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**KBS Director Appointed to Chair NSF Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences**

**Hickory Corners, Mich.** – Dr. Katherine L. Gross, MSU Distinguished Professor of Plant Biology and Director of W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, has been appointed as chair of the Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences (BIO AC) of the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The BIO AC provides advice and recommendations to the NSF concerning support for research, education, and human resources in the biological sciences.

Research supported by the BIO AC enhances understanding in issues of national importance including: the environment, economy, agriculture, and human welfare.

As the chair, Dr. Gross will serve as the lead liaison to the NSF Biological Sciences Director and will oversee a 20+ member committee.

The committee's members include representatives from many different divisions of biology; a cross section of institutions including industry; and balanced representation of women and under-represented minorities.

Dr. Gross has served on the committee since March 2011 and her current appointment as chairperson will last until April 2017.

More information can be found online at <http://www.nsf.gov/bio/advisory.jsp>.

The W.K. Kellogg Biological Station is Michigan State University's largest off-campus education complex and one of North America's premier inland field stations. KBS's mission is focused on ecological and environmental research, education and community outreach.

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