



## **KARL GRADUATE PROGRAM TOURS AND CONFERENCES**

### **2010 INTERNATIONAL TOUR**

**We had a fantastic trip to IRELAND for the first KARL Graduate Program International Tour July 19-28, 2010. Our graduates and their spouses can look forward to many more of these fun and enriching experiences. You can view the album on the KARL Program Facebook Page.**

### **2011 WINTER CONFERENCE - ECONOMIC SUMMIT**

**The K-State Alumni Center, Manhattan, was the site of the first KARL Graduate Program winter conference. The ECONOMIC SUMMIT was held February 16 and 17, 2011.**



This summit addressed personal and business economic management. The two day KARL Graduate Program Economic Summit include presentations on understanding the present global economic challenges and functioning within the current domestic and international economic environment and how to deal with the macro issues personally and professionally. Our objective was to include educational sessions that provided a better life and livelihood for KARL Graduates and their connections. Nine of ten KARL Classes were represented at the event.

The topics and presenters included:

KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Dr Brad Lubben, Policy Influence on our Current and Future Direction.  
Global Economic Challenges and Functioning Within the Current Domestic and International Economic Environment - Dr. Vincent Amanor Boadu

Wealth Management - Chaired by Chris Trumble, Class VII

Agricultural Finance - Chaired by Jay Joy, Class IX

Agricultural Law Challenges - Scott Poor, Esq.; Class VII

Banking and Personal Financial Management - Chaired by Clark Boyer, Class VII

Family and Business Strategic Planning - Chaired by Lance Woodbury, Class IV

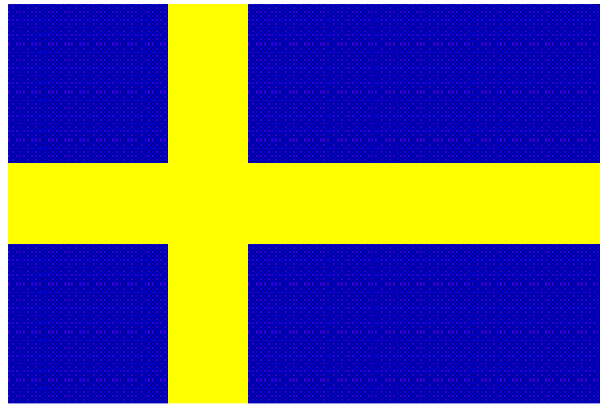


**DOMESTIC TOUR:** A delegation of KARL Graduates, board members and spouses traveled to Cajun Country July of 2011 to appreciate the rich cultures and charm of southern Louisiana. The Domestic tour exchange with graduates from the Bayou included production, processing and marketing tours including both agricultural and aquacultural excursions. The highlights included historic plantation mansion tours and a study of the cultural uniqueness of Baton

Rouge, Lafayette and New Orleans. Participants especially enjoyed the study of leadership work to restore the vibrant gulf coast economy and seafood industries after 4 devastating hurricanes and a major offshore oil spill. One more thing - CHOMP...we couldn't pass up an alligator breeding, growing and processing ranch!

**Next years winter conference will be held on Monday and Tuesday, February 20 and 21, 2012 at the K-State Alumni Center.**

**What's Next?** The KARL Graduate Program International Tour for the summer of **2012** will be to **NORWAY and SWEDEN!** Watch for the release next year.



If you are a KARL Program graduate we look forward to your participation and support of future graduate program events, whether they be in-depth workshops, regional or statewide conferences or intrastate, interstate (domestic US) or international tours. We are looking forward to this unique and wonderful experience continuing under the banner of the “KARL Graduate Program”.

## **ORIGIN OF THE KARL GRADUATE PROGRAM**

**ACTIONS TAKEN BY KARL, INC. GET KARL GRADUATE PROGRAM UNDERWAY**

**- Approved May 30, 2009**

KARL Inc accepted the dissolution of the KARL Alumni Association and will begin “mainstreaming” the KARL Alumni into a **KARL Graduate Program**.

The new continuing education arm of KARL will work through the KARL, Inc. ALUMNI RELATIONS COMMITTEE. The committee is charged with monitoring continuing education, leadership achievements and marketing, as well as motivating all alumni to support the current class budget.

