

IGP's annual Feed Manufacturing short course

The annual Feed Manufacturing short course at Kansas State University's International Grains Program was Sept. 27 to Oct. 8.

Twelve persons registered for the course, but only seven participants were able to attend due to visa problems.

The visa issue has been a chronic problem since Sept. 11, 2001, and has limited the number of participants in all of IGP's short courses. IGP is working with the national commodity groups to overcome this problem.

Though the group was small, the course was successful.

"IGP has a very unique program here," said Eduardo Beltranena from Canada. "I've had a tremendous two weeks here." Beltranena is a pork research scientist for Alberta Agriculture.

The participants for the short course were from Latvia, Ecuador, Canada and Norway. The participants unable to attend were from the Middle East.

Thirty one presentations were made at the short course by industry leaders and K-State faculty.

The group traveled to Louisiana and visited a dairy and a loading facility/port. While in Kansas, they visited a feed mill, a soy meal plant and a farm.



Feed Manufacturing short course participants visited Klienpeter Dairy in Montpelier, La., as part of their field trip.

Kari Lundblad from Norway, a feed technologist for Felleskjøpet Forutvikling, paid her own way to participate in the short course.

"The course was really useful for me," she said. "I now have contacts from all over the world."

IGP staff participate in U.S. Wheat crop quality tours

Brendan Donnelly, IGP wheat quality specialist, assisted U.S. Wheat with their European crop quality seminars. The seminars were conducted Nov. 2-16 in the following locations: Milan and Livorno, Italy; Warsaw, Poland; Malmö, Sweden; Rotterdam, The Netherlands; Barcelona and Madrid, Spain; Porto, Portugal; London, England; and Naples, Italy.

Other travelers throughout the trip with Donnelly included (all U.S. Wheat) George Galasso, Regional Vice President for European and N. Africa Regions, Goris van Lit, Assistant Regional Director, Linda de Hoog-Kranendonk, office manager, and Heydy Lam, secretary.

During each of the seminars, Donnelly presented wheat crop quality reviews on Hard Red Spring and Durum wheat.

"The European crop quality seminars this year were well attended, received and appreciated," said Donnelly.

Mark Fowler, IGP flour miller, also assisted U.S. Wheat with these crop quality presentations by speaking to buyers and millers of U.S. wheat in Guatemala and Costa Rica.

Fowler traveled Nov. 30 to Dec. 4 with Mitchell Skalicky, U.S. Wheat Associates Regional Vice President of the Central America Region, and James Peterson, North Dakota Wheat Commission Marketing Director.

The group conducted meetings in Guatemala City, Guatemala, discussing the quality of the 2004 U.S. wheat crop with representatives of Molinos Modernos from Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvador and the Dominican Republic; Molsa Milling representatives from Guatemala and El Salvador; and EMECO Mill representatives from Guatemala. While in Guatemala City, the group toured the EMECO facility, which includes a new flour mill and baking school where they train local bakers to produce quality products using flour.

Fowler, Skalicky and Peterson met with Stephan Huete, the U.S. Agricultural Attaché for Central America.

The group then traveled to San Jose, Costa Rica, to meet with the management of Molinos de Costa Rica to discuss the quality of the 2004 U.S. Wheat crop as well.

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Busy quarter at IGP with meetings, visitors, events

U.S. Wheat meeting

In October, IGP staff John Howard, Mark Fowler and Brendan Donnelly attended the U.S. Wheat Associates meeting in Denver. While there, Fowler attended the Hard White Wheat and Wheat Quality working group meetings.

The IGP advisory committee also met during the meeting. The committee decided that IGP should have a booth at the February meeting of the National Association of Wheat Growers in Reno, Nev.

ALIM meeting

Howard and Fowler represented IGP at the Latin American Millers Association (ALIM) annual meeting in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. The October meeting was well attended with many inquiries about IGP's courses and programs. Planning sessions were held with U.S. Wheat's Regional Vice Presidents for Mexico - Central America and South America.

APPAMEX/NAEGA meeting

Howard returned to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, in November for the XII Forum sponsored by APPAMEX (Asociacion de Proveedores de Productos Agropecuarios Mexico) and NAEGA (North American Export Grain Association). More than 100 Mexican buyers of soybeans, corn and grain sorghum attended the meeting.

Issues discussed at the meeting included global markets outlook for grains and oilseeds, biosafety, phytosanitary, the China market, logistics and transportation, and the World Trade Organization. The forum is an annual affair and is supported by the Foreign Agricultural Service.

ABITRIGO meeting

Howard attended the annual Brazilian Flour Millers Association's (ABITRIGO) annual meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil. More than 300 people attended the meeting held Nov. 7-9.

Events and news at IGP

This quarter at IGP's facilities, 14 agriculture-related businesses and groups held meetings and 65 individuals visited.

Of these groups were the Feed Science Advisory committee for the Department of Grain Science in October, the Kansas Soybean Association in November and the Kansas Soybean Commission in December. Of the visitors were eight Brazilian guests of Wenger Company in December.

IGP staffers John Howard and Mark Fowler helped make news. Howard participated in a television interview regarding risk management and the Kansas City Board of Trade (KCBT) that will air later this year on PBS. The interview will also be used in the production of the KCBT's new promotional video.

Fowler wrote an article entitled, "Milling New Crop Wheat" that was published in the November 2004 issue of World Grain.