Moving the Mission

March Madness is slowly winding down, but the madness hasn’t been isolated to the basketball court. The distance education program has also had an exciting March seeing a total of 123 participants across five courses. The IGP Institute has supported more than 400 individuals to date this year across a total of 13 courses. With the increased interest, two fantastic student employees have joined the team. They are featured in this newsletter.

On-site, the IGP Institute Conference Center hosted the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for the Reduction of Post-Harvest Loss strategic planning meeting. Several university partners attended including representatives from the University of Nebraska, University of Kentucky, Purdue and ADM Institute as well as representation from USAID. In-country partners were able to join the meeting via Zoom and participate remotely.

In addition, IAOM held their tri-district meeting attracting industry millers from more than eight states. GEAPS held a chapter meeting as well, Cassie Jones discussed strategic ways for the grain handling industry to hire and retain KSU graduates. The Food Protection Alliance held two-day Quality Assurance Boot Camp with 36 key people from the food safety pest management industry present. Also, the Buhler-KSU Expert Milling course was held with 11 individuals attending representing three countries.

In addition, IGP faculty also spent time abroad. Highlights include Jay O’Neil’s travel to the NCI-USSEC Risk Management Workshop in Singapore, Carlos Campabadal’s trip to Bangkok for the Asia Feed Expo, and Carlos’ attendance at the AFIA Equipment Manufacturers committee meeting in Washington D.C.

We hope you enjoy reading this news brief and share it with others.

Sincerely,

Brandi Miller
IGP Institute Assistant Director

Trainings and Activities

Courses and activities held in March
• Buhler-KSU Expert Milling (English)
• GEAPS 500 – Introduction to Grain Operations Management
• GEAPS 500 – Introduction to Grain Operations Management (Spanish)
• GEAPS 540 – Entry Level Safety
• GEAPS 555 – Advanced and Preventative Maintenance for Grain Facilities: Conveyance Equipment
• GEAPS 620 – Grain Receiving, Cleaning and Conditioning

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.
• Attended BNSF Customer meetings in Overland Park, Kansas
• Spoke at the NCI-USSEC Risk Management Workshop in Singapore
• Traveled to Bangkok to attend the Asia Feed Expo
• Attended AFIA’s Equipment Manufacturers Committee meeting in Washington D.C.
Welcome Distance Interns

The IGP Institute faculty and staff welcomed two new distance education interns to the organization. Kylie Blythe (left) is a native of Mission Valley, Kansas and is finishing her junior year as an agricultural communications and journalism major. Jackie Newland (right) is also a sophomore in agricultural communications and journalism and is from Neodesha, Kansas.

“It has been a pleasure working with both Kylie and Jackie. They bring energy and enthusiasm to the IGP distance education program at IGP,” says Brandi Miller, IGP Institute assistant director.

Rave Reviews

“By coming here, I was able to better understand how the processes work and the function is of each of the equipment and how we can improve the process. I am going to be able to go back right away and put these in practice. We will try to improve the process we already have, but maybe we aren’t doing the best that we can.”

Viviana Bermudez
Manager of R&D, Innovation with Bunge Milling
Buhler-KSU Expert Milling course

“This has been a very challenging course as there are many factors to consider when it comes to the quality management of grain. There is a ton of very useful information provided for anybody that is or will be involved in either the design or operation of aeration systems. I, for one, will utilize the information going forward to better understand how I can maximize the benefits provided by a sound aeration system design and operation.”

Greg Oberle
Superintendent of CHS
GEAPS 521 – Aeration Systems Design and Fan Operational Management course

Marketing the Brand

by Lisa Moser, Marketing and Communications Coordinator

- Circulated pre-course publicity for all IGP Institute trainings in June and July.
- Sent out post-course publicity on Buhler Expert Milling training.
- Wrote a feature article for trade publication promoting the value of IGP Institute trainings.
- Designed extension bulletins for future use in IGP trainings and program outreach.
- Developed IGP Institute distance course video introductions.

This extension publication created focuses on evaluating pellet quality. It will be available through K-State Research and Extension online bookstore.