Indian Summer

An 18-member delegation from Kansas State University, comprising of students and faculty members is on a visit to Punjab Agricultural University under the KSU Study Abroad Programme from May 25-30. The delegation met Dr. Manjit Singh Kang, Vice-Chancellor, PAU, who while welcoming them apprised them of the educational, research and transfer of technology programme of PAU. The delegation was received by the PAU students by presenting floral bouquets. During interaction, Dr. Kang said that visits to institutes provide useful opportunities of learning. He added that PAU has endeavoured sending its students and young researchers to different institutes abroad as a human resource development activity. Those who interacted with the delegation included the Director Students Welfare, Dr. P.P.S. Lubana and Additional Director of Communication, Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman. The delegation members were taken around departments of Food Science and Technology, Aplary House, Museum of Social History of Punjab, Department of Foods and Nutrition, where they held discussion with faculty and students.

Later, Dr. Dhiman delivered a lecture on 'PAU an Epicenter of Green Revolution' and highlighted the achievements made by PAU on the food front and spelt out the constraints in contemporary agriculture in the Farmers Service Center. He also touched upon the educational programmes started by PAU for rural students. Dr. Sajid Alavi of KSU discussed opportunities and challenges in food processing in an Indian context. Dr. B. Subramaniam discussed food safety regulations. The speakers responded to queries by the delegates. The Coordinator of the visit, Mr. Vikas Sharma said that the KSU students will cover various activities such as visiting bakery industry, flour mills and to have cultural interactions. Dr. Nirmal Singh Jaura of Centre for Communication and International Linkages...
said that the visitors will hold discussions with experts of Department of Economics and Sociology on grain procurement and markets in India, with Dr. D.K. Vasan of Indian Grain Storage Institute on grain storing and handling. Dr. Hulya Dogan of KSU will deliberate on flour milling systems, he said. Dr. Alavi thanked the speakers and experts for sharing useful information with the students.

Dr. Walker-Making a Difference

Congratulations to Dr. Walker, Professor Emeritus, for receiving a 2010 WESP Making a Difference Award. Shuping Yan nominated Dr. Walker for making a difference for her during her time at K-State. The difference Dr. Walker is personally making is critical for women pursuing STEM fields. The sixth annual WESP Making a Difference Awards Celebration was held May 6th. President Kirk Schulz, Dean John English, and Interim Dean Brian Spooner joined in festivities.

Behnke Honored

Dr. Keith Behnke is receiving the AFIA Distinguished Service Award, which is the highest award given by the American Feed Industry Association. As the news release states, "only 26 individuals have received this elite award for outstanding, long-term support to AFIA and the entire feed industry". He joins an elite group of K-State Grain Science & Industry Department faculty that includes Prof. Robert R. McElhiney, Dr. Robert W. Schoeff, Dr. Harry Pfost and Dr. John Shellenberger.

This award is a great recognition of the teaching, research and outreach/service contributions Dr. Behnke has made throughout his 33-year career at K-State. He truly has made a difference in the lives of our students, the careers of feed industry professionals around the globe, as well as our faculty and staff. We are extremely proud of Dr. Behnke and look forward to celebrating this award with him when he officially receives it from AFIA during their September meeting.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Behnke and wishing him the very best as he transitions into his Professor Emeritus role during the coming weeks.