Moving the Mission

After a whirlwind February, it is apparent to me that the learning curve is steep and the familiarization process will continue for quite some time. My initial impression of the IGP Institute and the Department of Grain Science and Industry is that these are special places, full of dedicated professionals, truly committed to investing in the future of our state, country and world. As technology evolves, traditional boundaries of distance, culture, economics and accessibility soften allowing our education and outreach missions to have even greater impact. Knowledge and self-improvement are becoming key enablers that allow individuals and businesses to reach their optimum potential. To this end, the IGP Institute appears uniquely suited to provide meaningful training through innovative approaches across an expanding range of critical offerings.

As my indoctrination into the IGP Institute and its mission continues, I look forward to meeting many of you and continuing the dialog around how every part of the enterprise can drive market preference, consumption and utilization of U.S. cereal grains and oilseeds. It is indeed my honor to be a part of this team and our commitment to continual improvement in all that we do. I welcome your input and I can be reached at glsmith@ksu.edu and 785-532-3503.

Sincerely,

Gordon Smith
IGP Institute Director

In the Spotlight

Derek Marcotte
• Miller with Prairie Flour Mills, Elie, Manitoba, Canada
• Completed two flour milling distance courses and enrolled in a third training

“I have learned a lot about quality control from cleaning the wheat to creating a better overall product.”

Trainings and Activities

Courses and activities held in February
• AFIA 500 – Fundamentals of Feed Manufacturing
• GEAPS 521 – Aeration Systems Design and Fan Operational Management
• GEAPS 530 – Quality Management Systems
• GEAPS 542 – Electrical Safety
• GEAPS 544 – Preventing Grain Dust Explosions
• GEAPS 600 – Overview of Milling Principles
The IGP Institute sent several faculty and staff members to the 2015 GEAPS Exchange in St. Louis, Missouri at the end of February. The Exchange is an industry tradeshow for GEAPS members and features exhibitors and planning meetings for future distance education courses.

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.

- Traveled to Guatemala to work on the PHL Innovation Lab project.
- Traveled to Costa Rica to attend the International Marketing Conference and 55th Annual Membership Meeting.
- Participated in the Kansas Commodity Classic, Manhattan, Kansas.
- Attended the GEAPS Exchange in St. Louis, Missouri.
- Attended the Commodity Classic in Phoenix, Arizona.
- Presented at the USSEC EU and the MENA Conference in Rome.

Marketing the Brand
by Lisa Moser, Marketing and Communications Coordinator

- Generated pre-course publicity for May and June courses.
- Developed promotions for the International Grain Quality and Food Security Conference.
- Began visioning promotional videos for IGP Institute YouTube channel.

The brochure created to distribute the IGP Institute Conference Center rental information.