The month of July brought great news to the IGP Institute. Following our goal to continue to provide education and outreach to the grain industry, GEAPS and Kansas State University have agreed to fortify their partnership by expanding the distance education offering of online courses and adding a Credential in Grain Processing Management.

This credential will provide the grain processing and milling industry professionals with an excellent opportunity to increase their knowledge and improve their job skills in topics such as milling principles, grain quality management, safety management, etc.

Also, this month GEAPS/K-State launched the first Credential in Grain Operations in Spanish by offering the first course of the program: GEAPS 500: Introduction to Grain Operations.

Internationally, Southeast Asia has proven to be an important market for U.S. commodities. Therefore, the IGP Institute is expanding it’s outreach in this region by seeking partnerships with grain companies and educational institutions.

Initial meetings were held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with the goal to potentially conduct technical courses in the region. IGP’s faculty also continue to provide technical expertise to this market by speaking at several of our collaborators (USSEC and USGC) technical seminars in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Vietnam.

The IGP Institute had several successful on-site trainings. Among them were two courses (USGC Mexico Grain Quality Workshop and USDA Cochran Vietnam Grain Procurement Training) that focused on the importance of grain quality, management, and procurement in the feed manufacturing, flour milling, and grain related industry. We also conducted our annual Buhler-KSU Executive Milling course in English, which had practical workshops at the Hal Ross Flour Mill and was taught by Buhler and K-State faculty.

There is always something exciting happening at the IGP Institute. Please read the rest of this newsletter to learn more about all the activities taking place at IGP and around the world by our team. And please pass this letter onto anyone you know who may be interested in learning about IGP activities.

Sincerely,

Carlos Campabadal

**In the Spotlight**

Brandi Miller

- Recently named assistant director expanding her role as coordinator of on-line education and professional development, and associate director of GEAPS/K-State distance education and credentialing program.

- Joined the IGP Institute team in 2010.

“The IGP Institute has had growth in several areas over the last few years and I look forward to continuing that trend for the future.”

**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.

- Traveled to Singapore to speak at USSEC Seminar.
- Conducted the U.S. Grains Council Grain Inventory and Silo Management Workshop in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- Spoke at the Illinois Farm Bureau Seminar in Bloomington, Ill.
- Attended the Summer Institute on Distance Learning and Instructional Technology at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kan.
- Conducted Advanced Methods of Grain Dust Control in Kansas City, Mo.

**Training and Activities**

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

- Buhler-KSU Executive Milling
- USGC Mexico Grain Quality Workshop
- USDA Cochran Fellowship Program Grain Purchasing
- GEAPS 500 - Intro to Grain Operations in Spanish
- AFIA 500 - Fundamentals of Feed Manufacturing

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EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

GEAPS and K-State Offer Credential in Grain Processing Management

The IGP Institute is expanding its partnership with GEAPS in distance education to offer online courses and a Credential in Grain Processing Management. Currently, the GEAPS/K-State program offers more than 20 online courses and credentials devoted mainly to grain handling operations. Nearly 2,800 registrants from 30 nations have taken the online courses since the program began eight years ago.

Chairman of GEAPS International Board, Mark Fedje, says that the expanded partnership will allow both programs to offer the grain-processing industry high-quality, focused and practical courses.

“GEAPS is pleased to be expanding our program with K-State. This will enhance support for the processing component of our membership, and the industry, by providing companies a resource for training current employees and supporting their career advancement,” Fedje says.

All required courses for the processing credential will provide the knowledge and training needed for successful operation of a flour mill or grain processing facility. To learn more about this partnership please visit www.grains.k-state.edu/igp.

RAVE REVIEW

“The quality of the material that the instructors are giving us and the quality of the speakers are not only very technical and very knowledgeable, but they have practical experience. It is an honor for me to be here.”

Roberto Salcedo
Ruminant Tech Support at Nutrientes Basicos de Monterrey
USGC Mexico Grain Quality Workshop

“We must say that though our period of interaction was short, we found you to be most professional, helpful, kind hearted, empathetic and considerate.”

Anh Kiet Van
Hung Vuong Corp
USDA Cochran Fellowship Program Grain Purchasing Course

FUN FACTS

• Nearly 2,800 registrants from 30 nations have taken the online distance courses through GEAPS/K-State since the program began eight years ago.

• 21 students have now earned the Credential in Grain Operations Management with 13 adding on a Specialist Credential. Of those, three have completed all tracks to earn the Master’s Credential.