**Moving the Mission**

The month of May is often the calm before the storm. It is a month used to prepare for the busy summer ahead. That being said, there was still plenty of excitement at the IGP Institute over the course of the month. The month was kicked off by celebrating 10 years in the building. Twenty-five FDA and state inspectors attended a two-day intensive learning workshop at IGP, focusing on an introduction to feed manufacturing. The training, part of a large, multi-year grant project led by Cassie Jones, utilized a hybrid learning model requiring successful completion of online learning modules prior to arriving onsite. This model allowed the workshop more hands-on training time during their stay, and received very positive feedback. The GEAPS/K-State Distance Education Program continues to see substantial growth, with three courses starting this month. Developing an Effective Safety Culture is a new course with a more interactive format. Year to date, the GEAPS/K-State Distance Education Program has provided course materials to more than five hundred participants. An exceptional feat, given the final participant numbers for 2013 exceeded 600 participants.

There was considerable travel conducted over the course of the month, with Carlos Campabadal visiting Costa Rica for two separate presentations, one at the Costa Rican Poultry Association annual meeting and the other to Aliansa Costa Rica (DIP) sponsored by DSM. Carlos also visited Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic to present a seminar on Sampling and Quality Control. His final stop in Latin America was in Guatemala to work with SHARE on the PHL Innovation Lab in Guatemala City.

Jay O’Neil also traveled internationally, speaking at the USSEC Soybean Supply Workshop in Manila, Philippines. Mark Fowler attended the 18th annual IAOM Conference and Expo. Mark’s time in May was spent focusing on the several weeks of upcoming flour milling short courses in June, with a course being hosted every week of the month!

In addition to all of the activities, there are two new faces in the building. Lisa Long and Patrick Hackenberg joined the IGP staff as the Event Coordinator and Educational Media Coordinator respectively. We are looking forward to the skill sets that both individuals bring to the staff.

*Sincerely,*

Brandi Miller

Distance Education Program Coordinator

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**In the Spotlight**

Kelly Hannigan

- IGP communications intern responsible for creating news releases and updating social media platforms
- Agricultural communications and journalism senior graduating in May, 2015
- Native of Strong City, Kan.

“I am really excited to learn from the best professionals in the industry and to be a part of such an important institute. I am looking forward to gaining a broader perspective of the industry and the opportunities that IGP offers.”

**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 training opportunities.

- Spoke at USSEC Soybean Supply Workshop in Manila, Philippines
- Attended the IAOM Conference and Trade Show in Omaha, Nebraska
- Presented at the Costa Rican Poultry Association annual meeting in San Jose, Costa Rica
- Gave a seminar to Aliansa Costa Rica (DIP) sponsored by DSM in Heredia, Costa Rica
- Traveled to Guatemala to work with SHARE on the PHL Innovation Lab project in Guatemala City, Guatemala
- Attended the Global Food Security Symposium at Iowa State University
- Gave a sampling and Quality Control Seminar to the Dominican Republic Livestock Division of the Ministry of Agriculture sponsored by USSEC in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

**Training and Activities**

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

- GEAPS 510–Facilities Planning & Design I
- GEAPS 541–Developing an Effective Safety Culture
- GEAPS 552–Materials Handling II
Two Industry Professionals Join IGP Staff

The International Grains Program welcomed two new staff members on May 28, Patrick Hackenberg and Lisa Long, to fill the positions of Educational Media Coordinator and Event Coordinator.

“I am excited to be welcoming Pat and Lisa to the IGP team. They bring significant experience and creativity to the IGP institute, advancing our objective to deliver innovative and quality programs,” says Mark Fowler, IGP associate director.

As the Educational Media Coordinator, Hackenberg is responsible for managing graphics for course promotions and presentations, website analytics, and video support for course promotions, among other tasks. Hackenberg has gained more than 22 years of involvement with the communications industry after graduating from Kansas State University.

Taking over the position of Event Coordinator, Long is responsible for planning, organizing, and coordinating administrative and organizational details regarding all IGP activities. Also a graduate of Kansas State University, Long has had more than 10 years of experience in planning and executing events for organizations.

Student Employees Graduate With Additional Experience

As another school year winds down, two of IGP’s student employees, Casey Droddy and Jordan Hildebrand, prepare for graduation and begin their own careers. Casey has accepted a position as an associate at Osborn Barr in Kansas City, Mo.

“I learned more at IGP than I did in the classroom. It was a really good experience for me and I was able to meet a lot of great people,” Casey says.

Jordan has accepted a position as the program assistant at the Kansas Wheat Association in Manhattan, Kan.

“My time here at IGP has taught me a lot about working in a professional environment, and I also was able to experience how IGP and all of the programs and courses offered help to benefit the participants that take advantage of these opportunities,” says Jordan. IGP would like to thank Casey and Jordan for all of their hard work over the years and wish them all the best in their new careers.

Fun Facts

• Carlos Campabadal was traveling abroad 14 of the 22 working days of May.

• The International Grains Program celebrated the first decade in the building.

• The Distance Education Program has exceeded 500 participants in the first five months of 2014.