

Over 900 attendees from 30 countries gathered for the AACCI AGM

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Celebrating its Centennial Meeting in Minneapolis, USA, this year more than 900 attendees from 30 countries gathered for the AACCI International Annual Meeting from October 23-26, 2016 in Savannah, GA, USA to learn, collaborate and innovate with the best and the brightest in the grain-based foods industry.

The AACCI annual meetings bring together hundreds of individuals from industry, academia and government dedicated to sharing science, networking and discussing global solutions.

Opening General Session with Plenary, Johannes Keizer

This year's meeting kicked off with an exciting opening session on Sunday afternoon, October 23, that included a plenary presentation from Johannes Keizer, Strategic Partnerships Lead in the GODAN Secretariat, Information Systems Officer at FAO of the United Nations, on how 'Big Data and Open Data Are Changing Paradigms in Science.'

In his presentation, he analyzed the meaning of open data and the different shades of openness that we encounter in reality and outlined what GODAN does to develop the capacity of institutions that want to make their data open.

The Science

Attendees, including nearly 110 students, gathered from 30 different countries to take in more than 400 scientific presentations focused on innovative research in grain science and technology.

Leaders in the industry provided unique insights on hot topics that affect everyone, including food safety, GM, dietary fiber labeling, and regulations, before opening up the floor for discussion.

From emerging technologies to nutrition to food safety, the scientific programming covered a wide range of important industry topics with over 400 scientific presentations focused on grain science and technology. The expansive program engaged attendees each day with topics that encouraged looking at the big picture and considering alternate perspectives.

General Session and Plenary with Keynote Speaker -The Future of Food – Sustainability and Safety

Nina Fedoroff, Evan Pugh Professor Emerita, Penn State University, and Senior Science Advisor, OFW Law, Washington, DC., was keynote speaker of plenary session held in Wednesday October 26th. In her talk on 'Global Food Security: What Modern Science Can Contribute and What Stands in the Way', she discussed the potential of science and technology to overcome such constraints and the cultural factors that are likely to impede success.

Workshops

Cutting-edge scientific content, innovative ideas, and groundbreaking research were presented at the AACCI International Annual Meeting. This cereal grain science meeting provided the best opportunities for learning and networking with a global audience of scientific leaders. During AACCI



2016, there were also two workshops organized on "Developing Our Future Leaders: Bringing Your Best Self to the Table" and "Publishing Cereal Science".

Symposia

Symposia of Annual Meeting were aimed at optimal knowledge transfer through invited speaker 15-minute talks with time for topical questions and a panel at the end of the session and 15 symposia were organized during this year's Annual Meeting.

Grain Exchange

Six companies presented in the Grain Exchange format

within the exhibit hall. The presentations from Agri-Neo, Inc., Buhler, C.W. Brabender, Emsland America, DSM, and MGP Ingredients, Inc. will be posted online.

The Future of Food – Sustainability and Safety

Participation in the Sustainability Symposium, which took place on the final day of the meeting, was excellent. The special symposium and meeting closed with a final panel focusing on future food trends. Afterwards, attendees gathered to say farewell on the bank of the Savannah River.

Divisions, Sections and Alumni Events

Divisions, Sections and Alumni Events during the Annual Meeting provided an opportunity for attendees to meet and network with attendees who specialize in specific subject areas, work in various geographic locations, or with fellow alumni by participating in these meetings, events, and socials.

2016 Student Networking

AACCI 2016 Annual Meeting student networking events included "Speed Mentoring Networking Social", "Developing Our Future Leaders: Bringing your best self to the table workshop", "Student Product Development Competition", "Best Student Research Paper Competition" and "2016 Student Research Leadership Program".

About AACCI International

AACCI is a professional association for scientists who contribute to research, development, and processing of grains and grain-based products. The association has been an innovative leader in gathering and disseminating scientific and technical information to professionals in the cereal grain industry worldwide for 100 years.

According to "History of the American Association of Cereal Chemists" by former Executive Vice president of AACCI Raymond J. Tarleton, in 1914, 11 chemists gathered in Wichita, KS, USA and identified the need for a cereal science association. The AACCI was born in May 8, 1915 at first Annual Convention in Kansas City, MO, USA. In 2005, name changed to AACCI International, AACCI to better reflect the global nature of its membership and industry.

Future Annual Meeting

2017 AACCI International Annual Meeting will be held in San Diego, California, U.S.A. in October 8 – 11, 2017.

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