

## Georgia Delegates Attend the 43rd Biennial Conference of the National Poultry Improvement Plan

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conference of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) was held August 30 through September 1 in Bellevue, Washington. The conference is held every two years to propose and make changes to the Plan and is a classic example of the democratic process. There were 30 proposed changes to the 9-CFR and 11 proposed changes to the Program Standards. The Georgia delegation consisted of Dr. Louise Dufour-Zavala, Dr. Doug Anderson, Dr. Doug Waltman, Brenda Glidewell, Len Chappell, James Brantley (all from GPLN) along with Dr. Dan Wilson (Rose Acres Farms), Dr. Sarah Tilley (Fieldale Farms), Dr. Raul Otorala (Quail International), Nick Hodgson (Cobb Vantress) and Gijs Schimmel (Centurion Poultry). We were also honored by the presence of Dr. Robert Cobb, the Georgia State Veterinarian, who was attending for the first time.

The Technical Advisory Committee was divided into three sub-committees for Mycoplasma, Avian Influenza and Salmonella. The chairs of the committees were Dr. Naola Ferguson (PDRC), Dr. Erica Spackman (National Poultry Research Center, formerly SEPRL), and Dr. Doug Waltman (GPLN).

The conference was well organized and purposeful. A total of 16 of the 9-CFR and 7 of the Program Standards proposals were passed. Dr. Julie Helm was elected as the new GCC member for the South Atlantic Region. The results of the Conference may be found on the Biennial Conference 2016 link at [www.poultryimprovement.org](http://www.poultryimprovement.org).



*Front (L-R): Gijs Schimmel, Dr. Sarah Tilley, Brenda Glidewell, Dr. Louise Dufour-Zavala, Dr. Raul Otorala, Dr. Dan Wilson. Back (L-R) Len Chappell, Dr. Robert Cobb, James Brantley, Nick Hodgson and Dr. Doug Waltman at the NPIP Conference.*

## Tours and Visitors

- September 6: Dr. Jose Linares (Ceva) tour
- September 8: Zoetis meeting and posting session
- September 13: Cobb Vantress and Thailand delegation tour
- September 15: Merial Mexico and Bachoco Mexico tour
- September 15: Premise ID GDA meeting and tour
- September 20: Michael Cronic (Columbia Farms) tour
- September 20: Biochek with visitors from Holland meeting and tour
- September 22: Hubbard tour
- September 26-30: Dr. Ulises Revelo (Merial Mexico) and Dr. Oscar Mario Gonzales (Pilgrims Mexico) trained at the lab
- September 30: USAPEEC and South African Delegation tour



South African Delegation



The Thailand Delegation tour ended with a foaming demo.



Dr. Jose Linares and Dr. Louise Dufour-Zavala.



Left to right: Katie Heying, Wes Miller, Len Chappell, Dr. Doug Waltman and Mitch Zachary



Front to back: Enrique Montiel, Dr. Louise Dufour-Zavala, Jose Manual Arriola and Ramon Ochoa.



Dr. Ulises Revelo and Dr. Oscar Mario Gonzales



Zoetis meeting attendees attend a posting session in the Necropsy lab.

## Model Update

The model is progressing very well. The artist who will be painting the backdrop of the diorama is working on sketches for the port scenes. Bob Wheeler, our electrical engineer for the train installation, is in the process of setting up the electrical connections for the operation of the trains. In the next couple of weeks, we will start collecting pictures of scenes to be portrayed on the model.



## GPLN Events



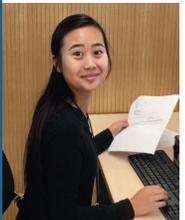
Ashley Pitts joined the GPLN team as a Necropsy Technician and will be assisting Dr. Davis.



Jessica Tate joined the GPLN team as an NPIP field technician. Welcome to GPLN!



GPLN employees received flu shots on September 6.



Left: Emily Dinh, a senior at Brenau University, started an internship at GPLN for Fall Semester. She is majoring in Health Science and will be observing each department and working on special projects.



Dr. Davis teaching students about chickens during Ag Day at Lula Elementary School on September 9.

On September 27, three teams from GPLN participated in the Young Leaders Team Sporting Clays Classic at the Elbert County Gun Club in Elberton, GA. The teams were sponsored by CEVA, Huvepharma and Tip Top Poultry. A great time was had by all and the proceeds of the tournament will fund scholarships for Poultry Science students at the University of Georgia. Not pictured: Team Gun Snobbery: Zach Baker, Laura Thomas and Tracy Wagstaffe.



Team Friendly Fire:  
Left to right: Jessi Kimbrell, Lisa Becker, Will DeVries, Tyler Reed



Team Poultry Plunkers:  
Left to right: Dr. Doug Anderson, Heather Failyer, Stephanie Forrester, Jessica Ledford