Moving the Mission
After a busy June schedule, we had a short period to catch our breath before jumping into our eventful August month. During July we hosted two rigorous courses. Early in the month, Carlos Campabadal hosted 28 participants for his IGP–KSU Feed Manufacturing course. Brandi Miller and Heather Cook traveled to Purdue University to host a grain dust explosion workshop. To bookend the month, Carlos Campabadal and Jay O’Neil hosted the USSEC’s Oilseed and Grains Purchasing Resources and Tools program. Jay and Carlos hosted 29 participants from 10 different countries. During this three-day course, participants were challenged to expand their knowledge inside and outside the classroom by listening to presentations at the IGP Institute Conference Center and attending field trips to the Kansas Soybean Commission and Bob Haselwood’s farm near Topeka.

In August, the IGP Institute will open its doors to several course offerings. The IGP Institute has a lively four weeks ahead, packed full with eight courses and multiple back-to-school events.

As the summer draws to an end so does my experience here at the IGP Institute. Three summers ago, I walked into the IGP Institute building feeling overwhelmed. I have gained many new skills during my time at the institute. These include having passion for your career, working together to achieve your goals and setting high expectations in order to succeed. Many elements have changed during my time at the IGP Institute such as courses, policies and even faculty. However, the values that they stand for have continually been strengthened. While at the IGP Institute, I have been blessed with a hardworking and welcoming staff. These few kind words do not even begin to express my gratitude toward the Institute staff and all they have taught me. I can only hope that I have made the same positive impact on them, as they have had on me.

Jessi Roche
Student Employee, IGP Institute

In the Spotlight

- Feed Manufacturing course participant.
- Group Managing Director of three Ag-related companies: Amo Farm Sieberer Hatchery Limited, Diversay Solutions LTD. and Amo Ayng Nigerian LTD.
- National President for the Poultry Association of Nigeria.

“I’ve enjoyed everything right from the beginning. Everyone here has given us such a warm reception.”

Marketing the Brand
by Lisa Moser, Marketing and Communications Coordinator

- Completed post-course promotions for July offerings and pre-course publicity for future trainings.
- Gathered additional video footage for upcoming course promos.

Year in Review Places 2nd Nationally

Our 2014 Year in Review placed second in the national NAADA competition!
Trainings and Activities

Courses and activities held in July.

- IGP–KSU Feed Manufacturing
- RAPCO Risk Management
- GEAPS 542–Electrical Safety for Grain and Processing Facilities On-Demand

New Chapters

by Jacob Miller, Communications Intern

Dirk Maier
Dirk has served the last 18 months as the Feed the Future Post-Harvest Loss Reduction Innovation Lab administrative director and lead PI. Starting August 16, he will assume a new faculty position in the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering at Iowa State University. After seven years leading Kansas State’s Grain Science and Industry department and the IGP Institute, he is looking forward to his new opportunities in pursuing research and outreach in grain and feed operations and processing. He will remain engaged in international projects by leading the Post-Harvest Platform for the Global Food Security Consortium.

Venkat Polamreddy
Venkat has worked the past 18 months as the Feed the Future Post-Harvest Loss Reduction Innovation Lab managing technical director for the IGP Institute. Starting July 31, he will move to Minneapolis where he plans to spend more time with his wife and volunteer at her elementary school teaching mathematics. He has also entertained the possibility of volunteering for NGO’s Partners in Food Solutions. Venkat is thankful for all the opportunities granted to him over the years, and all the people who helped him along the way. He will always be remembered around the Institute for his warm smile and captivating stories.

Kingsly Ambrose
Kingsly has been the particle technology and materials handling engineer for the past three and a half years. He will move to Purdue University to become an assistant professor. He has loved collaborating with the institute staff over the years.

Mark Fowler
Mark will make the transition from IGP Institute associate director to president and CEO of Farmer Direct Foods Inc. Mark will continue his position at IGP until the end of the calendar year. Additional details are yet to come.