March has been exciting for the IGP Institute faculty and staff. This month we welcomed back Ralph Linnemann to lead two Buhler Expert Milling courses — one in English and the other in Spanish. Also, Jay O’Neil hosted a group of millers from Brazil who were sponsored by NIDERA for a two-day seminar.

In addition, we expanded our distance education program by approximately 200 participants through trainings for the GEAPS Credentials in Grain Operations program and AFIA-KSU distance education offerings.

As part of our activities for the USAID Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Reduction of Post-harvest Loss, I was involved with our first project trip for the Guatemalan technical team. Joining me were Polamreddy V. Reddy, managing director, and Andreia Bianchini, University of Nebraska collaborator.

The goal of this project is to reduce post-harvest losses during grain drying and storage for small farmers who grow corn for self-consumption in Guatemala. During our trip to the Western Highland in the Huehuetenango Region, we learned about the small farmers’ agricultural practices, local traditions, and interacted with them through extension activities developed by our in-country partner SHARE, which is a local non-governmental organization.

Additionally, we met the staff of the USAID Guatemalan mission and our main in-country collaborators — SHARE and Universidad de Valle. The people who we talked to in Guatemala were interested and enthusiastic about our work. We look forward to further developing the project with the overall goal of improving grain quality to reduce global hunger in a sustainable way.

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
Grain Storage and Feed Manufacturing Specialist
MARKETING THE BRAND

by Lisa Moser, Marketing and Communications Coordinator

• Distributed pre-course publicity on June flour milling courses.
• Developed post-course coverage on Buhler-KSU Expert Milling courses.
• Created new designs for standard e-news messages.
• Refreshed website content.
• Developing extension bulletins to aid in course information sharing.
• Creating flour milling credential brochure.

RAVE REVIEW

“I enjoyed listening to the feedback and comments from the different operators in the class. As much as the structure of the course is valuable, networking with others in the course puts it over the top.”

Troy Adriansz
Research Officer and Grain Quality Laboratory Manager at Australian Export Grains Innovation Centre
Buhler-KSU Expert Milling Course

“I look forward to coming back with a maintenance man or operator to help others that are actually in the mill gain the knowledge that I did.”

Robert Sloan
Purchasing and Feed Mill Manager at Tosh Farms
Buhler-KSU Expert Milling Course

SNAPSHOTS

Five participants from the Buhler-KSU Expert Milling Spanish course pose in front of their flags for the group photo.

Fun Facts

• Two of the March course participants attended at least one IGP course previously.

• The custom course held in partnership with NIDERA was the first time a course was tailored for all Brazilian participants.

• The distance education program had its first participants from Barbados.