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Good Turnout for Ph.D. and Vet Student Career Fair at 2019 IPPE

Tucker, Ga., March 18, 2019 – A variety of students from many different post-doctoral, Ph.D. and vet school programs recently attended the second annual Ph.D. and Vet Student Career Fair, held during the 2019 International Production & Processing Expo in Atlanta. The Career Fair is sponsored by the USPOULTRY Foundation and the Poultry Science Association (PSA) Foundation.

This unique program is designed to better serve USPOULTRY member companies and allied suppliers, particularly involving, but not limited to, technology driven companies such as those in genetics, health, pharmaceutical and nutrition. It allows Ph.D. and vet students to become familiar with the poultry and allied industry career opportunities that are available to them. Further, this opportunity is provided in one place at one time in conjunction with the International Poultry Scientific Forum, conveniently benefitting these exceptional students and industry companies seeking talented employees to provide for their next generation of scientific leadership.

“We are pleased with the turnout for our second year of offering this program,” said Tom Hensley, Fieldale Farms, and USPOULTRY Foundation chairman. “This is a great service that our two organizations, the USPOULTRY Foundation and PSA Foundation, can provide to the poultry and allied industry.”

“Certainly, one measure of success is the significant number of students that received formal job interviews as a direct result of their interaction with the company participants during this Career Fair. But even if a company has no immediate job openings, the value of meeting these students at the start of their careers and sharing your company’s vision/mission and how you interact with and serve the poultry industry cannot be overstated with respect to managing your employee pipeline long term. So, this is definitely a great benefit to the industry,” said Chris Knight, executive technical advisor for DiagonAg, LLC and PSA Foundation vice chairman.

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The USPOULTRY Foundation’s mission is to support the recruitment and training of the brightest students, seek and fund scientific research, foster student scientists and promote careers in the poultry and egg industry.
Photo Caption: Dr. Don McIntyre, director of global research and technical services for Diamond V, past USPOULTRY board member and member of the USPOULTRY Foundation Research Advisory Committee, networking with Ph.D. students during the Career Fair.