SUMMER TRAVELS:
From May 20 to June 20, Dr. Naiqian Zhang co-taught two courses on mechatronics and measurement engineering at Inner Mongolia Agricultural University in China. He then visited the Intelligent Machine Research Institute of Chinese Academy of Sciences, the Trust Company (a high-tech firm for agricultural modernization), Shanxi Agricultural University, and China Agricultural University. He gave four invited speeches at these institutes. In late June, Dr. Zhang attended the 5th Asian Conference on Precision Agriculture in Jeju Island, Korea, as an invited speaker and gave a speech on Precision Farming and Phenotyping – Shared Technologies at the conference.

While traveling in the Philippines, Dr. Ronaldo Maghirang experienced a tropical storm in Laguna (southern part of the Luzon, the main island) while visiting the University of the Philippines at Los Baños and the International Rice Research Institute. During the second week of his travels, Dr. Maghirang visited the Mariano Marcos State University in Ilocos Norte (northern Philippines).

Dr. Zifei Liu attended the Air and Waste Management Association’s 106th Annual Conference and Exhibition in Chicago on June 25 to June 28. He will attend the ASABE Annual International Meeting in Kansas City during July 21 through 25, and will make a poster presentation on Emissions of H2S, NH3, VOC, PM10 and PM2.5 from Swine Production Facilities in North America: A Meta-Analysis. He will also attend the S-1032 Multi-State Project Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. August 13 to August 15.

Dr. Donghai Wang gave a project progress presentation at the 1st USDA NIFA BRDI Camelina Project Annual Meeting in Lewistown, Montana on July 9. He also attended the 2013 Field Day Crop Tour at the Central Agricultural Research Center in Moccasin, Montana on July 9.

Dr. Aleksey Sheshukov will be traveling to Washington, D.C. July 14 through 18 to serve on the USDA-AFRI Sustainable Bioenergy Program Peer Review Panel. Then Dr. Sheshukov will travel to Reno, Nevada July 20 through 24 for the 2013 Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Conference where he will present a poster, Improving Understanding of Ephemeral Gully Sediment and Nutrient Sources on Cultivated Fields, encompassing results of the grant within the USDA-NIFA National Integrated Water Quality Program by the K-State interdisciplinary team (authors: Aleksey Sheshukov, BAE; Timothy Keane, LA/RCP; Nathan Nelson, Agronomy; Philip Barnes, BAE; Ronald Graber, KCARE; Daniel Devlin, KCARE).

2013 ASABE ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL MEETING – Kansas City, Missouri – July 21-24

EVENTS YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS!

Monday, July 22
Fountain Wars Competition - 2:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Location: Pool – Westin

This competition is for students in their sophomore and junior years of study. Students get hands-on experience in engineering design and teamwork. Teams are allotted 2.5 hours to build a fountain that completes 2 technical tasks while providing an aesthetic display.

Team check in: 2:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
Construction of fountains: 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Final construction; safety inspection: 4:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Team test/adjustment in fountain: 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Competition: 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Kansas State University Alumni Reception – 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Location: Signboard I – Westin

Alumni and friends are invited to renew friendships, revisit design legacies, and learn about some unique opportunities within the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering. Faculty and students will be available to provide departmental updates and share happenings at Kansas State University and in Manhattan and Aggieville!
The ASABE Robotics Competition is a student design competition which began in 2006. The goal is to encourage undergraduate as well as graduate students to develop innovative robotic solutions to real life problems in the agricultural arena. The competition travels with the Annual International Meeting, therefore, solutions must allow transportation in airplanes. The “challenge” will be communicated through the website and digital flyers describing the rules, requirements, limitations, deadlines, and demonstration procedures. There are no classes or leagues; every team will work on the same challenge. There are no limits to the budget. Teams are encouraged to obtain funding for their solutions and participation through on-campus resources such as departmental sources and engineering councils, as well as from companies.

**Demonstrations:** 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

**Competition:** 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:**
“Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore.”

**LOOKING AHEAD:**
**July 21-24** – ASABE Annual International Meeting, Kansas City, MO
- August 12 – iSIS graduation application opens for all Fall 2013 candidates
- August 21 – Graduate School new student orientation
- August 22-23 – New transfer student orientation and enrollment for Fall 2013
- August 24 – Residence halls open
- August 26 – Fall semester begins; $50 special handling fee for late enrollment begins
- September 1 – Last day to add courses without instructor permission
- September 2 – University Holiday
- September 3 – Last day to add without electronic advisor permission for the colleges of Agriculture and Engineering
- September 3 – COE Phase IV Forum for Faculty/Staff, Fiedler Auditorium, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- September 12 – COE Fall Convocation, Fiedler Auditorium, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- September 16 – Last day for 100% refund for regular session courses
- September 23 – Fall Census Day; last day for 50% refund for regular session courses
- September 30 – Last day to drop regular session courses without a W being recorded

Please submit your news and travel information to Barb Moore bjmoore2@ksu.edu