Moving the Mission

In the United States, November is a month of giving thanks. In the spirit of being thankful, I would like to reflect on what we are most thankful for as the year draws to a close. First and foremost, we are fortunate to have interactive stakeholders. Earlier in the month, we hosted a productive stakeholder meeting, getting valuable feedback for future success. The availability of our stakeholders to participate and provide feedback aides in the continuous growth of the IGP Institute.

I am thankful for my colleagues and their flexibility to continue to meet the mission of the IGP Institute, even when international travel is required. Jay O’Neil traveled to Bulgaria earlier this month to present a successful three-day risk management workshop to 178 participants. This course was sponsored by USDA, FAS and America for Bulgaria Foundation. Mark Fowler traveled to Manila, Philippines to teach the IGP Institute Principles of Flour Milling course to more than 30 participants. Finally, Dirk Maier and Carlos Campabadal traveled to College of Sciences at the University of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to present and discuss collaboration regarding feed handling, storage and processing.

Finally, I am thankful to be a part of such an exciting distance education program. The registration has closed on the final distance education courses and we are ending the year with having reached more than 900 participants, which is an increase of more than 200 participants from 2013.

As I look to 2015, I am excited about some of the initiatives we have moving forward, including developing more synergistic distance and on-site trainings, more Spanish-language distance trainings, and finally, focusing on quality development initiatives across all course developments and updates.

Sincerely,

Brandi Miller

In the Spotlight

Arlette Soria

• Animal Production Specialist for Trouw Nutrition Mexico
• Native of Jalisco, Mexico

“It was really nice for my peers and I to take the online portion prior to coming to the IGP Institute. Having an intro to the basic level made it much easier to follow the presentations.”

2014 IGP Institute Advisory Council
Trainings and Activities

Courses and activities held in November.
- RAPCO Feed Manufacturing
- USDA–ABF–KSU Bulgarian Grain Markets and Risk Management held on–location
- Buhler–KSU Executive Milling (English)
- IGP–KSU Principles of Milling held on–location in the Philippines
- Buhler–KSU Wheat to Bread (English)
- IGP 530 – Quality Control/Quality Assurance in Flour Milling
- GEAPS 501 – Management Basics for Grain Facility Supervisors
- Fundamentals of Animal Nutrition (Distance)
- GEAPS 500 – Introduction to Grain Operations

Marketing the Brand

by Lisa Moser, Marketing and Communications Coordinator
- Distributed post course news releases on RAPCO Feed, Buhler milling courses and IGP Institute’s on-location trainings.
- Sent email reminders via Constant Contact about upcoming January courses as well as distance trainings.
- Redesigned the standard tri-fold explaining IGP Institute programing.
- Created IGP Institute artwork for new phone charging station.
- Developing preliminary design and content for the 2014 Year in Review.

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.
- Visited IRRI and Grain Pro in the Philippines
- Visited the University of Malaysia and USGC
- Attended and presented at the International Working Conference in Stored Product Protection in Chiang Mai, Thailand
- Visited US-AID offices in Vientiane, Laos
- Visited the National Institute for Agriculture Technology in Argentina to discuss collaborative research and continuing education of industry professionals
- Attended and gave a keynote address at the International Conference on Grain Storage in Silo Bags in Argentina