then be used by teachers and parents for their online learning activities and in other educational settings.