Moving the Mission

Happy New Year! January is always a time for resolutions and reflections. We have been doing that as an organization as well and will soon be reaching out to have discussions with our stakeholders about our strategic plans and goals for the upcoming year. To support our efforts, we have added a fresh face to the staff, Kelly Hannigan. As program services coordinator, she supports participant relations as well as our marketing efforts. Please read more about Kelly in the highlights of the letter.

The IGP Institute began the month with our Grain Elevator Managers course. This bi-annual course taught by Carl Reed had a full roster of grain industry professionals from all over the U.S. They braved the cold and learned about an array of topics related to grain storage and management including quality, inventory and monitoring as well as other information.

Along with our Grain Elevator Managers course, we also hosted the eighth annual IGP–KSU Introduction to Flour Milling course. This course was collaboratively taught by KSU instructors: Shawn Thiele, Jason Watt, Fran Churchill and Dave Krishock with Chris Miller, adjunct faculty and director of wheat quality research with Heartland Plant Innovations. Individuals from all over the world traveled to learn about the fundamentals of flour milling in this interactive course that spent time in both our Shellenberger and Hal Ross pilot mills and bake lab.

Carlos Campabadal also hosted a group of swine nutritionists and feed millers from Japan. The group was sponsored by USSEC and was structured to teach nutritional components and requirements as well as feed manufacturing for swine through lectures taught by grain science and industry faculty, Cassie Jones, Charles Stark, as well as animal science faculty Bob Goodband and Jason Woodworth. The program also included interactive visits to Lance Rezac’s farm in Topeka, Kansas as well as the Midwest Ag Services Feed Mill in Seneca, Kansas. They finished their program touring some of K-State’s farms and visiting the Delong Shuttle Train Facility.

January also included some outreach efforts. Gordon Smith, Jay O’Neil, Kelly Hannigan and I all attended the Kansas Soybean Expo in Topeka, Kansas. This was a great opportunity to interact with producers and commissioners. We also attended their annual meeting as part of the program.

Enjoy reading all the institute updates in this newsletter!

Brandi Miller
IGP Institute Interim Associate Director

Trainings and Activities

Courses and activities held in January.

- GEAPS 550 – Materials Handling I
- GEAPS 522 – FGIS Grain Inspection Orientation
- GEAPS 520 – Grain Quality Management
- GEAPS 554 – Grain Elevator Equipment Maintenance I
- Grain Elevator Managers
- Introduction to Flour Milling
- USSEC Japan Soybean Meal Feed and Swine Nutrition Training Program

In the Spotlight

- Quality Assurance Manager at Bay State Milling Company.
- Resident of Tolleson, Arizona.
- Participant in the Introduction to Flour Milling training.

“The lectures are informative with practical and technical knowledge but high-level enough to really connect the dots.”

Evan Lowry

Brandi Miller
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Course instructor, Shawn Thiele, explains the experimental mill lab flow diagram to participants to ensure their milled product separations went to the correct flow passage.

Participants of the Grain Elevator Managers course work on in class exercises in order to demonstrate their understanding of key concepts.

**Rave Reviews**

“IGP has given me a better understanding of the milling process. I’ll be able to take that back with me in order to better market my wheat.” – Thomas Garcia, Spring Wheat Merchandiser for CHS, Introduction to Flour Milling participant

“I enjoyed getting to know the staff here at IGP and to benefit from their knowledge. As a K-State graduate it was great to reconnect.” – Mark Eisler, Grain Elevator Management for Ray-Carroll County Grain Growers Inc., Grain Elevator Managers participant

**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 the Kansas Soybean Expo in Topeka, Kansas.
- Attended STEP Grain Export Training hosted by Kansas Department of Agriculture and Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission.
- Attended and spoke at the USSEC North Africa Regional GAFTA/FOSFA Contracts and Arbitration Workshop in Amman Jordan.
- Traveled to Ghana to work on the USDA/WISHH/KSU AMPLIFIES project.
- Attended and spoke at the Delaware Ag Week wheat and soybean meeting.
- Attended the IPPE Feed Expo in Atlanta, Georgia.

**2015 Year in Review Quick Facts**

- 61 Courses
- 51 Countries
- 1,494 Total Course Participants in 2015
- 27 Onsite/On-location Courses (610 Participants)
- 34 Distance Courses (884 Participants)
- [http://www.grains.k-state.edu/igp/2015yir/2015yirflipbook.html#p=1](http://www.grains.k-state.edu/igp/2015yir/2015yirflipbook.html#p=1)

**IGP Institute Expands Team**

The IGP Institute welcomes new staff member Kelly Hannigan. Hannigan joined the IGP staff on January 4, 2016 as the program services coordinator.

“Kelly’s understanding of IGP Institute along with her marketing and communications skills make her a great asset to our team,” says Brandi Miller, IGP interim associate director.

Hannigan previously spent two years as the IGP communications intern. Before taking on her new position, Hannigan graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural communications and journalism from Kansas State University.