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Malaysian Memorandum of Agreement

Taking part in signing a Memorandum of Agreement between Universiti Putra Malaysia and the University of Arkansas are (l to r) Michael Kidd, Director, Center of Excellence for Poultry Science, University of Arkansas; Lona Robertson, Interim Dean, Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences, University of Arkansas; James Coleman, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Arkansas; Aini Ideris, Vice Chancellor, Universiti Putra Malaysia and Loh Teak Chwen, Department Head, Animal Science, Universiti Putra Malaysia. This agreement will facilitate collaboration and cooperation between the two universities in areas of mutual interest, for the purpose of enhancing their contribution to higher education internationally.

Dr. Susan Watkins Retires

After 26 years with the Department of Poultry Science, Dr. Susan Watkins retired on October 31. She was an Extension poultry specialist working in the area of live production management for turkeys and broilers. Her research focus included water quality, alternative bedding materials and litter treatment evaluations. She also coordinated the departmental internship program and conducted short courses tailored to meet the specific needs of groups.

"Dr. Watkins contributed to advancing poultry productivity through applied research and transferred the cutting edge research to the classroom," said Dr. Mike Kidd, Department Head. "Students benefitted from her instruction and the open dialog with industry personnel. We wish her all the best in her retirement."

The Poultry Science Association Foundation Announces Inaugural Diamond V Scholar

The Poultry Science Association Foundation (PSA Foundation) was pleased to recognize Ms. Valeria Cuadros Bloch as the recipient of the Inaugural Diamond V Endowed Scholarship. Ms. Cuadros Bloch, currently a junior enrolled in the Department of Poultry Science at the University of Arkansas, and Dr. Jim Denton, Chair of the Capital Campaign Committee of the Poultry Science Association Foundation, were hosted by Mr. Jeff Cannon, President and CEO of Diamond V in Diamond V Global Headquarters in Cedar Rapids, Iowa for an overview of the company and tour of production facilities and product development laboratory.

“Diamond V recognizes the increasingly urgent need for young talented scientists in the feed and food industries,” said Jeff Cannon, President and CEO of Diamond V, the global nutritional health company. The Diamond V Endowed Scholarship, supporting a student entering their junior year and renewable for the senior year subject to satisfactory academic progress, is designed to encourage promising scholars to continue studies at the graduate level in Poultry Science. The endowed scholarship was made possible through the PSA Foundation Charting Our Course – Securing Future Leadership for Poultry Campaign (Capital Campaign).

“At Diamond V, we’re committed to research excellence in the poultry industry,” Mr. Cannon said. “We need advances in poultry science for modern animal agriculture to meet the growing global protein demand and the critical need for sustainable agriculture worldwide. We are committed to investing in the future through this scholarship, and believe this opportunity will help prepare our students for their vital roles within the poultry industry. This scholarship connects deeply with our core values and dedication as The Trusted Experts in Nutrition and Health®.”

PSA FOUNDATION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Capital Campaign was launched by the PSA Foundation in January 2015 and aims to develop scientific leaders in subject matter areas, such as poultry genetics, health and nutrition, and food safety and quality, for the poultry enterprise and allied industry. Funds of the Capital Campaign are used to award undergraduate internships, undergraduate scholarships, graduate fellowships, travel grants and preceptor/mentoring grants.

The PSA Foundation is a charitable corporation affiliated with the Poultry Science Association with the primary purpose of advancing the founding principles of PSA. Since its founding in 2004, the PSA Foundation has worked to support a variety of initiatives, such as the Legacy Project which digitized and indexed issues published since 1906 of Poultry Science, one of PSA’s journals. To learn more about the PSA Foundation, the Capital Campaign, how to donate or the student application process, visit poultryscience.org/foundation.

University of Arkansas team places third in national poultry judging contest

Members of the University of Arkansas National Poultry Judging Team are, back row, Heather Kremer, Mayra Hilario, Amanda Bromley (assistant coach), Dennis Mason (coach), front row, Michaela Moder (alternate); Mackenzie Pippin and Qinsi Gao "Quincy"

At the National Poultry Judging Banquet we were excited to recognize the Lincoln High School FFA poultry judging team that recently won the 2017 National FFA Poultry CDE. Pictured are team members (l to r) Lacie Carte, Shayla Fox, Shylynn Osborne and their coach Kevin Barenburg. Not pictured is team member Kali Brewer.

The University of Arkansas Poultry Judging team took third place overall at the 52nd Annual National Collegiate Poultry Judging Contest held Nov. 5-7, on the University of Arkansas campus.

In addition to winning third place for the overall team, University of Arkansas team member Mackenzie Pippin received 4th Overall Individual and 5th Overall Individual in Division 2-Breed Selection and Carcass Quality; team member Heather Kremer received 7th Overall Individual and 3rd Individual in Division 1-Egg Production and Quality; and team member Qinsi Gao received 1st Individual in Division 1-Egg Production and Quality.

Members of the University of Arkansas team were Mayra Hilario, Kremer, Gao, Pippin, Michaela Moder (alternate), Dennis Mason, coach, and Amanda Bromley, assistant coach.

Texas A&M University took first place overall. Members of that team included Jason Lee, coach, Dale Hyatt, assistant coach, Halei Williams, Zach Heinsohn, Nikolas Faust and Bryce Leopold.

Other teams in the contest were from Louisiana State University, Mississippi State University, North Carolina State University, Penn State University, Ohio State University and University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

Poultry Health Short Course

The Poultry Science Extension faculty recently hosted a group from Argentina who were attending their Poultry Health Short Course. The five-day course included hatchery tours, a broiler farm visit and numerous speakers on topics ranging from optimizing drinking water quality to sanitation to nutritional challenges. The week also included

product showcases, another farm visit and a lab visit. The Extension faculty put on several short courses throughout the year for various groups.

Nutrition Conference Student Poster Presentations

The Arkansas Nutrition Conference is an annual educational event and is coordinated by the Feed Manufacturers Committee of The Poultry Federation. The 2017 conference was held on Sept. 6-8, at the Embassy Suites in Rogers, Arkansas. We had many students competing in the Student Poster Presentations this year.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2017 Arkansas Poultry Nutrition Conference Student Poster Presentations:

- 1st Place: Katie Hilton (Coon), *pictured above*
- 2nd Place: Josh Flees (Dridi)
- 3rd Place: Aly Gautier (Rochell)

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