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2011 Annual Meeting: May 1-4, Las Vegas

AAGIWA's 2011 Annual Meeting at Bally's Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas is almost here! We are expecting almost 100 members and guests. To see the most current attendee list, visit www.aagiwa.org

Along with the excellent turnout, AAGIWA has a great program lined up for meeting attendees.

2011 Guest Speakers:

Dirk Maier

Professor and Department Head,
Grain Science and Industry
Kansas State University

Scott Anderson

Vice President of Risk Management Services
Kansas Farmers Service Association

Jim Smolik

Assistant Chief Commissioner
Canadian Grain Commission

Warren Duffy

Vice President of Export Operations
Archer Daniels Midland



The meeting will feature presentations from key FGIS personnel on current industry issues. AAGIWA will also offer individual meeting times to attendees with FGIS representatives to answer any questions they may have. Appointments are at a first come, first serve basis.

To see the most current detailed schedule of events, visit www.aagiwa.org



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AAGIWA Participates in GEAPS Summit for International Center

AAGIWA Board Member **Tom Meyer** participated in a Grain Elevator and Processing Society (GEAPS) summit to pursue developing an International Center for Grain Industry Operations (ICGIO). The center would be designed to provide grain companies resources to offer employee knowledge and professional development. College students could also take ICGIO courses for credits to be applied towards a minor degree.

Tom reports that the program will be similar to the current on-line classes that are available through GEAPS/Purdue, with the exception that there is some type of accreditation. Tom also reported that the program should have no detrimental effect on the official inspection system, and the program will provide the grain industry with a much needed gathering house of knowledge.

The summit was coordinated by Dr. Dirk Maier who will be a featured speaker at the AAGIWA Annual meeting.

GIPSA Moves into First Phase of National Grain Center

Dave Funk

“The first phase of construction of the new FGIS National Grain Center is complete. The Board of Appeals and Review, Grading Services Laboratory, Equipment Program, Rice Milling, Trace Analysis, Administrative Offices, and several other functions will be moved into the 23,400 square foot new addition on March 18, 2011. Field Management and Compliance Division staffs that are currently in the Beacon facility in Kansas City plan to move to the new addition on May 1, 2011. By April 1, all laboratories and offices on the upper floor of the existing Technical Center building will be vacated for demolition and renovation.

Renovation of the upper level is expected to be complete by the end of 2011. At that time, staff members who are located on the lower floor of the existing building will be relocated to the upper level to make way for renovation of the lower level. The third phase of the renovation should be finished by April, 2012.

The new addition features very extensive and attractive space for grain inspection training, and the National Grain Center looks forward to hosting training sessions in the coming months.”

FGIS Directives

FGIS Directive 9181.2, Performance Verification of Qualitative Mycotoxin and Biotech Rapid Test Kits, March 22, 2011. The directive was revised to change from event-based to protein-based testing for biotechnology rapid test kits. The directive also replaces Limit of Detection with Detection Threshold and adds references to the GIPSA mycotoxin reference methods.
<http://archive.gipsa.usda.gov/reference-library/directives/9181-2.pdf>

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