Moving the Mission

The IGP Institute was lively with activity in May as we held four on-site trainings as well as some off-site educational outreach activities.

The IGP Institute faculty hosted eight USDA-Cochran participants from Brazil. Thanks to contributions by industry personnel and faculty, our visitors had a full agenda. Sessions pertaining to U.S. wheat classifications and market intelligence were co-led by Carlos Campabadal and Jay O’Neil. Pat Hackenberg and O’Neil led the group on a tour of the Cargill facilities in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The following week, IGP Institute hosted its first-ever Extrusion Applications in Global Food Security and Nutrition training. This offering was led by Sajid Alavi and it involved 10 participants from five countries. Discussed were techniques addressing nutrition, sensory and economic aspects to help for-profit businesses and non-profit organizations. In addition, class members learned extrusion-processing practices for various foods such as fortified rice, fortified blended foods and textured vegetable proteins. Wenger Manufacturing and Insta-pro representatives shared expertise during the four-day training.

The next educational event included a full house for the United States Soybean Export Council (USSEC) Latin America Oilseed and Grain Purchasing Tools course managed by Campabadal and O’Neil. Twenty-eight participants gathered at the IGP Institute Conference Center to engage in lectures over barge and railroad transportation, risk management when buying grains, hedging policies and competitive analysis on soybeans.

The IGP Institute held a second USSEC course hosting 17 participants. The Middle East and North Africa Poultry Feed Manufacturing Training Program led by Campabadal provided education on feed mill design, ingredient quality, principles of pelleting and several other feed-related topics.

O’Neil also taught several USSEC courses across the globe. Traveling to Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines, O’Neil lead workshops over risk management practices.

Along with the trainings, we were honored to host the President of Costa Rica, Luis Guillermo Solis, who presented the Landon Lecture on Public Affairs.

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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.

- Conducted United States Soybean Export Council (USSEC)-Southern Crops Institute (NCI)-IGP Risk Management Workshop in Jakarta, Indonesia; Bangkok, Thailand; and Manila, Philippines.
- Presented at the USSEC Feed Technology Seminar in Santiago, Dominican Republic.
- Traveled to Burkina Faso to work on the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Appropriate Scale Up Mechanization Consortium.

In the Spotlight

• Agricultural Specialist, Brazil USDA
• Resident of Brazil
• Participant in the USDA Cochran Wheat Classification course

Priscilia Ming

“We requested more basic information about trading, quality and understanding in the milling industry, but after this course we have much more information and knowledge about everything that goes on here in the U.S.”
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At IGP we are always looking for ways to grow. With that idea in mind, Brandi Miller traveled to Raleigh, North Carolina to participate in the FSPCA Animal Food Lead Instructor Pilot Course. Watch for FSMA trainings coming to IGP this summer and fall.

With all of this visible activity, our distance education team has been behind the scenes supporting professional development of those active in grain elevator and processing careers where 98 participants joined us in May learning topics such as facilities planning, safety, materials handling, feed manufacturing and milling principles.

In my first three months as the distance education coordinator, I can share with you that the witnessed efforts of academics, support staff and industry to offer grain related education has been extraordinary.

Enjoy reading this news brief and please share it with others in your organization.

Sincerely,

Trina Adams
Distance Education Coordinator

Trainings and Activities
Courses and activities held in May

• GEAPS 506 — The Grain Industry in Canada: Climate, Crops and People
• GEAPS 511 — Facilities Planning and Design II
• GEAPS 542 — Electrical Safety
• GEAPS 600 — Overview of Milling Principles
• AFIA 500 — Fundamentals of Feed Manufacturing

Upcoming in June

• Buhler Executive Milling — June 13-17
• Flour Milling course for U.S. Wheat Associates Nigerian and South African Team — June 19-July 1
• National Feed and Grain Association-KSU Food Safety Modernization Act Feed Industry training — June 28-30
Rave Reviews

“El Salvador and our company have benefited over the last 10 years from the check-off funds due to the training and technical support that we have received from USSEC. Our company has been able to grow, create more jobs and do more business. We have been able to contribute to the industry’s mission of feeding the world.”

— Dario Herrera, production manager at Alimentos Mor in El Salvador

USSEC Latin America Oilseed and Grain Purchasing Tools

“I enjoyed everything about the course. The farmers, the USDA, the financial market and the university together think in the same way and it is very good. I now have more experience and knowledge to discuss with my supplier.”

— Andre Luis Teixeira Coelho, plant manager, Brazil

USDA Cochran Wheat Classification and Standards for Brazil

“I came to know about different kinds of people and the world and how they do things in the industry. It was a nice experience.”

— Arshdeep Singh Brar, student in Food Science and Technology, India

Extrusion Applications for Food Security

Student Section

An update on the student workers at the iGP Institute.

Congratulations to seniors Melissa Grimmel and Kylie Blythe on graduating from Kansas State University, both with agricultural communications and journalism degrees. Grimmel has relocated to Colorado where she is working for Ranch House Designs and Blythe continues to work for IGP’s Distance Education program for the balance of the summer.

Welcome Eryn Carter (pictured on the left above) and Alli Snapp as they have taken on new roles at the IGP Institute. Snapp is the newest administrative assistant and Carter will be serving as the communications intern for the summer.