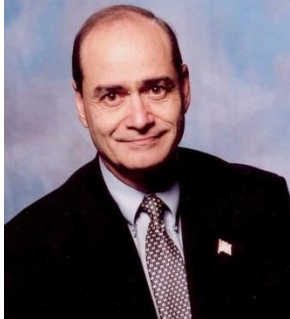


Northeast (NE)

Dr. Daniel Rossi

Former Executive Director Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors [NERA] (*recently retired*)



Dan has been an insightful and passionate champion of the Land-grant mission for over nearly four decades. He is best known for his welcoming personality, can-do attitude and high degree of professionalism. Through his unassuming, highly principled, and collaborative approach, he has facilitated the development of integrated and successful partnerships across institutional and disciplinary lines and has served as a respected mentor to many colleagues. He has provided articulate and highly effective leadership at the local, regional and national levels.

A native of New Jersey, Dan received his Bachelor's and Master's degree in agricultural economics from Rutgers University. He completed his doctoral program at Penn State and returned to Rutgers as a faculty member. Dan served as Director of the Rutgers Agricultural Economics Graduate Program before being appointed Associate Director of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. He was later appointed Senior Associate Dean for Administration for Rutgers Cook College. In 2007, Dan was appointed the Executive Director of the Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Stations (NERA). In 2015, Dan also assumed the role of the Northeast Regional Director for IR-4.

Dan served as chair of NERA and ESCOP (during which time ESCOP completed a strategic plan and underwent a significant reorganization which is still in place). He chaired the Boards of Directors of LEAD-21 and the Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development. He served on USDA Regional Research Program Advisory Committee (Committee of Nine), several Farm Bill working Groups and USDA Budget Advisory Committees and the Northeast Regional Aquaculture Center Board of Directors. He was the administrative advisor to five national and multistate research committees. As Executive Director, Dan used his experience

and strong organizational skills to provide valuable support for and guidance to a number of ESCOP programs and initiatives including the ESS Science Roadmap, Science and Technology Committee, Communications and Marketing Committee, National Research Support Project Review Committee, Diversity Task Force, Capital Infrastructure Task Force, and Futuring Task Force.

Dan is the recipient of numerous honors and awards including the inaugural Rutgers University Dennis M. Fenton Distinguished Graduate Alumni Award.

Rossi earned his B.S. from The Pennsylvania State University and his M.S. and Ph.D. from Rutgers University.