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Food Security Symposium
Kansas State University to hold the third International
Grain Quality and Food Security Conference.

MANHATTAN, Kan. – In collaboration with NC-213 U.S. Quality Grain Research Consortium, Kansas State University will host the 2015 International Grain Quality and Food Security Conference August 3-6, 2015. The opportunity to hold the conference at Kansas State is exciting because of the new vision, mission and goals of the Global Food Initiative, Dirk Maier, Department of Grain Science and Industry head, says.

Participants and presenters will include scientists, engineers, economists and professionals from all aspects of the agricultural and food industry. Maier says, it is very important to attend this conference since it is a platform to discuss current challenges and deliberate future preparedness on grain quality and food security issues. Individuals including producers, researchers, suppliers, grain inspection services and more will be attending and learning how to prepare for the challenge of feeding 9 billion people by 2050.

“The goal of the conference is to provide a global symposium on the technical, scientific and economic opportunities and challenges involved in global grain-based food, feed, fiber and fuel supply chains to assure food security through physical and economic access,” says Kingsly Ambrose, assistant professor in grain science.

Discussions will be centered around the current research-based knowledge all things related to the agricultural and food industry. Topics include characterization of quality and safety attributes of cereals, oilseeds, and bioprocess coproducts; developing efficient operating and management systems; and quantifying and disseminating the impact of market-chain technologies on providing high value, food-safe, and biosecure grains for global markets and bioprocess industries.

“There will be defined discussion on efficient operating and management systems,” Ambrose says. “This will also be a great venue for networking among professionals and will provide an opportunity to undergraduate and graduate students to interact and learn from industry and academic professionals.”

The importance of feeding a global population has been stressed and Kansas State University is ready to tackle this task, says Hulya Dogan, Ross endowed associate professor in grain science.

Formal training and other professional development activities in the areas of post-harvest protection, food security, food defense and food safety are of critical importance to keep the United States globally competitive in food production and protection,” Dogan says.

A detailed announcement on the submission of abstracts, important dates and program updates will be announced soon. For further information on the conference, sponsoring, and table top exhibits contact Kingsly Ambrose at the Department of Grain Science and Industry by email kingsly@ksu.edu or by phone at 785-532-4091.

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