

### USSEC Team Participates in Annual International Conference on Plant Lipids

USSEC Technical Issues Director Kim Nill accompanied USB Director Vanessa Kummer and USSEC Director Scott Fritz to the 19<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Plant Lipids in Cairns, Australia. The conference was sponsored by Cargill, Bunge, Monsanto and other corporations and was attended by approximately 250 researchers from two dozen countries. At the event, Kummer delivered a presentation which detailed the many steps that U.S. soybean producers and exporters will take in order to separately produce and deliver the coming new value-added soybeans or their oils to overseas customers. Topics covered at the conference included advances in understanding and increasing oil content in seeds, a high priority if global oil production is to be expanded to meet both future demands for both food and industrial feedstocks. The final session for the symposium brought together three speakers with extensive agribusiness experience to scope out the challenges to expanding industrial cropping, maintaining separation from food supply and achieving an effective integration of agricultural and industrial value chains.



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