USPOULTRY Foundation Brings Latin American Students to the 2020 IPPE

TUCKER, Ga. – March 23, 2020 – As part of the USPOULTRY Foundation’s continued efforts to support the recruitment and training of the brightest students and to promote careers in the poultry and egg industry, domestically and globally, 24 students from 12 universities in Latin America were invited to the 2020 International Poultry Expo (IPE), part of the International Production & Processing Expo (IPPE).

The students participated in the USPOULTRY Foundation International Student Program, enabling them to discuss job opportunities with companies that have global operations. They were also afforded the opportunity to explore the vast IPPE trade show floor to see the exciting technology used in today’s modern, sustainable poultry industry. In addition, the students participated in the Latin American Poultry Summit, sponsored by the IPE, WATT Global Media and the Asociación Latinoamericana de Avicultura (ALA), where they were recognized during the Summit lunch.

“ALA has assisted the USPOULTRY Foundation with the selection of the Latin American universities attending the USPOULTRY Foundation International Student Program for the last two years. We are pleased to be able to contribute to the Foundation’s efforts to bring the best and brightest Latin American students to explore opportunities in the global poultry industry,” said Dr. Juana Galvan, executive director, ALA.

“The importance of this initiative of bringing international students and their professors/advisors to take part at this impressive exposition is huge, and the effects are far-fetched. Our students are always truly delighted in being able to live this experience. Not only experiences of exchange that took place during those days, but also integration and association with other Latin American students, professors and research and common interest groups. Also, the chance of attending the Latin American Poultry Summit and the International Poultry Scientific Forum was highly appreciated. The repercussion of the experiences for my students can be seen in their professional lives . . . of the 16 students I have had the opportunity to take to the IPPE in the last eight years, 10 of them are employed in the poultry industry in Brazil, and six went later to the U.S. and Canada to participate in internships and trainings in poultry. All of these opportunities were obtained from contacts made at IPPE. This altogether has represented an enormous gain for our students, reinforcing their decision to stay with the poultry area and also giving the opportunity for them to learn more about the U.S. poultry industry and the world poultry market while having a taste of the world’s largest poultry expo,” said Vladimir Pinheiro do Nascimento, DVM, PhD, professor, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul.
“Several of our interviewing companies have locations outside of the United States and are looking for students to fill positions in various countries. We are pleased to offer companies an opportunity to meet and talk with these international students,” remarked John Prestage, Prestage Farms, and USPOULTRY Foundation 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: International students attending the 2020 Latin American Poultry Summit