The Committee would:

Encourage the development of more KARL fundraising/graduate appreciation/educational events (including annual graduate conferences, plus domestic and International study tours for graduates and spouses. The KARL Graduate Program will be fee based (self funded). The goals are two-fold in fundraising and network development.

Initial funding comes from a transfer of alumni association accounts to a KARL Graduate Endowment within the KARL Foundation. Interest will be used for graduate correspondence, event seed capital and other related expenses. Graduate activity funding would be from event income (event participation fees and in-kind donations). KARL would continue to track contribution cash flow to attain the goal of increasing graduate contributions and involvement.

### **Alumni Committee Members**

(All graduates currently serving on the board)

Ron Suppes (IV) - co-Chair

Marcine Moldenhauer (VIII) - co-Chair

Larry Jones (II)

Michael Leitch (V)

Gary Millershaski (VIII)

Jay Joy (IX)

Jesse McCurry (IX)

### **KARL GRADUATE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TOUR ATTENDANCE POLICY**

**- DRAFTED 6/18/09 - Approved by KARL, Inc. On 6/19/09**

Graduates must register on a first come first served basis via the completion of prepared

registration forms for the specific tour. Total number of participants will be limited for each tour. Open to KARL graduates and spouses only with optional opening, if not filled, to current KARL, Inc. Board members, then KARL past board members, then if not filled, by other state ag leadership alumni residing in Kansas.

Fees will be based on double occupancy. All wishing to participate must also meet the following criteria:

1. Be a current \$250 or higher annual contributor to KARL.
2. Pay a deposit of \$500 per person registered .
3. Agree to pay fees to KARL in full by the due dates prior to the tours.

Tours will be coordinated by Jack W. Lindquist, KARL graduate program coordinator. Tour guides not affiliated directly with KARL will assist in all international tours.

#### KARL GRADUATE PROGRAM UPDATE - 2011

The KARL Graduate Program officially got underway with a one day in-depth workshop on Entrepreneurship in April of 2010. Five of our 10 classes were represented. Dr. Vincent Amanor-Boadu lead the workshop, presented exclusively for KARL alumni and their business partners. Dr. Vincent said in his opening that, “ I’ve loved being involved with KARL to help make business leader development possible. The graduate program’s creation is an exciting “next level” for KARL’s lifetime learning experiences.”

The inaugural KARL Graduate Program International Tour to IRELAND took place July 19-28, 2010. We are pleased we met the tour group capacity quickly and the 30 participants are now ambassadors for future tour options for KARL graduates. The winter conference, The Economic Summit held last February, 2011 included representation from 9 of 10 classes.

Certain times of the year, may include conflicts which prevent some of you from joining a specific tour. Since our demographics within the KARL graduate roster are broad we realize someone will always have a conflict with the dates but we will always try to take into consideration family activity and production agriculture timelines. Tours in the future will be at different times of the year to provide more opportunities for participation. Depending on demand, our target is to travel to domestic and International locations alternating every year.

The 2011 Domestic Tour took place in Louisiana June 6-12 and the **2012 International Tour will be to Sweden during a 12 day time span August 15-30. The 2013 Domestic Tour is planned for summertime in Alaska.**

Remember the policy to qualify for the Tours: Graduates must register on a first come first served basis by completing prepared registration forms for the specific tour. The total number

of participants will be limited for each tour. Tours are open to KARL graduates and spouse/guest only with optional opening, if not filled, to current KARL, Inc. Board members, then KARL past board members, then if not filled, by other state ag leadership alumni residing in Kansas.

Fees will be based on double occupancy but single supplement participation will be available for every tour. All wishing to participate must also meet the following criteria: 1. Be a current \$250 or higher annual contributor to KARL. 2. Pay a deposit of \$500 per person registered and 3. Agree to pay fees to KARL in full by the due dates prior to the tours. All tours will be coordinated by Jack W. Lindquist, KARL Graduate Program coordinator. Tour guides not affiliated directly with KARL will assist in all of our international tours.

What's Next? This winter we will be hosting a conference at the K-State Alumni Center February 20 and 21, 2012 in Manhattan. The workshops will include "New Methods of Communication" including social media, "Opposition Think", understanding the message from alternate viewpoints, and Mind Bending, rewiring for tomorrow's learning techniques.

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