Moving the Mission

I’m sure you have heard us mention before that 2014 has been busy for the IGP Institute. The year seems to be rushing forward at a rapid speed.

As we round out the first eight months of the calendar year and watch the students return to campus for fall classes, we can easily state that we are on pace to exceed last year’s volumes in terms of courses and participants.

We often have more than one activity going on in our building at a time, but this month we conducted three courses in the same week; one from each of our main content areas.

The USSEC sponsored RAPCO Poultry Nutrition course brought 30 participants from five different countries to our program and included world-renowned poultry specialists such as Craig Coon, Richard Miles and Davis Ledoux.

The Spanish-language Buhler-KSU Executive Milling course hosted 10 individuals from three countries.

The Risk Management course was a mix of six domestic and international industry representatives.

Through our outreach programming, Heather Cook and Kingsley Ambrose conducted a Grain Dust Explosion Workshop in Mitchell, S.D., for 50 participants.

Our distance learning team attended the Distance Education Program Oversight Committee Meeting and kick off for the Processing Continuing Education and Credentialing group with GEAPS in Kansas City, Mo., on Aug. 28, 2014.

This is an area of particularly rapid expansion for the IGP Institute as last year at this time we were offering 14 distance learning courses to 423 participants. Compared to 2013, we are up to 20 courses and 631 participants.

The USAID Post-Harvest Innovation Lab began the post-harvest loss assessment questionnaire in Guatemala by conducting surveys with SHARE, a local non-governmental organization, throughout farms in the regions of Chiantla and Todos los Santos.

This program is training community leaders on how to sample grain and also educating SHARE technical staff on how to analyze grain for mycotoxins and moisture content.

Please stay tuned for more to come.

Sincerely,

Jay O’Neil
IGP Institute Senior Agricultural Economist

In the Spotlight

Jessica Snapp

• IGP Institute student assistant.
• Joined the IGP Institute team in 2012.
• Secondary Education senior graduating in fall 2015.
• Native of Westmoreland, Kan.

“I enjoy working for the IGP Institute because of its ever-changing atmosphere. This year I am looking forward to helping the IGP Institute continue to grow.”

Where in the World

A monthly look at where we’ve been as we make our way around the globe promoting U.S. commodities and IGP Institute training opportunities.

• Received training at Romer Labs on the usage of mycotoxins testing kits for the PHL Innovation Lab.
• Traveled to Guatemala to work on the PHL Innovation Lab project to conduct the small farm survey and quality measurement trainings.
• Traveled to Senegal to work on the PHL Innovation Lab coordination and collaboration with the new Feed the Future Food Processing Innovation Lab.
• Conducted a Grain Dust Explosion Workshop in Mitchell, S.D., led by Heather Cook and Kingsly Ambrose.

Training and Activities

Here is a list of courses and activities held in August.

• IGP-KSU Special Pet Food Workshop
• IGP-KSU Extrusion Processing: Technology and Commercialization
• Buhler-KSU Executive Milling in Spanish
• IGP-KSU Risk Management
• RAPCO Poultry

August 2014
IGP Returns to Original Name

International Grains Program returns to name established in 1978.

Effective immediately, the Kansas State University International Grains Program is now known as the IGP Institute. Originally modeled after the Canadian International Grains Institute, stakeholders decided to change the International Grains Program name to avoid confusion.

Recently, IGP Institute faculty and staff evaluated the program initiatives and determined the time was right to bring back institute into the name as it better reflects the activities that the organization is already doing and the plans to position the institute for further growth.

IGP Institute Director Dirk Maier emphasizes that while the name has changed, the core mission has not. “The challenge to feed a growing global population cannot be achieved without a steady and sustainable grain pipeline from Kansas to the rest of the world,” Maier says.

To learn more about the IGP Institute and its initiative, please visit the website at www.grains.ksu.edu/igp.

Rave Review

“The theory used in the course is very complete; the materials are a great asset to me. IGP has left a tremendous impression with the knowledgeable people and outstanding facilities.”

Eugenio de la Mora
Planning Director at Subcor Group
Buhler-KSU Executive Milling

“When you come here, you start to notice the details that get overlooked when you do daily tasks. You begin to realize that you are missing some little things that have a big impact on production.”

Fernando Ramíerez
La Sultana S. Ade C.V
RAPCO Poultry

Fun Facts

- On August 11-15 2014, the IGP Institute held an on-site course from each curricula offered simultaneously.

- Former IGP Institute communications intern, Casey Droddy, entered the 2013 Year in Review in the National Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow critique contest. Droddy’s entry placed first in the Single Item category as well as the top entry in the Excellence in Public Relations Division.

Snapshots

Grain Storage and Feed Manufacturing
Specialist and Spanish Outreach Coordinator, Carlos Campabadal gives a tour of the O.H. Kruse Feed Mill to the RAPCO Poultry course.

The Risk Management course participants work through a grain buyers risk management simulation with futures and options.