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A WARM ALOHA FOR NEW ARBORETUM DIRECTOR CARL EVENSEN

Lyon Arboretum is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Carl Evensen as the Arboretum’s Interim Director. Dr. Evensen is currently the Interim Associate Dean for Cooperative Extension in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa.

Dr. Evensen’s extensive administrative and leadership experience, and his personal ties to the Arboretum as member of the 1977 Lyon Arboretum summer internship class uniquely qualify him as the Arboretum’s next Director. As a kama`aina with strong personal and family ties to Mānoa, he hopes to continue to build upon the support of the community and strengthen research and instruction collaborations with the University of Hawai`i at Mānoa.

His work with Hawaiian crops including taro, sweet potato and breadfruit, as well as with invasive species control and native plant and ecosystem protection will enhance Lyon Arboretum’s programs of conservation, preservation of biological diversity and integrity of natural systems. His depth of experience with Hawaiian cultural educators and his experience providing statewide leadership in public education on natural resources, sustainability, pollution control and water quality promise to enrich the Arboretum’s Education and Outreach programs.

He served as the Chair for the Natural Resources and Environmental Management (NREM) Department in CTAHR from 2005-2009. Dr. Evensen has extensive teaching experience and serves on numerous boards including the Landscape Industry Council of Hawai`i Board of Directors, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Technical Advisory Committee, the Hawaii Taro Security and Purity Task Force, the Hawai`i 4-H Foundation, the Pacific Fire Exchange Advisory Panel, the UH Mānoa Kuali`i Council, and the UHM School of Hawaiian Knowledge Kanaka Maoli Institute.

Please join us as we extend our Aloha and welcome Dr. Evensen to the Lyon Arboretum!