2010 IPE/IFE

Members of the K-State Feed Technology Group attended the 2010 International Poultry and Feed Expo held in Atlanta, GA, January 27-29th. This Expo is the largest feed-related conference held in the U.S., and was attended by more than 800 exhibitors and industry stakeholders from around the world. The Feed Tech Group accompanied eight undergraduate students, giving them the opportunity to participate in job interviews and learn more about the feed industry. Dr. Maier, Dr. Behnke, and Dr. McKinney each provided an update on the objectives, future research, and outreach activities planned for the new O.H. Kruse Feed Mill and Biorefinery during a K-State luncheon on Thursday, January 28th. Additionally, Jared Myers (FSM 1999), Younglove Construction LLC Project Manager, discussed the facility design and provided a budget estimate. A highlight of the luncheon was Dr. Paul Maxon of Western Milling LLC, who shared why their company strongly supports this project. He was representing Mr. Ron Kruse (owner of Western Milling LLC), who donated $2 million to start the new facility. Many visitors stopped by the booth to learn about the Feed Science program and hear about the plans for the new feed mill.

Cooperative Education between KSU and Henan

The Department of Grain Science and Industry hosted a delegation from Henan University of Technology (HUAT) China on Feb 4 2010. The delegation consisted of one vice provost for research and finance, and five Deans. The main goal of this delegation was to follow up on the collaborative agreements signed in the past few years between KSU and HUAT, especially the two agreements signed in June 2009 with detailed implementation strategies. Under these agreements, we can conduct collaborative research and education at both undergraduate and graduate levels between these two universities. Meetings went very well and detailed discussions on implementation of 2+2 undergraduate program, and cooperative PhD education between KSU and HAUT were well received by both sides. For the 2+2 UG program, HUAT recruits students in China and these
students stay in HAUT for ~2 years finishing basic course works, and then transferred to KSU for major related courses, and receive degrees from both universities. For cooperative PhD education: HAUT will recruit students from China and these students will finish up part of course works and then come to KSU for research and complete course works as needed.

Initially, such collaboration between GSI at KSU and Grain College at HAUT will be used as a model and then would expand to other departments and colleges. GSI is expecting about 5 undergraduate students transferred from HAUT by Fall 2010.

Attendees from KSU included: Jim Guikema, Carol Shanklin, Mike Philson, Gary Clark, Nina Lilja, Dirk Maier, Curtis Kastner, Susan Sun, Bhadriraju, Subramanyam, Fred Fairchild, Hulya Dogan, and YC Shi.

Welcome Grad Students

A welcome luncheon for the new grad students was held Thursday, February 4th. The event was organized by Beverly McGee, Graduate Student Coordinator and attended by about 20 people. A short address was given by Dr. Hulya Dogan followed by introduction of GRSC staff.